Alpha Phi Alpha Tap

One of the most unique affairs in the University’s history occurred Wednesday evening when the Alpha Phi Alpha held its first Annual Tap. This is the way the society notifies men that they have been chosen for membership.

The Fraternity marched around the campus headed by the University Band and then lined up on the side of the field opposite the crowd. Then one by one the members left the ranks and sought out the man they had been delegated to tap.

The crowd was keyed to the height of expectation and the applicants were wound up to the bursting point while the man with the blue and white cap moved through the crowd passing candidate after candidate till he reached his man, then taking off the man’s hat he slapped him on the shoulder and commanded him to retire to the Assembly Room.

Fourteen members were taken in, carrying the number up to thirty five, the membership limit.

Mr. Richard B. Harrison Entertains at Howard

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity presented Mr. Richard Harrison of California last Friday evening in Andrew Rankin Chapel. As an entertainer and reader of Dunbar’s selections Mr. Harrison has no superior and few equals. The program consisted of several selections’ from Dunbar and the Court Scene from Shakespeare’s “Merchant of Venice.” Perhaps “Little Brown Babe” was best of all, the pathos expressed in this reading touched the whole audience.

“Speak up, Ike; an’ ‘spress yo’self” kept the house convulsed with laughter. The rendition of the Court Scene was almost perfect. Mr. Harrison’s interpretation of the Jew, Shylock, cruel, greedy, grasping miser, was the work of a master. The program was concluded with “The Party,” perhaps Dunbar’s most popular poem.

A fair sized crowd was present, and it is safe to say that no more enjoyable evening has ever been spent in the chapel than that of last Friday. The Alpha Phi Alpha is planning to present prominent men from time to time this year for the entertainment and enlightenment of the student body.

Lyric Orchestra Recital

The Lyric Orchestra gave its recital on Tuesday evening before the Bethel Literary and Historical Association. The music throughout the evening was of the best and above the average of orchestra music, and that of the soloists was exceptionally pleasing.

Mr. Giles’ cornet solo displayed his ability and was warmly received, Miss Clarke, our own soprano, captured all by the sweetness of her voice, her control, and the ease with which she soared above the staff. Miss Childers, our director, shared honors in the duet with Miss Clarke. The house was disappointed because they did not respond to an encore. The excellent work of Miss Lewis at the piano and Miss Clarke at the violin pleased the audience.

The music of the orchestra fully proved the claim that it is the best in town. We are proud that it a product of Howard. Much praise is due all the participants and especially the director, Dr. Chas. E. Giles. We felt ashamed at the lack of support on the part of the student body towards its own talent.

The Alpha Phi Alpha Entertains Mr. Richard B. Harrison

The Alpha Phi Alpha gave an informal reception to Mr. Richard B. Harrison, Wednesday evening in Miner Hall Annex. On account of the bad weather the gathering was not as large as might have been hoped, but the few that were present made the best of what was in hand and the evening was a very pleasant one indeed.

Dr. Moore delivered a short address of welcome to the guests and after a piano solo by Miss Lewis, Mr. Harrison recited the letter scene from Macbeth and Dunbar’s Rivals.

All who were present had a nice time and all agree that the evening was well spent.

Young Ladies Auxiliary Bazar

The bazaar given in Miner Hall by the young ladies for the benefit of the Athletic Association last Saturday night was a decided success from every point of view. Good fellowship and good cheer pervaded the Hall and the result was a good time for all.

From the booths arranged around the room, Howard pennants, homemade bon bons, university punch and college tea were sold by maidens dressed according to the commodity they dispensed. There was the Candy Kid, the Penant Girl, the Japanese Tea Girls, and the Punch-bowl Maids. Everybody did the former.

A jar of beans was raffled off at ten cents a chance; everybody took a chance but W. J. Harvey was the lucky boy. He got his money’s worth, so did we all.

The young ladies are our mainstay still and the Athletic Association is greatly indebted to them for their untiring efforts.
To Those of Poetic Inclination

The Journal staff has just had a meeting to determine some means of releasing the editor from the punishment which falls his lot in being compelled to be molested with bad efforts at poetry, (which of course is no poetry at all) and has decided it best to make public notice that we do not intend to publish any of it this year.

We are in perfect sympathy with any one aspiring to do honor to the muses and should be willing to give them all the encouragement possible. We would vote them a plenty of time to write in and a plenty of blank paper to write on, but we cannot send it out to the world fort hem.

There are several kinds of poetry but only one kind finds any toleration in this world,—good poetry. And when it comes to that which is no poetry at all, there simply is no place for it. The great mistake finds its breeding in the fact that people are inclined to mistake rhyme for poetry. This is as far from being poetry as a pound of flour is from being a wedding cake—it goes in alright, but there are several other necessary ingredients. To write poetry one must know everything about the thing he deals with. Besides he must be in perfect tune and harmony with the thing he writes about. Dr. Samuel Johnson said that a poet should know everything—philosophy, history, science and all the branches of knowledge. We do not ask all that but we do ask that our poets get informed, at least, on what they intend to write. Then we will publish their poetry.

We are glad to say, however, that this does not refer to all who attempt to write poetry around Howard and there are a few whose compositions are always welcome.

Such Unreasonable Demands

These is nothing which strikes me more forcibly than the way we have been hammered from pillow to post by the different schools in arranging our schedule for the present season. It seems that they have all conceived the opinion that Howard is obligated to them for games and find it impossible to get along without playing them. The conditions some of them have dictated to us are nothing less than absurd. Shaw demands four hundred dollars and Lincoln refuses to allow us to have a single official. Both of these demands are unfair, groundless, and unsportsmanlike to say the least and we absolutely cannot concede to those conditions without conceding a goodly part of our manhood, self-respect and college spirit. We have yielded to unfair terms time and again. Let us call a halt; and foot ball or no foot ball we must demand a square deal.

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Societies

The Brackett Club

A very interesting ceremony took place in the medical building on Friday night last, the occasion being the turning over of the Brackett Club organization to the Sophomore Medical Class by the Juniors.

Mr. Clarence E. Brent, the retiring Vice-President of the Club, made the presentation speech in fine form. His effort was a splendid one with unanimous and prolonged cheers. Immediately after Mr. Brent's speech, Mr. Jno. Ellis, the retiring Secretary read a short review of the minutes of the organization, setting forth the progress made during the past term. The audience was then treated to a fine speech by Mr. W. J. Harvey, after which Mr. Moses Morrison, President of the Sophomore class, responded on behalf of his classmates.

The retiring officers of the Brackett Club are: G. T. Cumberbatch, President; C. E. Brent, Vice-President; Jno. Ellis, Secretary; Mrs. M. Lee, Treasurer; W. A. Bargett, Press Representative.

It is hoped that the Sophomores will use the organization to such good purpose, as was done by their predecessors.

The Y. M. C. A.

This has been a week of special interest to the Y. M. C. A. Mr. W. A. Hunton the international secretary has been on the field for several days. Thursday at noon he delivered a short address at chapel services. Thursday evening he addressed a mass meeting of the young men in the assembly room. Dr. Miller and Dr. Moreland were present at this meeting and delivered addresses also. A special meeting of the cabinet officers of the Y. M. C. A. was called on Friday evening at 6 o'clock. Mr. Hunton was present and gave the young men specific instructions of how to increase in the work and to enlarge the membership of the association. "The members" said he, "must become more intently interested before they can expect to inspire interest in others." On Sunday afternoon Mr. Hunton addressed the young men from the subject "Realizing our Vision." In the course of his address he mentioned the fact that there are fifteen thousand young colored men in the colleges of this country and about two million colored men in the land. Each young man of college training can see what a work he has to do in helping to raise the standard of these two millions. "In order that we may realize this vision," said he, "we must keep clean hands, pure hearts and be in close communion with God." The young men were very attentive to this address. We are sure it made impressions that shall be lasting. We believe that the Y. M. C. A. will take on new life from the instruction, encouragement, and inspiration it has received from the addresses of Dr. Miller and Mr. Hunton.

The French Club under the leadership of Mlle. E. A. Cook, elected the following Officers:

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The usual large audience that has marked the Vesper Services this year, was treated last Sunday to a service of unusual interest.
The sermon was delivered by Dean Moore and was especially interesting throughout. He spoke on the means and value of Bible Study, and after showing some of the disadvantages and prejudices to be overcome in the proper study of the Bible, he urged a thorough, patient, reverent, and prayerful study of it, showing how after such a study one must necessarily be benefited, because it teaches of Christ and ever presents that high ideal of His perfect life.
The music which has lent so much to these services was especially pleasing. The Choir rendering "And He Shall Come down like Rain" with wonderful effect. A duet, "Stille Wie die Nacht," by Misses Clark and Childers, was also beautifully rendered.
The public is always cordially invited to these services on Sundays at 4:30 P. M.

The Dental College
The constant growth of the Dental College in the past few years, has brought about a need for more room and more equipments.
The moving of the Freedmen's Hospital to the new building at once made it possible to supply the demand for more room and so the old Medical ward has been remodeled within and fixed up for the Dental Infirmary.
This entire building is devoted to the uses of the Dental College. A number of new chairs and engines have already been installed and five more are ordered and will be installed as soon as possible.

The second floor of the building has been turned into a dental laboratory and lecture rooms. Through the generosity of Drs. Howard, Brown, and Davis of the faculty, a reading room has been provided and supplied with dental literature, and an extracting and impression room have been fitted up.
These new additions of space and equipment, however, are insufficient to accomodate the entire class of Juniors and Seniors who are doing practical work, so great is the increase in the size of the classes.
This rapid increase simply emphasizes the very excellent reputation that this department of the University has. The requirements for entrance and the grade of work demanded are both the very highest. The faculty is planning to have more and better work done this year than ever before and to this end they are exerting every effort.

The Law School
If energy and perseverance count, the Middlers have launched this Department of the University upon the banner year of its existence. As a student body there is much competition, but as a social organization they move united, toward one goal—the elevation of the Law School to a position of public educative influence. They hope to render a number of interesting as well as instructive programs, of which, more later.
With this aim in view, they have elected Messers Love, Graham, Cesar, Bush, Payne, Blackwell, Williams, Johnson, and Thorne to fill the following positions in order, President, Vice Pres., Secretary: Treasurer, Critic, Sgt. at Arms, Chaplain, Journalist and Assistant Journalist.

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The Freshman Class of the Dental and Pharmaceutical Departments drew up a set of resolutions of condolence which are as follows:

RESOLUTION

Whereas the hand of Divine Providence has removed the two children of Mr. and Mrs. Hickman and Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, and whereas the Freshman Class of the Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Department of Howard University is desirous of extending their earnest and affectionate sympathy to the parents in their great loss, therefore be it

Resolved: That we tenderly condole with the families of Mr. and Mrs. Hickman and Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong in this hour of trial and affliction, and we earnestly commend them to the keeping of Him who does everything for the best and whose chastisements are meant in mercy; may they be given the strength to say, "Thy will be done."

Resolved: That we deeply sympathize with them in their bereavement in the loss of their children, who were bound to them by the closest and dearest ties; we share with them in the hope of a reunion in that better world beyond, where there is no parting, but where peace and happiness last forever.

Resolved: That these resolutions be transmitted to the families of Mr. and Mrs. Hickman and Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong.

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