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WELCOME

The doors again swing open, and Old Varsity welcomes its thousands of sons to a year of social and intellectual advancement. For the freshmen the feeling of strangeness to surroundings is curiously mingled with happy anticipation of the joys of college life.

For the sophomore and junior there is that delightful sensation of being "at home," and of being an active part of a grand institution. For the senior there is perhaps a tinge of regret in his pride and joy, for his is the knowledge that just one short year lies between him and the stem world.

But all are here to enjoy that grandest of privileges: that of following the dictates of one's intellect and finer feelings.

How fortunate that we all enter that period of introspection and intellectual expansion just as the dawn of youth gives way to the busy noon of manhood!

To this student life the Varsity welcomes all particularly the newcomers.

May the seed which will be sown in their minds and characters bring forth many fold in the years to come.

THE VARSITY

In opening this discourse upon the affairs of the Varsity for the coming year we apologize to our readers for the amount of space which is occupied in this issue by matter devoted almost entirely to ourselves. But there are points which really deserve lengthy mention at this time of change in the nature of the paper.

We publish the constitution adopted last spring as a preface to certain remarks on the immediate future of our periodical.

The Varsity is the newspaper of all the undergraduates. This we can hardly emphasize too strongly. The paper is the most representative thing in the University. The individual student can have only a small voice in the actual direction of the affairs of the Parliament. But the Varsity allows to him the expression of opinion before an audience far greater than that assembled for any meeting of the undergraduate deliberative body, making the workings of the Parliament much more clear cut and far reaching. In this connection we express the earnest hope that every undergraduate will write letters to the paper on subjects which he feels demand the attention of the authorities or students. We hope that every one in the University will in some measure be his brother's keeper through the means of intercommunication which The Varsity affords.

One of the functions of the paper is to make the path of the freshman as easy as possible. To this end the editors are issuing on the first day of college, and, while the rush and confusion of altered conditions and the difficulties of getting material when few are back have kept much valuable information out of our columns, we are in hopes that the spirit, if not the results, of our desires, will be appreciated.

Until we get thoroughly acquainted with the ins and outs of our new responsibilities we can in no wise indicate what the actual style of the paper will be. But we have in mind certain ideas which have been approved by many friends, and we submit them as a rough draft, as it were, of the plan which will be pursued.

Primarily, The Varsity is a newspaper. Reports of events will be printed just as quickly as they are available. We hope to give particular attention to athletics and to special addresses and lectures. Heretofore on account of lack of space the minor sports have been rather neglected. By means of a thorough organization under our able Sporting Editor we expect to print full reports of all inter-faculty and interyear games, as well as of all the more important practices. The record of the University of having more students engaged in athletics than any other college in America we should endeavor even to improve.

With our increase in space we shall have room for full reports not only of University sermons, but of addresses which are constantly being presented by distinguished men outside the University.

In our editorials we will endeavor to keep the literary standard high. In opinion expressed we wish to be fair: as between the student and his fellow, his professor, his own organizations, and his Alma Mater. Outside college, the city and the world at large may rely upon the Varsity to be fair and just in matters of common interest.

Comment of a general nature on current events reviews of books and magazines short articles on the development of science, literature and art, notes on the event in other colleges, light matter, as undergraduate verse, wit, and humor, and interesting clippings from various sources, will find a place beside the editorial column.

We hope to be constantly in receipt of short articles of from 100 to 300 words from members of all faculties, on subjects of particular interest to any section of the students, and of some interest to all. We particularly urge the men of Science to give us such matter. The Varsity should be the means of disseminating knowledge which we students are rather too prone to keep to ourselves. We should broaden out a little.

But the feature which The Varsity staff is particularly anxious to advance is the Tri-weekly Bulletin. Under the present system of bulletin boards merely a fraction of the news and announcements reaches the students in time and in good form. If a Professor is suddenly prevented from lecturing only a few students get the news first-hand in time to alter their plans.

It often escapes the memory of men in Arts that a certain essay is due on a certain day. Doubt often arises as to whether an excursion will or will not take place. Proposals for changes in clinics often miscarry or are misunderstood.

The fact that we have had to rely upon the city Press for such announcements as the schedule for the tennis tournament is sufficient to indicate the sphere that The Varsity can occupy in athletics.

We would in short have The Varsity the central information bureau for all parts of the University.

Announcements received the evening before publication will be in the hands of every student early the next morning.

To bring into effect these proposals we ask the co-operation of every student. Circular letters have been sent to the members of the faculty, asking their assistance. We are pleased to state that already one department has supplied some of the information we desire.

It is our aim to be of the greatest possible service to undergraduates, and if at any time a change here or an addition there would be truly beneficial to all our readers we trust we shall be advised.

TO THE FRESHMEN

To the freshmen, to the men of the right glorious class Onety-Five—greetings. We hasten to inscribe the word "Welcome" on the threshold of the year, and we wish you all the success that the mystic numbers, one and five, surely attend.

Permit us to add to our greetings a few words of general counsel: Chief among the evils that beset your path is the sophomore. He will fix you with a scornful eye, and he will make no secret of the fact that your existence is painful to him. However, treat him with deference. Your revenge will come, and it will be proportionate to the degree of deference shown the soph. For the soph will come to you presently and respectfully solicit your support in some branch of college activities. You must know, Freshman, that in your hands rest the destiny of political, social and athletic administration, here. Hold your head high!

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The Freshmen seem to hang together more than other years, because of that traditional oppression they are under at the hands of seniors. And because you hang together, you are capable of greater enthusiasms; and a fine spirit is usually found among you. Consequently, to many, this freshman year, with its livelier spirit, is the pleasantest of four pleasant years. And so it is that we inscribe our "welcome" in golden letters, and bid you enter.

VISITORS WANTED

All students are invited to visit "The Varsity" office in the west wing of the main building. In order to make the paper a success it is necessary to have the co-operation of every student. We hope to receive that co-operation if the students will only make themselves acquainted. A special invitation is extended to all who have had experience in newspaper work. The assistance of any such will make much easier the work of producing the paper three times in each week. The editors would also specially invite those who think of entering journalism. When they have finished their course. Some of the editors of Varsity are experienced newspaper men who would only be too glad to assist those who desire to start in the work. Experience can be secured in the office of "The Varsity" which will make it easy to start in a deaily newspaper office. The editors need your assistance and your encouragement. Come in and get acquainted.

The Undergraduates' Union in the West wing affords an excellent opportunity for men to hold pleasant social intercourse. Which is a polite way of saying that in the Union one finds genius homo engaged in impersonating all sorts of curious individuals—loafer, smoker, pool-shark, book worm, magazine fiend, and chess enthusiast. One is allowed to be all these, and is also privileged to use the telephone, leave one's books or coat, or play the piano, for \$2 per year. Pay up before Christmas or pay fifty cents more afterwards. Pay membership for four years and become a life member.

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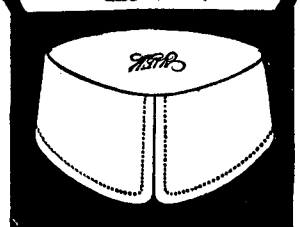
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