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With the last issue of the Review the most successful administration in the history of the paper came to an end. That this statement is literally true it is commonly agreed. During the past year under the leadership of Mr. Martin our publication has been raised to such a high standard of excellence that it may be the boast of every student or member of the faculty that we have a weekly which will stand comparison with the publications of many institutions larger than our own. The idea of a weekly originated last spring with Mr. Martin and members of his staff. Realizing what great influence such a paper could wield toward a greater Delaware, these few men, on their own initiative and with little outside encouragement, undertook to change the Review from the monthly to the weekly form. How well they succeeded is known to all. It is to be regretted that Mr. Martin and the other members of his class, who have so ably and loyally supported him, will be forced by graduation to sever their connection with the paper. These unfortunate conditions makes it necessary that others take their places. Therefore the present staff with a spirit of hesitancy and a feeling of inability begins its work with this issue. It is to be hoped that each member of the staff will consistently put forth his or her best effort to at least maintain, and if possible, raise the high standard of excel-

lence which our predecessors have established.

Throughout the past year the Review has reflected the intellectual, the social and moral life of the college. It will be the earnest endeavor of the new staff to continue to sense the true tendencies of the College and to aid the rapid advancement it is now making.

Since it is for Delaware and noble traditions which we are all working, the new staff invites criticisms—both favorable and unfavorable—from students, alumni and faculty. We seek suggestions and ask the co-operation of all who have the welfare and betterment of this institution at heart.

Why is it?

The action taken by the Athletic Council Tuesday night in regard to the selection of the umpire for this season's home games we believe is open to criticism. For the past two years the men who have been engaged to umpire our games have been incompetent. In some instances they have not been sufficiently posted on the rules to officiate in college games. At other times they have lacked that all-important ability to judge plays as they should be judged. Much wrangling with the umpires and many unnecessary delays in the progress of the games have been the result. Not only are these disputes annoying to the spectators but they also tend to take much interest and enthusiasm out of the sport.

Now let us consider the influence an umpire can have on the batting strength of a team. If a player has confidence in the ability of the umpire to render correct decisions, when he steps to the plate he knows he can allow all balls to pass which are not over the plate. If, on the other hand, the player has no confidence in the ability of the umpire he is continually in doubt as to which balls he should allow to pass and which ones he should strike at. Naturally the latter case would greatly affect the batting of the team and since a majority of Delaware's games are played at home her players are the ones to suffer most.

In both football and basketball we always have competent officials. In football, of course, we must secure A. A. officials and we pay them what they are accustomed to receive. But when baseball comes along what do we do? Why we get men who are not recognized umpires who will agree to officiate in our games for a very nominal sum. Surely this is not done because baseball is a less difficult game to handle than is either football or basketball.

This season there was the prospect of Delaware securing, at a little more expense, a man capable of umpiring our games as they should have been umpired long since; a man who has coached teams at one of the country's largest universities and who has been active in the game for years. But because it was thought that this gentleman's services were not worth the little extra expense attached to our securing him Delaware will continue to have an incompetent umpire.

The dance program for the Junior Prom, which was designed and printed by the Newark Post, has been placed on exhibit in a Printing Art Display in Philadelphia.

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W. C. D. NOTES

Two meetings of the student body have heralded the approach of the election of officers of student government for the coming school year. The qualifications necessary for those holding such offices were set forth by several members of the faculty and student body. The general consensus of opinion was summarized in the statement of one of the present officers. "An officer," she said, "must have two outstanding qualities. First she must be a strong girl, with the ability to stand by what she considers right and act accordingly. Second, she must be capable of representing the student body. She must have good judgement and ability to meet critical situations without hesitation.

Last year student government was really an experiment. This year's election determines whether the experiment has been a success or not. The question is whether the failures and blunders of the part could be used to aid in building up a better student government. Much progress has already been shown and it is hoped that each succeeding year will bring as great improvement.

The costumes which will be used by the girls in the pageant have been designed and are being made by the members of the home economics department.

The Duke of the Y. W. C. A. of the Women's college recently, proved a great success. About 25 dollars was cleared. With these funds three girls will be sent to the Y. W. C. A. conference at Eaglesmere, Pennsylvania.

LOCALS

Saylor (comfortably arranged in a large arm chair in Purnell Hall.) "I always was a Y. M. C. A. worker."

Jim Salevan (Wishing to call up the Frat house while at the W. C. D.) "Give me 1-6-2 please."

The Play Of Many Fools

There are more different kinds of fools and more utterly silly ones in Twelfth Night than in any other play of Shakspeare. All of these fool parts are exceedingly difficult to act, but no one can afford to miss seeing the convincing representations of Shakspeare's immortal people of Olivia's household which the promising work now being done at the rehearsals makes certain will be ours to enjoy on the twenty-fourth and twenty-ninth days of April. The actors and actresses from our twin colleges are preparing to impersonate three handsome ladies, a renowned beauty, an adventurous maiden, and a saucy maid, as well as four amusing fools, a cowardly fool, a drunken fool, a sentimental fool, and a sententious fool,—enough to please all tastes. They will give many a thrill for the women, plenty of drinks for the men (on the stage), many a clever piece of business for the lovers of dramatic art, and many a laugh for all.

The Cast for Twelfth Night follows:

Orsino, Duke of Illyria, E. E. Plumley '19; Curio, Valentine, Gentlemen attending on the Duke, S. D. Loomis '17, L. R. Witell '18; Viola, in love with the Duke; in disguise, Cesario, Paulina Smith '18; a Sea-Captain, Friend to Viola, F. E. Proctor '19; Sir Toby Belch, Uncle to Olivia and carousing jollier, Irving Reynolds '18; Maria, confidant to Olivia, Thera Twitchell '18; Sir Andrew Ague-Cheek, a foolish Knight, pretending to Olivia, G. W. Wilson '19; Feste, the clown, Servant to Olivia, C. L. Weigle '18; Olivia, A Lady of great Beauty and Fortune, be-

lov'd by the Duke, Marion Campbell '18; Malvolio, a fantastical Steward to Olivia, W. H. Savin '18; Fabian, Friend to Sir Toby, R. B. Wheeler, 2d '18; Sebastian, a young Gentleman, Brother to Viola, Herman McKay '19; Antonio, a Sea-Captain, Friend to Sebastian, Howard Bramhall '16; Servant, G. M. Lang '19; First Officer, K. R. Bowen '18; Second Officer, S. A. Hamilton '19; M. R. Mitchell '18; Lords in Attendance on the Duke, I. H. Boogs '19; G. H. Ferguson '19; Ladies in Waiting on Olivia, Elizabeth F. Jones '18, Elizabeth Eggert '18; Page in attendance

on the Duke, Katharine McGraw '19; Page in Attendance on Olivia, Gladys Walton '19; Sailors, J. F. Davis '18, Marvel Wilson '18.

DELTA PHI MEETING

The following program has been announced for the next meeting of the Delta Phi Literary Society on Monday, May 1, Impromptus: Weldin, Stevens, Evans.

Reading: C. Hall.
Current Events: J. Davis.
Debate: A discussion of the debate to be held with St. John's College on May 11.

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**Historical Paper Read
by Dean Smith**

In place of the regular chapel exercises on Tuesday April 11, Dean E. L. Smith read a paper dealing with the early history of the college. The paper was a copy of a speech delivered on July 3, 1872, before the Athenaeum Society by the Honorable W. G. Whiteley. In the paper, the growth of the college from the Newark Academy was described, and some important events after founding of the college were also discussed. The development of the college, according to the speaker, was very rapid, for though but two students were enrolled the first year, about twelve were present during the second year. The funds required to carry on the college were raised by lotteries, as was the custom at that time. During the first year of the college there were but two instructors, though a larger faculty was elected the next year.

After giving some other details of the early history of the college, Mr. Whiteley proceeded to describe the founding of the two literary societies. The first society to be formed was the Delta Phi. Since this consisted principally of upper classmen, some of the other men in college organized the Athenaeum Society. According to the speaker, it would be hard to say which society was really in working order first, on account of the secrecy with which meetings were held. It is certain, however, that the societies soon became active factors in the college life, and have remained as such to the present day. In concluding his remarks, Mr. Whiteley gave a list of the men who founded the Athenaeum Society. He also gave a short account of the results they accomplished after leaving college. It was remarkable that nearly every man distinguished himself in some way; one became a judge, another a minister, several were lawyers, and one became a President of this college.

**Professor Hills Accepts
Position in New England**

Professor F. B. Hills has presented his resignation as assistant professor of Animal Husbandry, to take effect on or before July 1. Professor Hills has been in the division of Animal Husbandry for three years, and during that time has made an enviable reputation as a teacher. His unusual good training in Animal Husbandry has counted much toward his success at Delaware. His classroom work is of a high grade, and as a demonstrator at the barns and in the judging ring his work is very commendable. He has trained the last two judging teams to represent Delaware in the international show at Chicago, and their high standing in strong competition is a compliment to his ability.

Aside from his work as an instructor, Professor Hills has found much time to devote to the care and management of the Guernseys and Berkshires at the college farm. His knowledge of Berkshire pedigrees and records has attracted the attention of those of authority in the Guernsey world, and he has been called to take charge of the publicity work of the Guernsey Cattle Club, whose headquarters are in Peterboro, N. H. The position has many attractive features. It will take him to the large dairy shows, live-stock conventions, and public sales of Guernsey cattle, and will enable him to visit the best known herds of the breed in this country. In this way Prof. Hills will get an experience that it would be impossible to obtain in any other way.

While we are all extremely sorry to see Prof. Hills leave us,

we cannot help but feel a little "chesty" over the fact that the experience he has had at Delaware has put him in line for a new and important position, for which there was a considerable number of applicants.

**Elimination Contest
For Debating Team**

The elimination contest to decide the debating team which is to represent old Delaware in the coming debate against St. John's was held last Friday evening, April 14.

The question for debate was: Resolved: That the Federal Government should Compel Every Able-Bodied Male Citizen between the Ages of 18 and 24 Years, to Take, under Adequate Provisions, one year of Military or Naval Training.

The speakers were given the privilege of taking either side of the question, but, as a matter of fact, they all chose the affirmative, which is the side to be argued by Delaware in the Debate. Each man was given ten minutes in which to speak. The men debating were Carswell T. Mitchell, M. Mitchell, Long, Davis, and Wise. The judges were Dr. Vaughn, Prof. G. E. Dutton, and Prof. C. A. Short.

**Engineering Society Meets
And Elects Officers**

The first meeting of the Engineering Society of Delaware College was held Monday evening, April 10. The first action was an election of officers for the coming year, which resulted as follows: LeRoy B. Steele '17, president; Ernest S. Wilson '18, vice-president; G. C. Brower '17, treasurer; T. S. Carswell '18, secretary; and E. G. Smyth '17, chairman of programs.

Following the business meeting an address was made by Donald A. Price on the "Early History of Railroads." In substance Mr. Price said: "The earliest railroads consisted of wooden rails laid for horse drawn wagons to carry coal away from the mines in England. But even the excavations at Pompeii show streets that were laid with grooved blocks for the wheels of chariots.

The earliest attempts to apply steam engines to self-propelled vehicles were extremely crude. The inventors did not realize that friction between the wheel and the rail was sufficient to move the body forward; and so they arranged for a rack paralleling the road, and a pinion on the engine which would pull the engine along. The unequal pressure from this arrangement soon disrupted the track. Then a series of cogwheels was arranged between the boiler and the wheels and finally the driving rod was used.

To George Stephenson, an Englishman, belongs the credit of introducing many of the devices used in the present day;—the sending of the exhaust out the chimney, the firetube boiler, the steam blast, etc. His engines sometimes attained the speed of 35 miles per hour, and averaged 15.

The first practical railroad was one in England,—the Stockton and Darlington R. R., built to carry coal from the mines to the sea. The first train to operate over it was one consisting of the engine, 6 wagons of coal and flour, a coach containing the directors and their friends, 21 general passenger coaches, and some more coal wagons—38 in all. The wagons were small four wheeled affairs carrying three or four tons; the coaches were merely stage coaches with flanged wheels. This epoch-marking trip was made September 27, 1825. The people from miles around

gathered, some to watch with sympathetic interest, many simply curious, and many to gloat over its failure. The trip was a success in every way, and won many friends for the steam engine.

The steam engine was soon tried out in the United States. The first steam road was placed in operation in 1829, and when completed, extended from Columbia to Charlestown, S. C. It was the first railroad to carry U. S. mail, and the engine, the "Best Friend," was built at West Point.

The New Castle and Frenchtown Railroad, built in 1830, was a part of the route from Philadelphia to Baltimore. People came by boat from Philadelphia to New Castle, by train from New Castle to Frenchtown, and by boat again from Frenchtown to Baltimore. This road crossed the Delaware Division just above State Road; and depressions in the fields still mark its roadway."

On April 15, Ex-President Taft spoke at the University of Vermont on the subject: "The Military and Naval Defenses of the United States; What They Are and What They Ought to be."

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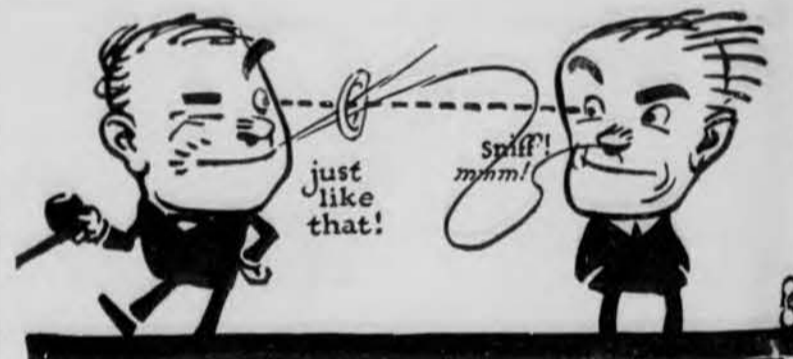
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