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Chapel

OUR chapel exercises as they stand today are indeed "weird exhibitions," if we may be permitted to use that term. The purpose of this article is to throw a little ray of light upon the conditions which make chapel so uninteresting and so ineffective in carrying out its purpose.

In the first place, the chapel exercises are hurried to such a degree that attending chapel has become a mere duty because the college rules say we must attend every chapel. We rush in (most of the time late); we hurry thru our religious devotions, and then hurry to classes. As a result any message or information given out in chapel does not remain with us very long. Whenever a speaker is "just getting warmed up" the bell sounds ending his short speech and many things have been left unsaid. We have had the pleasure of hearing many fine speakers in chapel this year, and yet every one of them has had to condense his or her thoughts and hurry through the speech in a way which does not appeal to the students. In fact, the chapel period is too short to allow any big speakers with real messages a chance to "put them across" in a clear and forceful way. Whenever the student body knows that the speaker for the day is a good speaker chapel will be jammed with an enthusiastic audience. And yet many men who are good speakers have failed on our platform to give any thing really and truly big, for the simple reason that in five minutes no big thing can be presented in a true light. Why not then try and fix up some system whereby the speaker be given a longer time limit? The students would then be getting something to carry away with them. Instead of Chapel every day in the week from 8:30 to 9:00 a. m. why not have two or three chapel hours a week from 8:15 to 9 a. m. or from 8 to 9 a. m. The every day chapel is not appreciated as it stands. With only two or three chapel periods a week, and these good ones, chapel would take on a new lease of life. We would not want chapel every day because then it would soon become tiresome. But we should like to have chapel periods once or

twice a week to which we can look forward in eager anticipation.

In the second place, the music and singing of our chapel exercises are very poor indeed. Any Junior or Senior in college knows every hymn in the hymn book from start to finish without a glance at the book. In short we are tired of the same old music day after day, year after year. Why not put in some good musical selection in place of that second hymn which always drags and "grates." With a few college songs and other pieces the students like to sing so well, the chapel would indeed be made much better. A modern college song book would do much towards helping our chapel exercises. One hymn and then one song or chorus, would be the way in which the music would make its appeal. Within our student body we have many fine musicians. Why not enlist them in an effort to allow our student body to enjoy their talent. Any thing would serve as a stimulant in reviving interest in the chapel exercises.

In the third place, student questions are not brought up enough in our discourses in chapel. If once or twice a month some vital student question were brought up and discussed we should be greatly benefitted. The chapel exercises and our college paper are the two main agencies in college in arousing interest in all student affairs. Why not make them even stronger? The students would appreciate student discussion once in awhile.

In the fourth place the conduct of the students in chapel is very poor. This fault is not confined to any one class but is prevalent throughout the whole student body. Talking, laughing, and all sorts of noises are heard when the student body walks into chapel to listen as every one knows, to the regular service. If we were looking forward to something which typified the spirit of Delaware College, we would go into chapel with our actions and appearances in accord to the opinion we wish our visitor to have of Delaware College. In short the general attitude is not good. The slouchiness of the whole student body is more in evidence in chapel than in any other place. Why not remedy this through our own personal pride?

In conclusion we wish to say that this article is written with a constructive purpose. We believe that there is a very real place for chapel in our student life. We hope that steps will be taken to make chapel more interesting, more dignified, and more typical of Delaware College. Something should be done by those in charge of the chapel to make the exercises more interesting, and if something is done, every man should feel that it is his duty to help make chapel "worth while" for Delaware College.

Legs or Brains?

Editor

Delaware College Review:

It seems that a member of the faculty, commenting in his classroom on the small number of students who turned out to hear Mr. Christopher Ward, remarked with a caustic accent that the poor patronage of such a lecture signified to him the deplorably slight interest of Delaware students in things intellectual. This was only to say what must have occurred to everyone present. Professor — was right; but the remark raised the question in the mind of at least one hearer whether the professor, whether the faculty and college, was not partly to blame for the condition.

Of what type of student does the college make the most? The man who comes up from high school with an athletic record? Or the

one who shows early signs of independent intellectual interests? Perhaps the grind deserves nothing better than the cold winds that blow upon him, until he learns how to put his brains out to interest in the market of affection.

But it is not the lot of the grind that leads to discussion. Can it be denied that the Freshman who is an athlete and nothing more has an immediate entree, is at once received, recognized, and encouraged, while the Freshman who strikes out straight for the goals of the mind finds that he has to work uphill for recognition and for warm appreciation, even from the

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faculty? Freshmen Athlete proceeds from the start with the freshening consciousness in his sails that he is regarded as being full of promise, the kind of man who is almost certain to produce the desirable Delaware type before he graduates. Consequently, he receives every encouragement as his by right. He is rushed by several fraternities, and is assured of

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A more substantial suggestion, however, and one which is likely to have a more persuasive effect is that made by a member of the faculty: "twenty-five dollars fine for taking the hose down." The "Roaster" thinks this suggestion highly practical in the case of individual offenders, but what class be it even the Freshmen would have sportsmanship enough to spend \$25 for the honor of having partaken of the expensive treat as a class.

The fire hose problem leads the "roaster" to place this ad. in the "Review":

"WANTED—Definite and vigorous policy on the question of hazing."

We have been altogether too hazy about hazing. Freshmen hazing is either absolutely right or absolutely wrong. It can not be bought at the same time, and no neutral jokes by our chapel speakers will solve the problem. If hazing is right and justifiable because of the disciplinary effect it has on Freshmen, let us have a "Faculty Committee on Hazing." Let that committee cooperate with a student committee and carry the hazing out with the same order and decorum as is any other legitimate college activity. To be sure, the Sophomores do not have to be deprived of the pleasure of taking vengeance for the misery to which they have been subjected. To please our sense of justice, let us call that committee, "The Committee on the Democratization of Freshmen," and be done with it.

If on the other hand, hazing is wrong, let us have the courage of our convictions and "say so."

The scene on the campus last Monday noon and Wednesday evening were characterized not by sportsmanship and college spirit, but by sheer anarchy and mob spirit. Are we to compromise with it? Is "law and order" made only for foreign consumption?

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A college is judged in a large measure, sometimes by the type of college annual which it issues. Annuals oftentimes find their way into places where no other literature of the college ever penetrates, and they are immediately held up as a type of "thing" for which the college stands. The judgment may be erroneous, but when there is

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In the "Blue Hen" which the class of 1920 hopes to issue this year, most of the faults due to lack of "taste" have been overcome.

The art work, which is a rather

prominent feature of the book, is of the highest standard, and in keeping with the excellent make-up of the book. The main illustrations, which mark the divisions of the book, are in color; this is something new in the "Blue Hen," for heretofore color cuts have been used but sparingly. The subdivision of the book will each have a different introductory illustration, but these will be in more subdued tones and will not "clash" with the main illustrations. Even the jokes this year will be illustrated, and will rival the comic supplements of the Sunday newspapers.

This "Blue Hen" it is hoped, will

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BACHELORS GO DOWN IN DEFEAT 40-7

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much for the married men, for it was by this method that many of their plays were worked. Besides his ability to jump, Dr. Manns played a good floor game and materially increased the perfection of the teamwork of his side. Coach LeCato, who was also in the game as a married man, played a wonderful guarding game. Time after time Prof. LeCato broke up the plays of the opposing team when it looked like a sure field goal for them. Prof. Morris counted for many field goals, his ability in shooting overshadowing his worth as a floor man.

Little can be said of the single men individually. Prof. Thomas several times started down the field with the ball under his arm only to be stopped by Mr. LeCato. The other members of the team were just as aggressive but all lacked the knowledge of a defensive game. Coach Shipley added zest to the game by several startling end runs and line smashes through the ranks of the married men. We can well imagine after seeing this game, that the said Mr. Shipley would be a hard man to stop on a football field.

The gym was packed and the contestants were cheered from the beginning to the end of game. Taking it all together it was a good game and we hope that sometime in the future the single men will have the chance of a return match with married members of the faculty.

In a preliminary game the Sophomores defeated Newark H. S. by a large score. Although the Newark boys played well, they could not withstand the onslaught of the Delaware College Class Champions.

LEGS OR BRAINS?

(Continued from Page 2) the brotherly support and bolstering which the dormitory Freshman has to make shift to do without. His slips in scholarship are pardonable, even attractive. Freshman Brains, to be sure, gets A's, but at smokers it does not appear that even the faculty are for him; and if he has faults which isolate him from his fellows, who is there to point them out and help him to mend? Sometimes he loses heart and drops out of the ranks, and one may wonder whether he is greatly lamented even by the faculty.

There are one or two considerations that one must not overlook in deciding whether such a character

ization of our system justifies overturning it.

(1) Freshman Brains is more likely to get wise to his faults and develop legs, than Freshman Legs is to develop brains. Therefore, Legs deserves to be helped along with encouragement. If the faculty succeeds in making friends with him, attaching him to the college, they may after a while succeed in blowing the spark in his noddle into a little flame.

(2) Athletics, smokers, etc. are means, not the end, and the man who attains success in these things finds himself in due time, not at the giddy top, as he anticipated when a Freshman, but only a rung higher on a ladder which goes on up indefinitely. Ask Loose, or Marston, or Downing, or McMillan if they feel as big as the seniors looked to them when they were freshmen. When a man is trying out for the football team, he is learning, not football, but teamwork, and the value of clean-cut, honest, hard-hitting personal effort; when he is fighting on the basketball floor, he is learning how good loyalty is, and finding out for himself that to save life a man must be willing to lose it. Unless Freshman Brains is taught such radical lessons in college, he is

likely in after life not to know why he failed. Without them his brains will avail him nothing at all.

(3) There is a word for the Wise Freshman, who may be inclined to whine a little over the disadvantages of the present system, and one of warning for the athletic Freshman who may be inclined by his various and subtle encouragements to think too well of himself, in a few sentences which I quote in closing from a great, a truly great and understanding American: "Our strength grows out of our weakness. Not until we are pricked and stung and sorely shot at, awakens the indignation that arms itself with secret forces. A great man is always willing to be little. Whilst he sits on the cushion of advantages, he goes to sleep. When he is pushed, tormented, defeated, he has a chance to learn something; he has been put on his wits, on his manhood; he has gained facts; learns his ignorance; is cured of the insanity of conceit. * * * Men suffer all their life long under the foolish superstition that they can be cheated. But it is as impossible for a man to be cheated by any one but himself, as for a thing to be and not to be at the same time. There is a third silent party to all our bargains.

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