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# Larger Attendance at Class Meetings

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### AND SO IT CAME TO PASS

By Paul Butler Miller

To the collegiate list of slangs comes a new one, the good Dean Slowe has added "Skidoo" which she claims is an old-time expression for "get away."

Associate Editor Thomas carries an interesting column in "The Hilltop." His last week's question being, "Do you think that fraternities and sororities have an evil effect on the student?" From the answers given, this department is proving worthy of the faith we had in its value—it being a means for Howardites to express themselves on questions pertinent to student groups.

"Billy Carp" proved a Godsend to the Howard tossers during the Howard-Morgan game. He was just what the doctor ordered to put life into the team aside from adding considerably with his six points.

Louie Coates made Lanky Jones and gang look sick when he caged the telling point from the center of the floor.

Congress did the usual. Howard's \$390,000 was knocked sky-high on a point of order. If this didn't happen every year I think the Negro press would go begging for headlines—"scare line" material.

In Professor Lewis' greeting to the students of Commerce and Finance, he touched off the key-note of some sound philosophy. Let us hope that in the next year we shall see a co-operative book store which will serve as a training ground for commercial enthusiasts.

Daniel Nye has tried his hand at sex and "litterature." No doubt the next thing we know he will be leaving off the "and 'litterature'" and writing on sex.

I heard an interesting argument in Clark Hall the other night. One student claimed that the bedbugs in the dorm were housed deep down in the woodwork of the structure while the other claimed that the students brought them back each year. My suggestion is that Professor Peters hear the question in English 151, and render a decision since they were unable to tell who had the most convincing arguments.

"He who fights and runs away shall live to fight another day." Louise Martin, the big daughter of the South, claims victory over Gladys Jamieson, the fair daughter of Jersey. Victory awarded was after one black eye, ten pinches, four scratches, and a million cracks. "What kind of a basketball game was that?"

"The Bison" is offering to every junior the chance to be seen. Every junior is urged to have his or her picture in the 1928 Bison. All that is necessary is collegiate clothes and a dollar. Don't fail to see your president, Steve Stanford, at once.

Get in the habit—go to chapel!

### R. O. T. C. BAND CONCERT ENJOYED BY MANY IN CHAPEL

At the regular chapel hour on last Friday the R.O.T.C. band gave a concert. As usual the student body and faculty enjoyed this treat. We were real sorry when the chapel period was over because we could have listened to the sweet strains of the band for hours without being bored. These concerts are becoming more popular with both the student group and faculty as the days glide by. Our only regret is that we do not have more of them.

The program consisted of the following:

1. The Man of the Hour March, by Henry Filmore.
2. Overture, "Scenes from Opera Land," by Al Hayes.
3. Waltz, "Charmaine."
4. Billy Sunday's "Successful Melodies," by Henry Filmore.
5. "The Capital City March," composed and arranged by Sergeant J. Brice, bandmaster.

#### Other R.O.T.C. Notes

Practice for the rifle team from now on will be Tuesday afternoon, 2 to 4:30; the same hours prevail on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Tuesday and Thursday nights, 7 to 10 p.m.

The concert in the chapel by the R.O.T.C. Band on Thursday was greatly enjoyed by all. It only goes to show what practice does.

Now is the time for all first advanced men to brush up on what they will have at camp this summer. See Captain Rathbone.

Attention is drawn to the appearance of the men this year in uniform. It really reflects credit on the cadet corps when they go about with their uniforms properly worn. If they realized how horrible they looked with coats unbuttoned; buttons off; grease spots here and there, they never would appear that way again.

The R.O.T.C. department wishes to commend the management of The Hilltop for the excellent paper it is producing. Somebody is on his toes around that office.

How about a military ball? The R.O.T.C. must emulate the girl who was only the black-smith's daughter, but she forged ahead.

A good battalion in the spring means hard work now.

### MRS. CHARLES PARKER UNDERGOES OPERATION

We are sorry to learn of the recent illness of Mrs. Parker, wife of Professor Charles Parker, head of the botany department, who underwent a very painful throat operation on Sunday last. Mrs. Parker, although not widely known among the student group is well experienced as a botanist. She has some rare specimens of plants gathered from various parts of the globe in the university greenhouse; and has also performed some real difficult experiments with plants, getting remarkable results. The Hilltop and student group wishes for a speedy recovery of Mrs. Parker.

### CAPTAIN FRANK A. LINNELL'S LETTER

A Few Thoughts for the Cadet Officers

Fellow Students:

The men of all classes have been asked, coaxed and urged to wear the uniform as it should be worn, or to wear it not at all.

It will not be received thankfully by those who have been offending in this connection, but the truth of the matter is that they are a disgrace to the university, the corps, and to themselves.

Therefore, snap out of it and if you don't like to wear the clothes the government gives you, leave the parts at home or in your locker until it is time to go to drill, when you must appear in uniform.

It is noted with regret that all of the members of the rifle team do not report for practice. Now that the university has an opportunity to develop a good team, and after several matches have been scheduled, the men who promised to practice faithfully find that their social duties (or some other duties) conflict. As a result, Howard will occupy the place in the relative standings of rifle marksmanship that it has in the past—which is absolutely nowhere.

Wake up! Wake up and get on your toes! Ask yourselves the question, "What does the salute really mean to me?"

Capt. FRANK A. LINNELL,  
Instructor in Military Science  
and Tactics, U.S.A. Army

### A CALL IS MADE TO THE HOWARD JUNIORS

By Robert Nelson

Fellow classmates, the time is now ripe for each member of the junior class to be summoned once again and only once. It should respond immediately in coming together in co-operative effort thus pushing forward along with the time, the vast amount of work which lies before us, and the obviously short length of time in which it is to be done. The whole of the autumn quarter has passed by us during which little, if any work was done.

Ladies and gentlemen of the junior class, I am appealing to each of you to bestir yourselves and watch the bulletin board and the class room boards for an announcement of the next meeting, and present yourselves ready to take hold of your share of the work of putting over the program for this, our junior year.

The class needs each member's presence as far as it is possible to get it; for this shows interest in the welfare of the class on the part of its members.

The class needs, and will welcome your ideas, as they can be developed into ideals, the results of which will enrich our treasure. It also needs your money paid into the class treasury as your annual class dues. These are the things from which we hope to accomplish our ultimate purpose, which is the principal extra-curricula activity of the junior class.

We do not want to have it appear true that since Glenwood Jones has resigned, the class has become disorganized and has lost interest. Although we have done little if any

### GERMAN CLUB HOLDS INTERESTING MEETING

The German Club resumed its activities on Monday, January 16, in a very interesting meeting.

Several German songs sung by all served as an opening to the evening's program. The first feature was a bass solo by Mr. Gilbert. He sang as an encore, "O'er the Billowy Sea." Mrs. Sylvia Labat beautifully played Chopin's waltz. Miss Ruth White accompanied by Miss Odalie Ewing delighted her audience with a charming rendition of "Big Lady Moon." She sang two encores, "Indian Love Call," and "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise."

Dr. Davis gave an account in German, of the experiences of a visitor in a large German city, which was translated by the club members in concert.

This meeting inspired the members to make the German Club a more complete success in the future.

work during the last autumn quarter, may we think of it as a quarter spent for our pleasure—one spent in meeting and entertaining and being entertained by new friends; as one spent in welcoming our freshmen brothers and sisters to our university; as a season for the most popular sport—the football games, on which the interest and enthusiasm of all students were centered for the benefit and fame of our university at large. But, from this day forward let us resolve that nothing outside our studies shall come before supporting the endeavors of our class.

This is just a call to the altruistic spirit of the members of the class which we know all juniors have.

### MEMBER OF BRITISH PARLIAMENT LECTURES IN LIBRARY HALL

Rennie Smith, who is a representative of the Labor Party in the British Parliament, lectured to an enthusiastic group Wednesday night at Library Hall. Mr. Smith's lecture dealt with the present affairs and intentions of the Labor Party of Great Britain.

It was pointed out that the Labor Party is making great progress and is on equal basis with other parties. Many of the members are professionals. Through the direct influence of the Labor Party, its members are looking forward to its progress. They expect the Labor Party to rise just as the Liberal Party has done.

The principle of procedure of the Labor Party in regard to affairs has been worked out. They aim to do much for the people of India by co-operative schools, societies, etc. Then, too, the Labor Party has taken much interest in Africa. A special labor commonwealth group comes into contact with the people of Africa. This group gives information to the Labor Party concerning the Africans. Mr. Smith brought out very clearly that the aim of the Labor Party was to prepare the Africans for Africa. At the end of the lecture many questions of interest were asked by various members present.

### HOWARD UNIVERSITY AND THE RIFLE TEAM

By J. M. Richardson

Just recently, Howard University, after constantly bemoaning the fact that our leading schools were barred from competition with leading schools of the other group on account of we-don't-know-just-what, was granted contracts in a rifle match with a number of prominent Eastern schools. The list included North Dakota State College, Bailey Military College, University of Pennsylvania and the Citadel (which, incidentally, ranks second to West Point as a military school). Howard University, the "Capstone of Negro Education" was also on the list and it seems, from the action we are taking concerning the matter, that Howard will get no further than the list, not because of unfairness on the part of the judges, but because of our blindness as to the weightiness of the question.

As we all know, rifle teams have recently become integral factors in the extra-curricula activities of every high school. In recognition of Howard's aims to being a big school, and as a result of the much-to-be-commended efforts of certain of our officials, a rifle team of twenty-five men was chosen, from marksmanship records, made by the R.O.T.C. Unit, to compete with the above named schools. Judging from the records chosen, Howard would have stood a more than fair chance of winning honors in the competition but much to the consternation of the officials and the bewilderment of us all, only ten men have,

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## TRACK SPORTS ON "THE HILL"

Now that the Board has tendered Coach Watson a renewal of his contract for another three-year term, we, as students, would like to see both Coach Watson and the board get together and revive the lack of interest in track sports here on "The Hill."

At all leading universities, track sports are rated along with the ever popular game of football. Here at Howard, track is almost a non-entity. There used to be a time when Howard could boast of a track team and of track meets that were the "talk of the country." But it seems as if those days are gone forever.

Track season will soon be rolling around, but we sincerely hope that Howard will not pull another "grand fizzle" like it did last year, and call it a track meet. We have the material among the student group—it is up to the coaches and the board to furnish the competition. The challenge is up to you, Coach. Pull off your coat, and get busy.

## HATS OFF

Recently a Nordic walked into one of the offices in Main building where one of our young ladies is employed as stenographer, with his hat on. He transacted whatever business he had and during the whole time he never removed his hat.

The matter was brought to the editor's attention with a request that he write an editorial on the same. He started to but found himself wondering whether or not to write concerning the Nordic, or ourselves.

Strange conclusions we come to when we reason and think things out to their logical end; don't we? My conclusion led me to want to write an editorial upon ourselves instead of writing one concerning the Nordic.

Daily do we walk into Main building where—not only one of our young women, but many are assembled or passing through the halls—and we do not remove our hats. We pass them on the campus and for fear of rumpling our "O'pal" hair we merely nod or give the familiar "Hello, Sally" salutation, making no attempt at a gesture of hat raising—not to mention the taking of our hats off.

Suppose we clean house and look at ourselves first, then go out bear hunting for the Nordic. We would then be self-satisfied because we would have a just squeal coming. We were not disappointed with the Anglo-Saxon—that is expected of him—but we are extremely disappointed with the Hilltoppers.

"Hats off"—like other examples—must begin at home.

## COACH LOUIS L. WATSON'S CONTRACT RENEWED

At a meeting of the Board of Athletic Control of the University, Coach Watson was tendered another contract to pilot the destinies of the "Hill" athletes for a term of three years. There has been quite a deal of rumor going the rounds that Howard was about to "choose" some other person to handle the coaching end of the "Hilltop" as it is a well known fact that Coach Watson is none too popular with many of the powers that be.

We can now settle down to normalcy and breathe a little easier since this matter has been settled. Here's hoping that Howard will have three banner years of Athletics under Coach Watson's tutelage.

## From A Dormer Window

By Gladys M. Jamieson

Well, the long looked for defeat of Morgan was well administered and entirely to our satisfaction last Saturday night. In campus parlance Lanky and his tribe were "no trouble," and it's "never no more Morgan." The only thing that we could find to rant about was the failure of our Morgan visitors to rise to our Alma Mater. Evidently their acquaintance with the ethics governing such an occasion is merely casual.

There seems (according to hearsay) to be a veritable epidemic of exchanging single blessedness for what many consider a step in the right direction. Our only reaction is a mild bewilderment at the earliness of the attack. Usually visions of marital bliss accompany balmy weather and the romantic background of Spring. Evidently our friends mistook the recent warm spell for the real thing.

The course in argumentation, which we are now thoroughly enjoying, can be recommended to every student who is interested in a dose of liberal education condensed into a small space of time and not at all unpleasant to take!

Seriously speaking, this small group, composed of most of the outstanding students of the university, intelligently discusses a wide range of topics from restrictions on college women to the Baumes Law. A very spirited debate on the desirability of fraternities and sororities is to take place in the near future. We are expecting great things from this group.

There is being offered to the students of the university a series of entertainments, lectures, recitals, and the like which is an invaluable opportunity for cultural expansion and worthwhile recreation.

We, as the chosen few, who have the rare privilege of hearing these artists should most certainly not neglect it and by this neglect merit the hard things that are said about our group.

## LA BOHEME

(A Reflection)

"Very well do we remember,  
"Twas a foggy night in December,  
La Boheme."

Dense clouds of smoke fill the air. Glasses clink. A popular athlete upsets bottles on a table. Pretty co-eds attempt to shake the spilled liquids from their diaphanous evening gowns. A student swears.

Music. Xanthia, the voluptuous entertainer mounts a table where collegians sit. With her agile body she imitates the undulating movements of a snake. The collegians put dollar bills in her hands. Xanthia oscillates herself. Does she shock the co-eds? No. The co-eds prove themselves shock-absorbers. Maudlin students yell. The imperious passions at large demand vociferation. A popular soror seated at a table in a corner "sends out" her boy friend. She probably surprises you, but one does not know until one sees. Poor boy, some day his sardonic smile will be converted into a smile of disdain.

Xanthia stops singing. On with the dance! The small dancing space necessitates the use of the huddle system. One does not really dance, but one walks and sways the body to the tune of jazz. Daybreak nears. An entertainer sings "Good Night." Standing by the door as the crowd exits, one notices the large number of students and the absence of fresh-

## POETS' CORNER

### DISCONSOLATUS

By I. R. Dutton

Through time you gave me this youth-day,  
And I have aimed in life,  
And those who guide, help, or make Pleasant company  
Rebuff and hate my aims;  
Time will even follow me on,  
Not to guide, help, or make Pleasant company  
But to collect me when I have made  
Myself out of my aims.

### TO CATHERINE

By Nettie M. Nelson, '28

Aphrodite sighed  
As the muses watched  
And out from that sigh  
Was born to her—thee.  
As babies are marked  
With the things mothers see  
You were marked with their graces  
Yes, even all three.

The marble faun chased you,  
And with his small horn  
Caressed your fair cheek  
And a dimple was born.

You passed through the grove  
Of L'Allegro's vain joys  
And they gave you for eyes  
Two small gems from their toys,

Your mouth, 'twas a bruise  
From Adonis' kiss,  
And your radiant smile  
Just reflected its bliss.

Then Dan Cupid saw you  
Conceived pure as the dove,  
Made you even more perfect  
Gave you power to love.

### YEARS, OR JUST DAYS

By Frank H. Jordan, Jr.

Years have passed  
—Or just days.  
But each one goes  
Like a starless night  
Dark—swift!  
With each new dawn  
I give new birth to hope  
—But with each dusk  
It dies—  
For you—  
Like the stars  
Are beyond my grasp.  
All that is—  
And is to be—  
Lies in you.  
Once more—my prayer  
And perhaps on the morrow  
Hope will live through the night.  
Love will be born again  
With each new dawn—  
To live through—the years  
Or—just days.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

By Hamel C. Jocelyn

Q. What president of the United States was born in 1732 at Pope's Creek, Virginia?  
A. George Washington.  
Q. By what name is Pope's Creek, Virginia now known?  
A. Wakefield, Virginia.  
Q. Which is the swiftest river in the world?  
A. The River Rhone.  
Q. Where in the United States is the town Santa Claus?  
A. In Spencer County, Indiana.  
Q. Where was the first normal school in the world established?  
A. Vermont.

men. Why? Those taking master's degrees revel here, and have probably warned the peanies not to frequent cabarets.

We would go into further detail, but space will not allow us. Names? No. If we get too personal you might get our scalp.

—An Observer

## STUDENTS' FORUM

EDITOR'S NOTE—This column will be open to the Students of the "Hill" for comment on the trend of campus affairs. Letters, however, must be brief and signed. Name of writer will be withheld on request.

### AN APPRECIATION FOR EFFORT

Fellow Howardites:

"Do right a thousand times and you will hear nothing about it, but do wrong once and you will never hear the last of it." There reads, I believe, an old proverb, which still rings true in our age. Perhaps this proverb is too much practiced. Merit is too often disregarded, because we fail to appreciate those who serve society in an unselfish and efficient way. Most of us are too prodigal with our biting criticisms, while at the same time we are too conservative with our congratulations.

As students of Howard University, we are keenly interested in The Hilltop. We watch with interest each edition that issues forth from the press. We read its contents with interest and avidity. We are interested in The Hilltop, because it is the greatest publicity agent and creator of student sentiment that we control on the campus. Whatever directly or indirectly concerns the students' welfare, finds expressions in The Hilltop. Through its columns the students voice their protests or express their gratitude. If we grant this fact, we as students should then do all that we can to encourage those who are trying to make The Hilltop a better school paper.

There is hardly any doubt that The Hilltop, under the present editorship, has shown some progress. It seems that efforts are made to give the students much wholesome and instructive news. We will, I think, all agree that the brand of news which appears in The Hilltop, in most respects, shows good taste and wise discrimination. The new column for example entitled, "The Question Box," makes a step forward. This column can be of great value by giving an opportunity for the expression of student opinion on vital current interest.

We realize that The Hilltop has not yet reached perfection, but let us remember that this is not gained over night. Perfection comes only after hard work, based upon sound thought. Seneca once said that, "The greater part of progress is the desire to progress," and there is every indication that the present editorship of The Hilltop has this desire. Therefore, let us lose no opportunity to co-operate with Mr. Goodall and his staff in making The Hilltop a first-rate college newspaper. We can do much good by an appreciation of their sincere efforts in making The Hilltop all that we wish it to be.

E. A. McLaughlin, '29

### NOTICE TO READERS OF THE HILLTOP

In order to have The Hilltop out on time it is absolutely necessary to have all manuscripts in by Saturday preceding the Wednesday of distribution. There is a tendency for those intending to send in news for publication to hold said news until the last minute thereby causing no little amount of inconveniences.

Printers of The Hilltop work by schedule and when you hold your news out there can be only one result—The Hilltop coming out a day or more later.

Wednesday is the day of circulation but when your news comes in late you have no kick coming when The Hilltop comes out a day later. Help us by getting your news in on time.



## ATHLETICS

## HOWARD-STORER GAME

The first home game of the varsity collegiate schedule took place on the night of January 14. Howard and Storer took the floor and as usual Howard won, 52-14. Storer presented a scrappy team which fought hard all during the game. But the Howard combinations were too much for the Harper's Ferry representatives. The first half ended, 25-7, despite the poor shooting of the Howard five. An entirely new Howard five was inserted at the beginning of the second half and this bunch continued to pile up the score. It may be said to the credit of the Storer team that they fought hard all the way although they knew that they were outclassed. Beasley, Coates, and Woods led the Howard scoring with 10, 12, and 12 tallies, respectively. Hamilton was best for Storer.

## HOWARD-OLD VETS' GAME

On Wednesday night, January 18, the Howard Bison met and for the second time this season defeated the Old Vets. The final score stood, 32-16, with Howard on the long end. From a basketball standpoint, the game was very rough. The Old Vets played good ball in the first half and only trailed by 5 points at the half. The score then stood 16-11. The vets seemed to go to pieces in the last half and the Bisons breezed then to an easy victory. Playing a semi-freeze game the Howard lads scored at will. The last ten minutes of the game was given over to freezing the ball. Despite the efforts of the Vets, they could not get hold of the ball to register another score. Woods and Beasley led the Bison scorers.

## HOWARD-MORGAN GAME

A sensational long shot by Captain Louis Coates in the last moments of a thrilling basketball game, pulled the bacon out of the fire and Howard beat Morgan, 31-29. J. Jones, who substituted for Carpenter put on his best effort of the season and scored the tying field goal. Louis Coates then followed with his sensational goal.

Although Howard upset the dope and beat the Morgan Bears, national collegiate champions, it must be admitted that Morgan seemed to be toying with us in the first half. They were over-confident and thought that they could win as they pleased, but when Howard started making almost impossible shots, Morgan could not find the punch with which to hop into the lead. Morgan out-passed Howard but Howard out-fought and out-gamed Morgan. Lanky Jones and Clark played best for Morgan. Sheffy seemed off form and missed several easy shots. Coates and Carpenter led the Bison scorers.

## AL'S STUFF

Yes, boys, "Lanky" romped as usual again Saturday night—but his mates did not romp with him.

Yeh! That was some game. We hope you don't feel hurt. We felt hurt when Dan Brown fell on us. Say, Dan, keep off the floor during the game. It's a wonder the referee didn't call a technical foul on us.

Morgan squawked about having 15 seconds more to play. There are bound to be some squawks after a tight game like that one.

"Fats" Bright is still waiting to see a Morgan team beat Howard. He was around three years ago only to see Morgan go down twice in defeat. Then "Fats" disappeared. He reappeared in East Orange last February, just in time to see Howard down Morgan, 23-21. Saturday night the hopeful "Fats" witnessed a fighting Bison victory, the score was 31-29.

Although there is no college game scheduled for this Saturday night, there will be two games offered for the fans in the new gym. The freshmen tackle Miner Normal School in the first game while the two varsity combinations will meet in the feature game. This latter game should be a wow as genuine rivalry exists between both teams.

West Virginia Collegiate Institute will be met here Monday, January 30. Little is known of Coach Hamblin's charges this year. It is said, however, that a strong "quint" is coming up from Charleston.

Morgan has another great team this year. They'd be even better if the boys were less grouchy. They played around a little too long with the fighting Bisons, Saturday.

It is interesting to note that Morehouse trimmed Virginia Seminary's highly touted "5" on the Georgia court, 33-29. Morehouse also beat Atlanta University, 23-15. Morris Brown upset the dope with a 35-34 victory over Clark University, Southern champs. With Howard's unexpected win over Morgan, the dope pairs have been upset in all parts of the country.

The boys will have a chance to give both the Morehouse and Morris Brown fives the once over next month. They appear here on the 11th and 16th of February.

We hope this win over Morgan does not go to the boys' heads. If it does we are due for an artistic trimming from some small, unknown team. Learn a lesson from Morgan boys, and play hard all the way through.

Messrs. Westmoreland and Cupid handled the game nicely Saturday. It was a hard one to work but they made it look easy. The fans appreciate your good work and so do the members of the Howard team, Messrs. Westmoreland and Cupid.

## ASSISTANT MANAGERS FOR TRACK AND BASEBALL TEAMS ELECTED BY BOARD OF ATHLETIC CONTROL

At the meeting of the Board of Athletic Control on Friday, the 20th, the assistant managers for the 1928 track and baseball teams were elected. By the large number of letters received from the various applicants applying for the vacancies it was evidenced that there will be quite keen competition for future candidates. From the assistant managers the future managers for the various teams are selected, promotions being based upon the assistants' interest and work during their periods as assistants.

The following men were elected: assistant managers of track teams: F. Harold Grinnage, and James M. Richardson. Assistant managers of baseball teams: James G. Tyson, David Whitfield, Glenwood E. Jones, and Maury Davis.

## HARVARD FOOTBALL MANAGER REFUSES "H"

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (By New Student Service).—If a cyclone had taken its course through the Harvard campus, it could not have caused more consternation, wonderment, and gasping than did the recent resignation of the Harvard football manager. Left to choose between the glory of an "H" in a task that is one of the most cherished in Cambridge, and

an "A" in his studies, the student turned to the "A."

Harvard found it hard to believe that a man with his hand on the glory that is granted but to few should renounce his opportunity. Some of the students snickered and muttered something about lack of spirit. But there were others who hailed the act as a much-needed victory for scholarship. "The Harvard Crimson" believes the tendency is away from over-emphasis on extra-scholastic activities, and hails the resignation as a victory for the cause of learning. It believes that the manager is free from "Any stigma of disloyalty" that would have been charged to him had he cast his lot with scholarship a few years ago.

## QUESTION BOX

(EDITOR'S NOTE:—This column was suggested by Prentice H. Thomas, associate editor of The Hilltop, who is also a special correspondent for the Afro-American.)

Thomas' question for this issue is: "Do you think the Student Council is functioning properly?"

Here are some answers:

"It is a council of the students, but not for the students. The predominating influence is not of the body which it is supposed to represent, but of the body to which it makes its reports."—Mildred Chews.

"There has been a vast improvement during the year, but more attention should be given to minor problems."—Susie L. Owens.

"Yes. So far as they are allowed."—Jack Young.

"Yes. The council is functioning as efficiently as circumstances permit. Its activity is thwarted by the lack of informed and vitalized merits."—B. Q. Sermans.

"Considering the size of the student body and the amount of work the Student Council has to do, the council does exceptionally well."—Iris Davis.

"They have a very good program, but they are not carrying it out."—Anthony H. Pierce.

"Yes. I think the Student Council is doing all that is in its power to foster the better interests of the students."—John W. Poe.

"Yes. They show that they have the students' interests at heart."—Audrae Hudson Iavares.

"It is doing well with the support it gets but there is room for improvement."—Howard A. Bailey.

"The range of the Student Council isn't broad enough."—Lottie L. Stratmon.

"I think that the Student Council is doing its best to be of some use to the university."—Cyril Price.

"The Student Council is not up to the standards of a university of this size, but in consideration of the support its get from the student body, the council does more than its share."—(Miss) Bailey Lockut.

"Yes. They are doing comparably well."—Eleanor L. Moore.

"Yes. The Student Council functions very actively in student affairs. The student body does not estimate the true value of such an organization."—Ruth E. Matthews.

## EIGHT GRADUATED IN DECEMBER, 1927

"The Hilltop" heartily congratulates the following eight students who graduated at the end of the autumn quarter:

From the college of Liberal Arts with the degree of A.B.: Fred Welton Bond, Virginia Lee Murray, Leroy Arthur Smith (cum laude), and David Tucker (cum laude). Earle McEwing Dumas earned the S.B. degree.

From the college of education, Cyril Price, Adelene Estelle Bell, and Harriet Louise Collier.

## Student Council Column

By Jas. F. Goodwin

Students are continually asking the various members of the Student Council and fellow-students about the accomplishments of the Student Council. In the past, the bulletin board has been used as the only means to give out such information. In order that the students may know more about the Student Council and its accomplishments, Student Council reports will be published in each issue of The Hilltop throughout the school year. Each student is urged to read these reports and to co-operate with the council in making this institution a great and better Howard.

The Student Council has held two meetings since the beginning of the winter quarter. The results are as follows: the council was able to get Miss Thelma Fletcher back in school. This young lady failed to register during the stipulated time, but upon applying for leniency—by means of a council committee—she was permitted to register for the winter quarter.

The cheer-leaders are requested to function at the athletic games (basketball, etc.) and at other appropriate contests.

The Student Council is planning to present at least two noted lecturers to the student body in the near future. One of these lectures will probably be Clarence Darrow, the great criminal lawyer, of Chicago, Illinois; the other will probably be Philip Randolph, great leader and organizer of the Pullman Porters' Union. If it is possible for the Council to get these two speakers, it is hoped that the student body will co-operate with the council by giving the speakers a large audience.

The Student Council wishes to urge each student of the university to attend Dean Slowe's "lecture-concert series." Such artists deserve and expect large attendances at such an institution as Howard University. Help us to make a bigger and better Howard.

## HOWARD UNIVERSITY AND THE RIFLE TEAM

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as yet, reported for training.

The question, therefore, resolves itself into just this, "What's a matter?" Why is it that these men, who have been raising the same cry that has been going on since Howard was conceived in a prayer meeting, are practically running from the opportunity that they, themselves, created. It is indeed bad to think of, but it seems that we are proving some of the argument directed against us, that is, that we are unequal to higher competition. Do the young men who scorn this opportunity think, that their actions will be any argument in favor of our getting offers from such schools in debating, football or basketball? Is this in any way a solution to any of the inter-collegiate problems which confront our school?

This thing, we believe, is without precedent in the entire history of the school and is highly contradictory to the type of men that Howard produces, but we believe that if these young men will realize in what light they are placing their schools and just how great is their opportunity to bring about a bigger and better Howard, they will reconsider the matter, and whatever may be their personal objections, forget them, and do their bit in placing and holding Howard among the big schools.

It is with this in mind that we contribute this article.

## PRESIDENT JOHNSON TAKES RIDE IN NEW FORD

President Mordecai W. Johnson went for a demonstrating ride in a new Ford, Wednesday evening, January 18. Irving P. Hall, of the Universal Auto Company, of this city, gave the demonstration. The car was a tudor model, of Niagara blue, with gray upholstery. The appearance of the new Ford on the campus caused a great commotion. Several students have planned to purchase one of these new models.

## CYRIL PRICE, '27, RECEIVES A.B. DEGREE

Our best wishes are extended to Cyril Price, who has just graduated from our College of Education with the A.B. degree.

As far as we know Mr. Price is the first from his home, Trinidad, B.W.I., to pursue successfully scientific courses in pedagogy, not only at Howard but at any university in any part of the world. All Howardites take the greatest pride in extending to him their warmest congratulations. They appreciate his encouraging, constructive articles that he contributes to our columns. By saying this we know we are speaking for the student body and especially for the Philosophical Society and the English Club, of which he is the enterprising president, as well for the Chamber of Commerce, of which he is its untiring journalist.

Mr. Price will be with us sometime yet, as he is now working for his master's degree in English.

## GLEANINGS FROM OTHER PAPERS

Willie Mack in his "Needle Points" in the Washington Tribune writes:

"From a 'Dormer Window' is the title of a column in The Hilltop, a Howard University student publication, written by Miss Gladys M. Jamieson, a student of that institution. Her 'take-offs' and ideas are so good that the readers of her column are inclined to believe that she is thinking. When she graduates let's hope that she doesn't go far off into some isolated place and teach school."

In "Sam's Scripts" from the same paper we see:

"In 'Al's Stuff' of the current issue of The Hilltop, the author has the following to say: 'Sam' Lacy doesn't like the way the officials run things on the hill. Well, Sam, I hope you don't feel hurt, maybe you could do a better job'."

"Assuming the egotism of the 'hill' and its officials, Al, I kinder, sorta guess I could."

From the "Howard Medical News" of which Kelly Miller, Jr., is editor, we get:

"Friday evening, January 13, 9:30 o'clock before an appreciative and enthusiastic audience composed of approximately 500 people, Kappa Pi presented Dr. W. A. Bloedorn, professor of medicine, of Howard, in a lecture entitled, 'The Value of the History of Medicine to the Profession.' The meeting was opened by Robert Jason with a few introductory remarks. Dr. Anderson T. Scott gave a brief history of Kappa Pi Honorary Medical Society, its ideals and aims. Following this Dr. E. C. Terry, associate professor of medicine presented Dr. Bloedorn.

"In his talk Dr. Bloedorn began with the history of medicine from before the time of Christ up to the present day, touching the high spots as he developed the subject.

"All men have their price."—Sir Robert Walpole.



## KAMPUS KOMICS

By Rubye G. Peake

"Vi," you believe in getting your man, don't you? Too bad Holloway is so dumb he can't collar your "jibe." What about Conrad?

Remember, Frankie J., the Philistines were not the only ones ruined by the "jaw bone" of an ass.

Say Ruby P., how is the amount of the "it" you possess to be compared with the amount of the "it" you give? The grain and the bushel, eh?

Buck S., some ladies don't seem to see the pin you wear. Why not try it on your teeth or any other public place.

Zelika C., you must never let the young man get too well acquainted with you before you give him your name. Why how could he find you the next time?

What a woman most admires in a man is distinction among men. What a man most admires in a woman is devotion to himself.

Found—A maltese-soprano kat, about twelve months old, singing "Ole Hundred" on a picket fence, late last thursdi, nite.

Whichever person owns sed kat will find him (or her according to circumstances) in a vakant lot just bak of our hous, still beautiful in deth!

Say, Desha, do you know Conlusa Harris?

Harry Macer (Oil Can) Some people are hard to fool, but what we would like to know which, "can" Captain Rathbone was referring to—you or the can with oil in it.

Alexander, you are the cat's whiskers when it comes to a demonstration. Next time we'll wrap the tripod up for you so that you may take it home.

—Sh! girls, "Al" Smith is a policeman; don't get too fresh with him, he might "pinch" you.

Hey folks! Whatcha know? Ever heard this one—

She—"What's the latest in men's clothes?"

He—"Women."

So Bowen, they got you at last.

Irma Rucks, you just aren't Jesse Turner's type.

Better lay low, Juanita, and leave Bill Alexander alone. You know what I mean?

We notice Ione H. is wearing an Omega pin. It must be from Lincoln. How about it, Ione?

What's wrong, Goldbug, couldn't you keep Dan B.?

(Student translating Latin)—Margaret—"Caesar flees."

Teacher—"Change the tense."

Margaret—"Caesar has flees."

Mary Johnson, if you are going to be the "Black Charlie Lamb," we need you in Miner Hall.

Wilhelmina D., said you had better change your method of approach, Jimmie Vance.

Heard in the first basic class: Captain—"And what is space?"

Cadet B.—"I really can't think now, but it's right in my head."

Sis Green, guess you will be assistant dean of Liberal Arts now. We see you and Dudley. Slow down, Sis.

Mind out, Ella Haith, we heard Billy Carpenter was engaged to Miss New York.

Girls, we hope you didn't feel hurt because you could not see the Storor basketball game. After all the lecture was "restful," eh?

Minzon, your taste in selecting men's ties is admirable. John Mac looked very nice in the one you gave him.

Kinda like Smitty, don't you, Marzie? Well, you seem to be the best—so keep it up!

So it's "Biff" now, eh Buren? My, my, my!

Octavia, I guess you were in your "seventh heaven" when Ted Taylor was here.

Blanche K. (rushing into bookstore)—"I want the life of Caesar." Bookseller—"Sorry, Brutus beat you to it."

Great Scott, who wrote Ivanhoe? Well, who in the "Dickens" wrote the Tale of Two Cities?

Frankie, what is your jibe? You know better, even if she doesn't!

Suggested change in curriculum: Prerequisite for botany—shorthand.

Wonder why Norman Jarvis has become so interested in the campus activities? Wonder if Minzon knows?

Lillian B., we heard you were about to settle down, so to speak. Fine work Pae—fine!

Margaret R., how did you know that Frank B. called up Fanny W.? He didn't tell you—did he?

As a junior sees it—  
"Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder where you are;  
Up above the world so high,  
Like a diamond in the sky."

As a studious senior sees it—  
"Scintillate, scintillate, luminis constellatim;  
Interrogatively I question your constituent elements—

In your prodigious altitude above terrestrial sphere,  
Similar to a carbonerous ismatic  
Suspended in the celestial firmament."

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT AT UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN FAILURE

MADISON, Wis. (by New Student Service).—Student government at the University of Wisconsin is no more. The faculty has accepted the self-deposed student senate's recommendation that its charter be considered defunct, and thereby has seconded the opinion of student leaders that there is no reason for maintaining an unimportant and unnecessary institution. Since 1916 the men's student senate has been the highest council in student affairs.

In October, the members voted to disband, after deciding that their actual powers were few and of little import. Self-government will be administered by five administrative boards. Centralization will be had by five bodies in the supervision of student elections. Otherwise, there will be no central board of control.

## FRESHMAN CLASS-ELECTS REPRESENTATIVE TO STUDENT COUNCIL

At the last meeting of the Freshman class, their two representatives to the Student Council were elected. As the university requires a quarter of residence for freshmen before they can send representatives to the Council, they are without representation until the beginning of the winter quarter.

The two representatives are Mercer Mance and Edward Taylor.

## JUNIOR FROLIC TALK OF THE CAMPUS

On Friday night in the spacious dining hall the class of '29 held its first frolic of the season. This frolic was declared by many to be the most enjoyable campus social affair since the opening of the school term. Beautiful co-eds and the campus "John Gilberts" were very much in evidence.

The dining hall was beautifully decorated. The shaded lights shed their mellow glow upon the happy dancing couples who were truly in their "Blue Heaven."

Smith's Troubadours furnished the music. During the intermission John Macklin, the whispering tenor, sang, "I am Coming Virginia" and "Blue Heaven." Two dance numbers (I can't think of the names, but they were classics) were rendered by Miss Heath. Byron Hopkins, as master of ceremonies, was very good.

The juniors are now looking forward to the junior-senior prom.

## KAPPA ALPHA PSI

Attorney George E. C. Hayes, of the Washington Alumni Chapter, returned from Detroit where he attended the seventeenth annual convention of Kappa Alpha Psi with an excellent report of the activities.

Hill Week is now in full swing and the pledges are being well cared for, as they themselves will testify.

## ALPHA PHI ALPHA

Beta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha held its annual election of officers on last Tuesday night.

Deckle McLean brought back a very interesting account of the convention held in Cleveland.

The officers elected were, Adonis Patterson, president; Baxter Don Goodall, vice-president; Paul B. Miller, secretary; Carl O. Brown, treasurer; Rowan A. Murray, chaplain; A. Franklin Fisher, editor of the "Sphinx."

## AT THE STROKE OF TWELVE (1927—A Fantasy—1928)

By Mae Arlene Johnson, '28

On the dark, star-lit stillness of the night the chimes rang out; one-two-three-four-five-six-seven-eight-nine-ten-eleven-twelve. The old two-faced man standing wearily at the crossroads of the years, one face looking thoughtfully down the road of the departing year, and the other turned hopefully toward the incoming year, heaved a deep sigh—a sigh, maybe, of relief from the cares of 1927, or of resignation to the tasks of 1928 so soon to be heaped upon his ever weary shoulders.

As the chimes continued to ring out, he looked far down the path of the dying year and saw, as if passing in a big parade, the hopes that had been fulfilled, the achievements and failures of all men and all nations. Most of all, he viewed the achievements of the race who a little over fifty years ago were slaves. Advancing he saw journalism, industry, literature, art, politics, education, and science. "Ah!" he half exclaimed to himself, "What rapid strides our col-

ored brother is making in the face of so much opposition; he is indeed worthy of high commendation and encouragement."

Journalism is an imposing figure no longer to be treated lightly and as a laughter provoking youth. The Amsterdam News, once a weekly paper now walks boldly from the press each day supplying the public with fresh, up-to-date material. Among the many paraders under the banner of journalism, the best all around figures are, the Philadelphia Tribune, Chicago Whip, New York Age, Norfolk Journal and Guide, Washington Tribune, Amsterdam News, the Chicago Defender, the Detroit Independent, and the Chicago Bee. To be sure, these papers are by no means perfect. In contents, perhaps, divorce, scandal, spicy news, and feature material occupy an all too prominent place, however, time alone will smooth out these wrinkles.

Close upon the heels of journalism follows industry containing a band of marchers all worthy of mention. A few of them are, Mrs. W. Turnbo Malone, who has recently opened the eastern headquarters of the Poro concern in New York; Frederick Mas-siah who has been given the contract for the construction of a ten million dollar apartment house in Philadelphia—the largest beam and girder building ever erected in that city; and Paul E. Johnson, the young inventor, who on January 10, 1927, received a patent for the manufacture of his therapeutic lamp; and today Johnson's universal physiotherapy equipment is in use by the leading medical schools and colleges, hospitals and doctors in the United States, in the Canal Zone, in China, France, Australia, etc. These are a few things that Father Time sees marching under the banner of industry.

Education's banner next comes into view. Here vast crowds beyond number are marching. It seems that the procession at this point is too crowded for the narrow space allotted it. In Mississippi a thousand colored students have registered in the schools of Hinds County with one to three teachers in each school. Should one

venture to ask the pressing need of the Negro educationally, the cry from all parts of the country would come, "We want more schools, better schools, better teachers, and longer terms."

The colored man is anxious to learn for he at last realizes that in knowledge there lies his strength. So here the procession is disorderly, each parader pushing and shoving for a chance to enter the already overcrowded space allotted it in the big parade of men and affairs.

Literature, art, and drama flaunt their banners high. The recent Negro Art Week held in Chicago and its subsequent results have made a place for the Negro never before attained in the history of the race.

The chimes ring out for the eleventh time, and the procession begins to recede too far away for the remaining figures to be clearly discerned. As the last and twelfth peal dies away, the path of 1927 becomes dim and blurred. The path of 1928, however, spreads before Father Time's hopeful searching gaze, a panorama of possibilities and opportunities.

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