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STUDENTS' BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

The campaign for funds for our new building was actively started on Monday evening, March 17th, when Mr. E. F. Dodge, Secretary of the Chicago Kent Alumni Council, made the first of a series of talks to the classes by addressing the midyear Freshman Class, this being the midyear Class of 1927. Mr. Dodge gave a brief history of Kent, from its founding through to its incorporation in 1907 and told of its present officers and purposes. He also spoke of the founding of our large colleges and universities and told of their maintenance by endowment funds or by state support, explaining that Kent had only its alumni and student body to ask for support.

Mr. Dodge explained the purposes of the bronze plaques which are to be placed in the lobby of our new building, and a member of the Student Council told of the framed parchments which are to be provided for each class, together with a description of the foundation stones to be given each class pledging five hundred dollars or more.

The general enthusiasm with which the project was received, as indicated both by the number and amount of the pledges, is indicative of the intense interest which every student feels in Kent. Now that we are in OUR NEW HOME, it is a gratifying thought to know that we have had a part in its building and to know that the discomforts and trials of former inadequate facilities are a matter of history.

There remains one week of the campaign, and if it proves as successful as the first, the goal of TWENTY - FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS for the student body will be generously over-subscribed.

BASEBALL AT KENT.

Big league stuff has been planned for baseball at Kent this spring. A meeting was called by Coach Reuben M. Short on April 16th and fifty-six prospective players signed up for the tryouts. At the first workout two days later over twenty-five men were present, a very promising situation for the first workout of the season.

New Chicago-Kent uniforms are to be ordered this spring and the entire
team will be outfitted in approved big league style. The board of trustees has arranged for a system of honor letters. All members of the team who play a certain number of innings, the exact number to be later ascertained, in the five games scheduled for this year, will be awarded a sweater and letter in Kent colors.

Any college or school teams wishing to play with Kent will kindly communicate with Reuben M. Short, Chicago Kent College of Law, 10 North Franklin Street, Chicago.

EXERCISE.

Perhaps all of us are not fully familiar with the physical privileges afforded by Kent's arrangement with the Central Y. M. C. A. at 19 South La Salle Street. It is possible thereby for all Kent men to enjoy the use of the excellent physical and recreational facilities of the Y without expense.

Now that we are in our new location, it is very easy to run over for an evening's workout. Chicago-Kent students should avail themselves of this exceptional opportunity. All you need is a card from the office.

THE TRANSCRIPT.

is now in press. It will be placed in the hands of every student who has paid this semester's incidental fee. If you are not paid in full, better fix it up with Mr. Grover at once.

THE DARTMOUTH COLLEGE CASE.

(The Trustees of Dartmouth College vs. Woodward, 4th Wheaton 518)

This is the most famous of all Marshall's decisions. It is more widely known among laymen than perhaps any other case in the Supreme Court records. It has been more praised and more criticized, more blessed and more banned than any other of his great cases.

Dartmouth College was founded by the Reverend Eleazer Wheelock, who had established on his own estate a school for Indians that was highly successful. In 1765 he sent Nathaniel Whitaker to England to secure donations. Whitaker secured over eleven thousand pounds and shortly thereafter the Crown granted to the College a perpetual charter, naming it after the Earl of Dartmouth, who was one of the principal donors. Twelve trustees suggested by Wheelock were named in the charter who had complete and autocratic control of the affairs of the College, with power in a majority to select the successors of any who died or resigned. Wheelock became president and the charter gave him power, at his death, to appoint his successor. He died in 1779 and by his will appointed his son John, who was then but 25 years of age and had been a colonel of the Revolutionary Army. The College was established on the Connecticut River in Western New Hampshire, and as the charter provided, open to whites as well as Indians. Large donations of land were given to it and it speedily became one of the chief seats of learning in New England.

War broke out between the Congregationalists and Presbyterians. Wheelock, the president and Bellamy, one of the trustees became bitter enemies. Very shortly the issue became political. The Federalists on one side, the Republicans on the other. A war of pamphlets was waged between the two factions, and the whole state of New Hampshire engaged on one side or the other. Undoubtedly this state of affairs was very injurious to the College.

In 1816, the Republicans being then in power in New Hampshire, a bill was passed for the management of Dartmouth College, which changed the name of Dartmouth College to "Dartmouth University," increased the number of trustees from 12 to 21, nine to be appointed by the governor, established a board of overseers of 21 members, of which the governor and other state officials were ex officio members. The practical effect was to annul the old charter, completely deny the intentions and wishes of Wheelock and the original donors, and make the control of the University completely political. A majority of the old trustees refused to recognize the new government and when forced to leave the College buildings, kept up their tuition in town, most of the students following them. A suit was brought by the trustees of the College against Woodward the secretary of the University, in trover, to recover the seal of the College, the
original charter and other papers. The Supreme Court of New Hampshire decided in favor of the University. The case was appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States. Holmes, a member of Congress, but a very inferior lawyer, and Wirt, then Attorney General, appeared for the University. Webster and Hopkinson of Pennsylvania, for the College. Webster never appeared in a case where his whole heart and soul were so deeply engaged as this. He loved his College. He was a Federalist and the Republicans were, as he believed, seeking to destroy his Alma Mater.

Although conceding that the court could only consider the question whether the Act of the New Hampshire legislature was invalid under the contract clause of the constitution, Webster devoted the most of his argument to general consideration, arguing that the Act was against abstract justice, against the law of the land and a denial of a property right, elaborating the early history of the College. His argument on the constitutional phase is brief but masterly. Holmes made a stump speech. Wirt acquitted himself poorly, while Hopkinson, for the College, made one of his great arguments.

It developed in consultation that the judges were divided. Marshall, Story and Washington were for the College. Duvall and Todd were against it, believing the Act valid. Livingston and Johnson were in doubt. Webster, himself, had little confidence in winning the case. This seems strange when we remember that in Terrett vs. Taylor, 9th Cranch 45, the court had held that a state could not revoke a private charter, and in Fletcher vs. Peck, 6th Cranch 87, it had held that the state could not revoke a grant of land even though procured by the open corruption of the legislature that passed the Act; and in New Jersey vs. Wilson, 7th Cranch 166, a contract between New Jersey and certain Delaware Indians, a grant before the Revolution, was held sacred.

Apparently the case hinged on whether the College was a public or private corporation. The whole controversy in effect settled on that. If it was a public corporation exercising political power the legislature could amend or revoke its charter. If it was a private corporation the court was bound by its previous decisions to hold the charter intact. (To be continued in the next issue.)

Rastus—What you going, George, this hour oh de nite with a lantern?

George—Why, Rastus, your intelligence am vacant. I'se going courting.

Rastus—You'se going courting! In my day we didn't need no lanterns for courting.

George—You right, Rastus — an' look what you got.

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SENIOR NOTES.

At the last meeting of the Senior class it was decided that the last social affair of the class would be in the nature of a Senior class banquet. The banquet will be informal. Entertainment, talks and most of all "eats" will be in order for the evening program.

The details of the banquet have not been perfected, but Wilbur Gorman, and his committee, are making the necessary arrangements and promise to put on a real banquet with something to eat and all the trimmings.

It was also decided, that a Scramble would be given. The date has been decided upon and is the 9th of May. A committee composed of Berg, Frankenstein, Hoffman, Mrs. Schmidt, Pollard and Warren are in charge of the affair.

For those who are new at Kent the Scramble is an informal get-together where various members of classes provide the entertainment.

The committee is in need of talent to make the affair a success. Anyone who can sing, dance, play or has any talent and would care to take part in the annual Spring Frolic. see one of the committee. This is not merely a class function, but a school affair. All members of the various classes are invited to attend and to take part in the entertainment.

Everyone help and make this a Scramble long to be remembered.

MIDYEAR SENIOR NOTES.

Ever looking for an interesting way in which to pass some of our leisure time, our class decided to devote an evening to a theatre party. The difficult task was to determine where we should go and what show we should choose to see. After many suggestions as to the many good shows in town, someone in a jovial manner mentioned a burlesque show. To some of our classmates the thought of a burlesque show sounded rather scandalous, but, nevertheless, the men at the meeting were in so jovial a mood that the idea was changed to action and a committee appointed to arrange for the tickets.

Arrangements were made for the Olympic theatre for Thursday, March 13, 1924, and thirteen (13) members were present at the performance. The entertainment was very good for the tired nerves of our hard working associates. It was especially noticeable that the ones who laughed loudest and enjoyed themselves most were the married men.

We returned to our studies the next week with more enthusiasm for our work and more friendly feelings among the members of our class. I would suggest to the other classes that an evening spent as we did on February 13, 1924, where thirteen (13) of us were present would be greatly appreciated by them.

Having relieved ourselves of some of our surplus energy we decided at the following meeting that a banquet to top off the year would be quite appropriate. The banquet is now well under way and we are looking forward to an exceptionally pleasant evening. We know that our class affairs are very well handled by our capable committees and we are patiently waiting with great eagerness for the day set for the banquet to arrive.

Max I. Hirsch.

A NIGHT IDYLL.

By I. Llsuperior.

Chapter I.

The judge sat on one end of his rapidly wearying spinal column, wrapt in a reverie of intense physic osmosis.

The prisoner sat, well what matters where he sat, it is his condition not his position that intrigues us.

He is disillusioned, broken in spirit, hope ground into the dust of forgotten dreams, by the relentless drive of the City's commercial Molloch. What a change from the happy, carefree lad who had left his home in Englewood a few short years ago to seek fame and fortune afar! How pure, how simple he had been. His wildest dissipation had been a stolen hour with his zither.

Now he is in Chicago's night court, charged with contributing to the delinquency of six miners at
Herrin, Ill. How futile the prayer of his father, the tears of the mother.

How, you ask me, gentle reader, did he get in Chicago's night court? Who knows! He told me he had been in worse places once.

To get back to the judge before his spine wearies further. He calls for the prisoner.

Beltane, for that is the prisoner's name, stepped into the court room and was greeted by twenty-eight attorneys and seventeen bondsmen. His gaze slowly travelled over the group and unerringly came to rest upon the countenance of a young lawyer standing somewhat in the foreground.

There was something compelling about the object of the prisoner's scrutiny. He was so perfectly at ease, so completely a master of the occasion and surroundings. His savoir faire brought me to the one conclusion—he was in his element—a fish in water. Like a flash it came to me; a night school lawyer in a night court.

In a moment he was at the prisoner's side and they stood together in consultation.

"Your Honor, we're ready for trial."

The trial was too brief, too scintillating in its wordy activity for my poor pen to portray. I awaited the argument.

"Your Honor, I want you to consider a point of law in this case, but before I give you the case I have in mind I want you to consider this defendant's mother, his wife, his eight small children. Oh! my, judge! the pity of it. Can you see them—their little arms outstretched awaiting the return of their loved one."

My eyes filled with tears—I could write no more.

"Can you see, your Honor, Justice chained, Hector-like at the chariot wheels of the interests that hound this man?"

"Don't say any more," said the judge damply. "Prisoner discharged."

Chapter II.

The defendant left the court room and the judge settled back on his spine and the bondsmen looked around and the night grew deeper.

I walked out into the street. I heard the ex-prisoner whistle, a limousine voluptuous in its purple elegance drew up to the curb. The ex got in and the lim. vanished in the darkness.

Only a Chicago bootlegger doing one of his tricks.

Fraternity Notes

DELTA CHI NOTES.

The semi-annual election storm has swept through the local chapter of Delta Chi and though mindful of the merits of the defeated candidates, we are so proud of our new administration that we venture the publication of the names of the present official incumbents:

Howard Tofin—A.
W. C. Head—B.
Oscar C. Strum—C.
Ed Howe—D.
John C. Martin—F.

The first inter-fraternity smoker of the year was held on the night of March 27 at the Delta Chi quarters on Clark Street. The hearty cooperation of the other fraternity chapters of Chicago swelled the attendance far beyond our happiest expectations. A recognition of the necessity of get-together meetings of this character has become more general by reason of the present scattered condition of the student body, and the good spirit and enthusiasm displayed by both hosts and guests seem to assure an early repetition and perhaps a continuance of such smokers. We were honored by the presence of two of our faculty members, our old friend Judge Pickett and our younger friend Professor Wood. It is the purpose of the local chapter to work in complete harmony with the school, and such meetings attended by faculty members go far toward effecting a realization of that desire.

It is always a pleasure to Delta Chi to announce the names of its new initiates but never more so than in the present instance. The last of the season's pledges became members in the initiation of Jarries Bidderman, Henry Thiede and Ernest Smith.

Preparations are well under way for our annual formal dinner dance to be held near the end of the school year.
The Line of De Marcation

FASHION NOTES FOR MEN.
By Count De Marcation.

CHICAGO (by special arrangement with Shears, Sawbuck & Co., Misfitters for Men).—With the coming of spring the drab tones and more conservative cut of the winter wardrobe are giving way to brighter colors. For the most part vertical stripes are favored, yet our attention has been called to a young man's organization at Joliet where horizontal stripes seem to be in vogue. Bill Bloke makes the unusual statement (you will pardon the introduction of parol evidence), that some of the men of this club, however, have given up the horizontal stripe and have been persuaded to sever their connections with the club entirely. This is only a small incident but worthy of consideration.

One of our readers has submitted a problem we have often been approached on. How to make the trousers of a three-piece suit last. It is not always easy to find in our shops a two-trouser suit that appeals to us. The solution of the problem is an easy one. Simply give instructions to your tailor to make the coat and vest first.

While strolling along Maxwell Street the other evening, our eye caught an especially attractive get-up, and we followed the gentleman (at a safe distance) and obtained pencil notes of his attire. He was of the middle age type with square features and iron gray hair, rusty in spots. He wore a loose fitting black and green checked sack suit set off by a chowder blue vest. A cerise bat wing tie was worn at a jaunty angle on a soft collar of Chicago Grey to match a Chicago Grey shirt. The shoes were tom-cat black. He wore a coal grey hat and a steel blue chestfield. A black-jack was tucked neatly in the upper coat pocket lending a striking characteristic to the whole attire.

Bow ties will be worn about the neck this season although some favor railroad ties for particularly thick necks.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

There will be a meeting of the law firm of Woodward, Moore, Watson, Moudy & Smullin in the dean's office in the near future—maybe.

We award without hesitancy the crocheted javelin to ye editor who wrote up the Junior Frolic.

Dear Count:

My boy says he got a beautiful lamp for playing on the Kent team. I just wanted to thank the school thru your paper. I had always hoped he'd win something in athletics.

His Mother.

Speaking of Royal hobbies, we notice by the morning W. G. N. that the C. P. of G. B. has fallen off his horse again.
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