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DREXEL "YM" AND "YW" CAMPS PROVE VALUABLE IN CREATING TRUE FELLOWSHIP

New President Proves Herself Efficient and Resourceful

MRS. SCHNABLE MAIN SPEAKER

Saturday, September 22nd, turned out to be a red letter week-end not only for the football men, but also for the Y. W. girls. The time spent out at the Drexel Paul Lodge in Wayne was a very successful "get-acquainted" affair as far as the thirty-six freshmen were concerned.

This, of course was due to the fine management of the Y. W.'s new president Betty Lippard, a petite person who knows what she wants and generally gets it, and the kindly and efficient assistance of Mr. Wm. J. Stevens. Betty had made very detailed plans which worked out perfectly. The presence of such popular and distinguished upper-classmen as Sally Baxter, president of the Women's Student Government, Edith Rood, Editor of the TRIANGLE, Rae Reed, Associate Editor of the *Drexel*, Cynthia Metzger, vice-president of the Y. W., Blanche Ball, Treasurer, Bert Lugar, Janet Letchworth, Dot Fling and Miss Dalton as chaperon assured the success of the camp.

After the game, the girls took possession of the football camp and equipment, which included five broken beds, four "holey" mattresses, a supply of blankets and the tents used by the boys.

That evening there was the usual roast of a certain common species of dog called "hot," followed by the campfire meeting. Each of the upperclassmen represented a certain student activity and it was incumbent upon her to be as explicit as possible, leaving nothing to the imagination of the audience.

Sally Baxter opened the activities discussion with a talk on Student Government, pointing out the two watchwords for 1928-29, Co-operation and Courtesy. This was followed by an explanatory talk from various representatives of the TRIANGLE and the *Drexel*, the Key and Triangle and the Dramatic Clubs, Basketball, Rifle and Fencing teams, Or-

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SENIOR WOMEN ORGANIZE

On Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, the girls' senior class will hold their first meeting immediately following assembly. The year will be started off with the election of officers and the choice of a business manager for the *Lezard*. The only officer elected last year was the Associate Editor of the *Lezard*, Margaret Rossiter.

There will be just seventy-four girls graduating next June. 27 from the Senior Home Economics course, 3 from the Commercial Teachers' department, 4 Senior Secretaries, all receiving degrees. 8 students will receive diplomas in the three year Home Economics course and 33 girls will receive certificates in the two year Secretarial course.

All the senior girls are urged to attend this important meeting which will be held in room 208, immediately following assembly.

120 Attend As Compared With 80 of Last Year

TOM MATHER SENDS MESSAGE



Dr. Matheson at Camp

One hundred and twenty incoming students and twenty Faculty and upper classmen formed the Second Annual Freshman Camp, held by the Y. M. C. A. at Camp Ockanickon on the week-end preceding the opening of school. This number is an increase of 50% over last year and amounts to almost 40% of the incoming men. Our larger neighbor,—the University of Pennsylvania,—had not quite as many—117!

The men were taken to the camp, which is near Medford, N. J., in four large buses. At camp they were given an opportunity to become acquainted with their classmates, faculty men and upper-classmen. They were told of student organizations, activities and customs, and every attempt was made to familiarize them with their new life.

Dr. Matheson, Dr. Stratton, Lieut. Kelly, Prof. MacDonald, Dr. Hanson and Mr. Gleaton talked to the men about college life in general and life at Drexel in particular. Bob Oberholzer, Charley Settle, Dick Lukenbach, Art Tucker, Ken Tyson, El Neely, Walt Schmidt and other upperclassmen told them about athletics, publications, and all the other activities about which a new man is curious. Jim Logan, '28, former president of the Y. M. C. A., was present and spoke to the Frosh.

Tom Mather was unable to come, but sent this telegram:

"Dear Fellows:

Sorry I can't be with you at camp. Accept my wishes for your success at Drexel next year. Remember there is something more to be gained than book knowledge. While you are in college, answer every call to service you may have. Aim high, seek truth, live serenely."

THOMAS MATHER."

It is the spirit of that message that we hoped to leave with the Freshmen.

The camp was held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., and was conducted by David H. Dawson, chairman, M. Elmond Neely, and Robert K. Spencer.

COMPETITORS WANTED FOR "TRIANGLE"

All freshmen, both men and women, who are interested in newspaper work or think that they might be, are urged to try out their abilities and to aim for a position on the TRIANGLE staff. Upper classmen are also eligible to enter the competition. It is not necessary to have had previous experience.

There are numerous phases of work involved in the makings of the paper. There is a chance for news reporters or feature writers. Photography is an important item. The circulation department affords an opportunity, and in short there is much business as well as reportorial work connected with the TRIANGLE issues.

Candidates may report to the *Drexel* office, which is in the northeast corner of the museum, and where the TRIANGLE office is also located, at any time during the day, although preferably at noon. There will be someone there to discuss the paper and the question of tryouts.

Assignments will be given to those striving for positions as reporters, and the articles upon submission will be judged for their merits, and due credit given the writers. Any persons handing in original bits of news will be given additional points. At the end of two months those with the greatest number of points will be considered for appointment on the staff.

Come on, frosh! Here is an opportunity to do something worthwhile! Now is the time to get started! Six freshmen boys have already entered the competition.

Faculty and Students Welcome Frosh

Dr. Matheson and Coach Halas Stress "Drexel Spirit"

MR. RYDER WINS FROSH

Under the guidance of Mr. J. Peterson Ryder, some 450 Freshmen went through their first assembly last Tuesday morning. They learned a great deal about everything. Short speeches were given by a number of Drexel officials, profs, and upper class students.

The frosh were sincerely welcomed by all. "Get the Drexel Spirit" was undoubtedly the general topic. It was interpreted in various ways by the different speakers. President Matheson emphasized the need of upholding the ideals of the Institute. Increased cooperation is necessary this term because of the large class and the limited facilities. "Drexel challenges you to do your best work," was his parting sentence. Coach Halas spoke on football.

Among the other speakers were Professor McDonald, Dean Disque and William Thunder, all ably introduced by Dean Ryder and cheered by Oberholzer & Co. The frosh learned from Mr. Thunder the musical element of their college and the capabilities of its organ. Two well received piano selections were also rendered. Dean Ryder pronouncing them.

It can be seen right now that the Freshmen are going to have a champion in Mr. Ryder. They felt at ease right from the beginning. The Dean sympathized with them, declaring that he

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STARTLE FOOTBALL WORLD WITH SUPERIOR OFFENSE

Brilliant Tackling by Maschal and Cardoni

REDMOND MAKES SPECTACULAR RUN

Dr. Matheson Tells Of Research

Finds Russian Schools Use Project Method

During the last summer Dr. K. G. Matheson had the honor of being a member of an informal party of educators who spent three weeks making an extensive study of the educational system of Russia.

When the party left this country it was thought that the Soviet officials would limit the extent of their investigations but every courtesy was extended to the party. They were not hindered in any way and were admitted freely to all the schools. This enabled them to make a very thorough investigation.

Dr. Matheson says that Russia is the experimenter in education today. The leaders of the Russian schools are studying the educational systems of the world and are taking parts of these systems and adapting them to meet their own needs which are extraordinary.

The situation in Russia today appears to be hopeless. It is estimated that eighty-five per cent. of the population is illiterate. Under the old regime the nobility and so-called intelligentsia alone were educated and after the time of Peter the Great their education was developed to a high state. But after the Revolution of 1917 the nobility were either killed or banished and the intelligentsia sent to Siberia. However, the Soviet leaders soon realized that the salvation of Russia lay in educating the great mass of the peasantry which had just come into power. In order to do this they had to bring back some of the intelligentsia from Siberia, so that their schools are now under competent leadership. These men however are all quite old and the younger teachers are not well educated and are very incompetent. It is estimated that it will take two generations or more to train efficient leaders.

The schools at present are under the leadership of Lunat Scharsky, a man of great ability and education. He was appointed commissar of education by Lenin and is the only one of the original appointees in office. His ideal is to educate the entire country. This, however, will be a slow process both because of the lack of trained leaders and the fact that there are two hundred nationalities in the Soviet Union and many different languages and degrees of civilization. Commissar Scharsky hopes, however, to have the larger proportion of the children of the country in free schools by 1933.

The educational system in use at the present time is the one evolved by Dr. Dewey of Columbia University and is called the Project System. It is somewhat akin to the Drexel System in that it involves the idea of theory and practice. The schools are conducted in the old homes of the nobility and are poorly equipped, only the simplest training being given. Preference in the schools is given to the workers and peasants as the people of Russia still have that hatred of the upper classes which was

"We have met the opposition and they are defeated," were the words uttered by the team after the smashing defeat dealt to Muhlenburg last Saturday. If action counts for name, Fight should be substituted for Dragon, as one of the most outstanding exhibitions of fighting spirit ever portrayed was exhibited against Muhlenberg. Bucking the odds of a heavier and older team, the Dragons came through with a well earned victory. Every man who played in that game deserves to be commended for his fine work.

Drexel's defense was practically perfect, as was shown by the way all line plunges were stopped. Each man must have been imitating Pyramus and Thisbe, but no chink was left in their stone wall. The backfield performed with clocklike precision, seeming to possess some supernatural power of figuring out in advance just when and where Muhlenburg's next play would go. Cobby Maschal's tackling was an outstanding feature of the game. Any man who came within his half of the field was sure to be downed within a few feet of the scrimmage line.

Cardoni's tackling was also worthy of comment. At no time was Drexel in very grave straits. The play which brought the Muhlenburg stands to their feet was the return of the kickoff by Leo Redmond, who ran seventy yards through the entire Muhlenburg team for a touchdown. After evading several tacklers, this spectacular run was made possible by the lightning-like formation of an invincible wedge, which formed about him to trample down the opposition. In spite of Muhlenburg's attempted rally, their chances to win were futile.

Coach Halas has produced a fighting team, a team that is instructed to play the game until the last whistle. By winning this game the team has shown what it is capable of doing, and with the proper backing of the student body a successful season is inevitable.

DREXEL IN CHINA

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond T. Moyer announce the arrival of Joan on August 7. The Moyers are at Taikuhsieu, Shansi, China.

TRYOUT FOR CHEERLEADERS HELD. MORE WANTED

Head Cheerleader "Bob" Oberholzer has issued a call for candidates for the cheerleading squad. Quite a few good prospects have turned out and it looks as if Drexel will soon have a first class group to keep the spectators "pepped up" at the games and mass-meetings. The present plan is to have a group of "tumbling cheerleaders," so, if you are talented along that line, or, would like to be, come out. No experience is necessary and we would like to have several representatives from every class so that in the future, every class will have their own class leader. There is an opening for you—from senior down to freshman. Take the hint, come out, and do your part for Drexel.

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

A Word to the Wise

It is really the proper thing for the TRIANGLE to extend a hale and hearty welcome to the incoming class, but after the welcome the Sophomores have exhibited, we are wondering if they might not be a bit confused as to the sincerity of ours. With the loss of "Mac's" column and Frank Gervasi's efficiency, the TRIANGLE is more anxious than ever to have the Freshmen feel at home in our office. They might find it a welcome retreat from mud throwing.

However, since we are cramped for space in this issue, we will merely give one piece of "advice". Obey Petie, obey the Sophs (you kind of hafta), and boost Drexel. Read the rest of our editorials and live accordingly.

"A Distinct Loss"

It has been said so often in the past—the "suffering a distinct loss" thing—that the words have lost their original depth of meaning. But in announcing that Frank Gervasi will no longer be the Managing Editor of this paper, we must use them again.

The sudden expansion of the "Triangle" last spring into a new and better form; the momentary hold on student thought that it grasped, but lost again; the attempt to venture into the field of cultural subjects; all these were largely the result of the work and thought of Frank Gervasi.

In leaving engineering for journalism, Frank is attempting a big step. Watching him leave, we can only add two more trite phrases—"Well done!" and "Good Luck!"

The Editor.

The "Triangle"—Again

In the last issue of the past school year, there was printed in this column an editorial entitled "The Drexel Triangle." It received so little comment that one is led to believe one of several things—either finals were too close, or the weather was too hot, or no one cares about the "Triangle" anyway.

We hesitate to believe that the student body does not care whether or not the "Triangle" exists—particularly when you are paying for it. Since it is your paper, you and you alone should decide what it is to be.

We hope that the "Triangle" this year will have more life than ever before. We hope that it will be, as we stated last year, 1. A means of intermingling the thoughts of Drexel students upon all subjects of common interest. 2. The means of informing students of matters involving themselves, of which they had not heard. 3. A means of provoking the action of students, faculty, and administration on matters of mutual importance. 4. An efficient, but healthy—not sugary—means of publicity. 5. A common interest of students and alumni. 6. A headlight—not a tail-lamp.

But we are determined that the "Triangle" must be above all else the place where students can freely express their thoughts, even though incoherent and poorly formed—with the hope that others will be stimulated to better thoughts.

May the "Triangle" be not only a headlight—but a pioneer in the further development of that truer and nobler Drexel spirit.

D. H. D.

Hockey---But Where?

The girls have it drilled into them that what this school needs is their co-operation, but how can they be expected to co-operate when they are not considered? They are expected to come out to football games and cheer the boys along, but why should they? They ask for the Athletic Field at least one afternoon a week for girls' sports, and are informed they can't have it. Is that fair? Aren't they ever going to be considered? You wonder why we don't snap out of it and have a hockey team. How can we when we have no field for practice? You tell us to get a team and then you will give us the field. Well, we're going to have one this year, but where's the field? That's what we want to know. How about it? Do we get any consideration, or do we just pay our little \$20 for the privilege of going to football games? S. D. S.

The Nut Cracker

By GLO.

Roger Babson, the well-known statistician, in a recent address before the National Business Congress, named seventy opportunities to become a millionaire. Among those mentioned, self-finding golf balls and watches run by radio are typical. Personally, I think the person that invents a hairpin that does not need constant attention, or a painless method of changing from short hair to long hair over night, or even something new in Freshman Hazing, would be doing a deed that would rank him with the geniuses.

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About the only way to get warm in our library is to get "wrapped up in thought".

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Ruskin said: "If jest is in you, let the jest be jested." True enough, but if the jest is not in you, and yet there is jesting to be done,—I wonder what Ruskin would have done if he was confronted with such a problem?

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I wonder if it would not be possible to spare a part of the endowment fund and use it toward the erection of a new phone booth. It takes a brave person to enter our present booth and shut the door, and even more courage to be seen coming out. It should be carefully deposited in the Drexel Museum, with a respectful ceremony, where the future generation may gap at it in wonder, as I did when I first gazed upon it.

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Times and styles have changed, but somehow there is no variation in that race to the crossing.—the train always wins.

Hazing

Hazing is a form of fun which the upper classmen generally enjoy at the expense of the Frosh. Sometimes when our supposedly dignified Juniors and Seniors allow their emotions to escape temporarily the Frosh find their expenditures totalling to something more than mere good-sportsmanship.

For instance, the scene in the Court on Wednesday, September 26th, after assembly. Many upper classmen elicited a sudden interest in the effect of water on various kinds of clothes. Results of this experiment are important in view of the fact that the childishness of some of the upper classmen has at last been definitely proved as well as the sporting good nature of our Frosh.

Rumor has it that some of them were propelled, goose-step fashion, down Market Street toward City Hall one day after the classes had begun. There, so the story goes, they were compelled to send up a note to the Mayor stating that the Drexel Freshmen were waiting his leisure below. Imagine the chagrin and envy of the upper classmen when Mayor Mackay sent down word that he would interview six of the "greenies".

Well, even with our worthy Seniors, the playful state is not many years past; so we must tolerate the apparent relapse and hope for a speedy recovery.

But how fastidious they have become with this temporary return to the childhood state!!! Somehow the service which they demand of the Frosh compares anything but favorably with that which they are usually accustomed to (?).

It is indeed fortunate for us that the Freshmen wear the blue caps and the green and yellow tags—for the present at least, we do not have to tax our minds unduly to distinguish them from the Sophomores.

EDITH F. MATTISON.

That Wise Sop

There are probably some two hundred or so sophomores in Drexel Institute, we do not know the exact number, as figures have never been a strong point in the writer's scholastic ability. You see them in the halls, draped about the rail which edges the "whispering gallery," clogging the corridors and jamming the classes. They wear the loudest ties, the most carefully raised mustaches, and incidentally the most stupid expressions on their sunburned countenances.

The particular class in question consists of those gentlemen who pester the lowly frosh. They pride themselves in being the ones who oversee the "penny pushing" races, the "Tanking parties," and other such demonstrations of occult nonsense. By the way, were it merely nonsense, it would not be so offensive, but the mere fact that it comes from the men it does, chaps who are for the most part not Sophomores at all, but bullies who flunked the major part of their work last year and are now known as "Social Sophs," makes the thing rather obnoxious.

You may or may not know, if you are a Sophomore you probably do not know, as the Sophs clan knows very little outside of the fact that they are the most important people in the court, the school and elsewhere, that the word Sophomore really means "sophisticated moron."

There. Maybe that will hold 'em. But we think not, a sophomore, or sophisticated moron, as we prefer and more properly desire to call him, is simply unholdable. He will stop at nothing. Especially does he love to placate Freshmen about half his size.

That Jester

You'll notice that "Reo" has stolen the column entitled "The Court Jester." Reo is an entirely new addition to the TRIANGLE (everybody cheer), for he is none other than Bob Oberholzer, the original Court Jester in person. Bob is attempting to fill the place formerly occupied by "Flying Rivets". We will all admit that his first attempt is a rather good one. Of course he can never compete with "The Professor"—but good luck to him!

THE COURT JESTER

By REO.

Well, well, the Frosh camps went over with a bang. They were the opening events of school this year, and, did they open it right? And how! The Boys' camp at Medford Lakes, New Jersey, played host to a hundred and twenty "frosh", all shapes and sizes. It was cold alright, some of the fellows slept like "hot dogs" to keep warm. (A cot beneath them and a cot on top of them.) Forty men went to sleep by the fire-side in the mess hall, but half of them woke up to find that they had been carried out among the pine trees during the night. The speeches sounded more like political speeches for Al Smith than anything else. Er! What was that, Mr. MacDonald? Oh, yes; who knows where the eighteen dozen buns went? Y'know, the Fight, Fight, Fight song proved popular with the new freshmen. Ask Jim Logan and El Neely; they know. And you might ask Dr. Stratton and Lt. Kelly what the discussion was about in the Headquarters on Saturday night.

The Frosh girls had a big time at the Drexel Paul Lodge over the weekend. Seems that fifty "new mama's" were welcomed to the "wonderful group of Drexel Co-eds." The girls met at the football game and left for camp in a bus. Some of the men wanted to go to the wrong camp after a good look at the new "frosh".

Drexel's football team went off on the right foot when they defeated Juniata 13-0. And listen, the largest crowd that ever saw a Drexel football game saw them do it. Now let's back the team and help them "get 'em all".

Say, is Drexel getting all dressed up? Take a walk around the campus and see the new fraternity houses and the old ones getting all dressed up.

The sops are at it again. Shoe fights and snake dances are all the rage just now. Wonder if the frosh have learned how to swim yet. (Some were swimming during the shoe fight.)

The sign on the bulletin board reading: "Anyone desiring a Little Sister report to Miss ——" caused a lot of excitement. Half of the men reported because they wanted a little sister, and the other half reported because they wanted to be a "Big Brother" to some of the nice new "Frosh". (Blondes preferred.)

Wanted: Someone to take Charlie Head's place.

Have you noticed all of the misplaced eyebrows that have blossomed over the summer? Carl Gregory could use his to better advantage on the top of his head.

Guess y'all know Coach Halas is now the proud possessor of an entire backfield. Yes, sir; the quarterback just arrived. Wonder if he'll be as small as the rest of Drexel's quarterbacks. The "Three Peanuts", otherwise known as Redman, Hughes and Tomlinson. They may be little but—oh my!

Major McCulloch was welcomed in regular military fashion. He must feel right at home, for the machine guns are still banging away in the side yard.

One trouble with the new building is that you can't sit in class and count the number of cars on freight trains any more.

Hope you all have seen Drexel's basketball schedule for this year. Princeton, Penn, Randolph Macon, Villanova and Brooklyn Poly. Games all on our own floor. Keep the dates open. Drexel's started.

Wonder if Drexel will have a boxing team this year. Too bad "Gus" Henshaw is gone—and he was such a gentle lad, too. Last year he consoled a boy with a broken nose by telling him that it looked much straighter than it did when it first happened—anyhow. And did "Gus" have a way with the women? Ask Helen Milliken, alias "May Queen", she knows. Nice boy, "Gus".

Are you tired of living—tired of studying—do you want an easy way to end it all? Join the Cheerleading squad or the tumbling team. See Maschal or Dill for particulars.

Have you seen the new Gymnasium—and the grandstands? There is plenty of room for everybody. Don't forget to get your A. A. tickets AND USE THEM.

Gosh! There goes that blonde "Frosh" in the pink dress. I MAY be back.

Drexel Noises

Did you ever know that sound travels? Every year there are repeated efforts to instill into the minds of the Drexel students this very fact. This fall that bit of information is being imparted earlier than usual, with the faint hope that it may be the first and last time necessary. Incidentally, let us say that within four days of the opening of classes remarks were passed upon the noises in the Court and the halls.

It is really not a condition that need be tolerated and one that can be easily remedied, if not through the commonsense of the students, then perhaps by more drastic measures such as many no doubt experienced in their high school days. If it is necessary to elaborate upon that subject it will be done in a later issue of the TRIANGLE.

The upper classmen must start the frosh in the right direction not only by giving them their well deserved hazing, but also in numerous other ways, among which is their duty to insist upon the youngsters adopting the idea of Quiet. Therefore, the older students must as usual be reminded to set an example for the entering students. It is sad to relate, but still true, that at times the older Drexelites might suffer a loss of dignity if they took a particular glance at the frosh who, being a bit nervous (as they should be), can be observed sitting with a meek and mild attitude in the library, while alas the upper classmen—nuff said. But the main question at issue is how to keep quiet in the halls and Court. Each one of the students may do his part, and needless to say it will be appreciated by a multitude. Fewer professors and yes, even students, will leave at the end of a hard day (tra la) with aching heads as a result of talking and thinking above the unnecessary noises.

Is this not a childish subject to discuss? Yet, it is essential that the students be reminded of just such subjects throughout the year.

D.W.

THE REVIEWER'S PENCIL

The word that can best characterize the present Philadelphia theatrical season is "flop". That may be crude, but truth does not stop at crudity. We have ten theatres representing the "legitimate" stage. And not one has brought us anything really good. A succession of musical comedies—a few of them fair, and some attempts at plays.

The few musical comedies that have attracted comment at all favorable are: "Good Boy", gone by now to New York, had one good idea, a treadmill stage, and Helen Kane, whose singing is terrible, but irresistible. "Chee-Chee" is a series of parodies on the word eunuch—hardly enough for a whole evening. "Billie" needs only to be mentioned in the same breath with George M. Cohan and Polly Walker to place it. "Animal Crackers" has the four Marx brothers to guarantee an evening of hilarious laughter.

The non-musical presentations have seemed worse because we have expected more. "The Scull" was an ordinary mystery play. "Possession" was supposed to be a fair comedy played with more than justice by a capable cast. "The Command Performance" was an attempt to straddle between the risque qualities of last season's delightful success, "The Command to Love", and the melodrama of "Chicago". The attempt was almost farcical, but Jessie Royce Landis and Ian Keith helped to make the evening endurable. "Mr. Moneypenny", the latest from Channing Pollock, boasts of sets by Robert Edmond Jones, one of the most capable artists in his field. It is said to have sufficient other qualities to afford an enjoyable evening.

The one bright spot in the horizon is the coming visit of the Theatre Guild in four of their recent successes. Some time during the fall, they will bring to the Garrick, Ferenc Molnar's "The Guardsman", George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man", Ben Jonson's "Volpone" and Eugene O'Neill's "Marco Millions". These four are certain to be among the ten best plays presented in Philadelphia this season. When one adds the quality of a Guild presentation to a play of O'Neill or Shaw, one approaches the best the theatre has to offer.

Several other announcements of future offerings are interesting. "Interference", a melodrama that survived a long run in New York, has no pretensions to greatness, but claims to be interesting. "The Royal Family" is due to travel from Broadway to Broad Street some time this month. "Macbeth" will be presented in the long series of successful Tyler revivals. Margaret Anglin and Lyn Harding are the leading members of the cast. Their names are sufficient to guarantee quality.

The remainder of the time seems due to be filled by more of these stupid musical comedies. D. H. D.

New Fire Doors Installed

Considerable comment has been aroused in student circles about the new fire doors between the main building and East Hall on the first and second floors. Few students know why these doors were installed.

The building has been fifteen years without the doors but when the new edifice was to be erected the city insurance inspectors ordered their installation in accordance with fire regulations. The Institute obtained permission from the Underwriters to put a glass partition at each door in view of the cold air that would be admitted in the winter.

Auditorium Acoustics Baffle Physicists

Principle of Sound Reflection Entirely New Idea

It is interesting to note that the new acoustics now installed in the Auditorium are constructed to specifications contrary to all the known laws of sound and physics. According to Dr. Schrader of the Physics Department this new installation is not only remarkable in its success but marks an epoch in the acoustical field.

When work was first started last year on improving the acoustics of the hall, experts from all over the country were called to Drexel to inspect the auditorium and give suggestions as to the best method to be used. Notable among these was Dr. Watson of the University of Illinois, one of the great teachers of the country and an authority on sound.

He suggested a set of absorbers to be installed in the hall following the old principle that in order for sound to carry it is necessary to have absorbent walls, in order to break up the reflection of sound waves. Following his advice, the Johns Manville Company installed a set of wall boards for this purpose. These upon testing were found unsatisfactory.

This was a great disappointment but Dr. Matheson issued another call for experts and this time Berliner, the great inventor of Washington, D. C., came forward. This gentleman, who has made millions on the patents of his inventions, had noticed that in order for a violin to sound best it was necessary for it to have resonating walls such as wood or composition. Working on this proposition he had discovered that those halls whose walls were made of hard plaster or stone were oftentimes faulty in acoustics. He immediately started to experiment and the installation that we have at the present time is the result. The plaques that are on the side panels are made of metal discs shaped like pie plates and about eight inches in diameter. These are covered with a special protective plaster and are so constructed that when one is touched the others are set to vibrating, thus causing the sound waves to be carried on rather than absorbed.

That this has proved most satisfactory is attested by the testimony of those men who were seated in the back rows of the auditorium on Wednesday. Several have said that they could hear perfectly and none have complained of being unable to hear. This is the first time that this has been possible since the construction of the Auditorium.

It might be added that the only other installation of this sort in the East is in the Knights of Columbus' Hall in Atlantic City. At the time this hall was constructed Mr. Berliner's invention was chosen in preference to all others, regardless of cost. Here is just another evidence that Drexel is moving forward.

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Once more the month of September has ushered in the captivating sport of football. This year practically all colleges are looking forward to bigger and better results than the past, and equally so at Drexel. Our estimations and hopes received their bit of encouragement September 22nd when we met and defeated Juniata College by a 13-0 score. Drexel exhibited real possibilities by defeating this team which we held last year to a 0-0 tie. Juniata had eight varsity men from last year, including George Beery, which marks his seventh year of football, having played three years in high school. Their line averaged 165 pounds and backfield 152 pounds.

While Drexel was comparatively weak in aerial work Coach Halas expects to bring his overhead game to a point which will prove a real menace to opposing teams. Judging from the schedule, this season promises to be worthy of every one's attention, and if such is the case, the team will uphold their fine start.

HECKMAN CAPTAINS VICTORIOUS TEAM

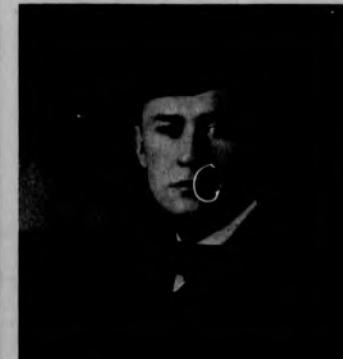
Reed Heckman has been elected to captain the Dragons for the 1928 season, and under his leadership two successful games have been played. Reed, who was formerly from Monaca, Pa., where he played guard on the Monaca High School team, has been in Drexel three years and has played varsity football during that time. He is taking a course in electrical engineering and is exhibiting as much success there as on the football field. Reed is a member of the Phi Kappa Beta Fraternity and of Scabbard and Blade, is treasurer of the A. I. E. and secretary of the A. A. Council. The team has placed its utmost confidence in Heckman's ability as Captain and are going to produce winning team under his guidance.

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Girls' Athletic Managers Chosen

On Friday, September 28th, the Women's Athletic Board met for the purpose of discussing the athletic program for the coming year. The first business of the meeting was to appoint Sally Simpson as manager of hockey and Janet Letchworth, manager of basketball.

The girls may have the use of the Drexel athletic field on Saturday mornings for hockey practice. With only one day a week available for their use it is essential that all the women interested in the game come out at the appointed time and help to develop a team that is worthy of the name of Drexel.

FACULTY AND STUDENTS WELCOME FROSH

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would not mind wearing the regulations himself (except the cap) and said that they could talk to him at any time. Most of the frosh went out with the feeling that there is some justice after all.

The assembly accomplished its purpose. It acquainted the new class with those organizations working for its service; the Y. M. C. A., the library, the faculty and the student government. Did somebody say something about a good start?

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ALUMNI NOTES

Alumni President Announces Platform

Dear Alumni:

You have elected me to the highest office in your power, the Presidency of the Drexel Institute Alumni Association. I greatly appreciate the honor bestowed upon me and thank you most sincerely. I shall endeavor to give my best efforts in carrying on the splendid work of my predecessors and, in return, ask of you the fullest co-operation and support necessary to make this work successful.

It is unnecessary for me to speak to you of loyalty to Drexel, as the alumni readers of the TRIANGLE have all shown their loyalty by active membership in the Alumni Association. I do wish, however, to call your attention to the planks of our Alumni platform for the year.

We have an active membership of over 1,000; 143 of whom are life members and 150 are paying life membership.

Our first plank is to ask each annual and paying life member to respond promptly when they receive notice that another payment is due.

Our second plank is for each active member to endeavor to secure at least one more active member for the Association. Our aim for the year is to increase our life membership fund to \$10,000 (we should have at least \$50,000 in this fund, the income only of which is used for current expenses), and to raise our active membership to at least 1500.

Our third plank is for all of us this year to put more emphasis on Drexel Alumni Day,—April 27, 1929. Your committee spends considerable time and energy on plans for this day and we should support them by gathering on that day. If too far distant to return to the Institute, then have a reunion of Drexel alumni in your vicinity.

Our fourth plank is to form more Drexel Clubs. Wherever the sons and daughters of Drexel can possibly gather, even though the number be small, have reunions. Before such meetings write to the Alumni Secretary for an up-to-date

statement of Drexel's progress and standing in the educational world.

Our fifth plank is to ask regional organizations and individuals to bring to the attention of high school principals and worth while students the advantages of our courses in Business Administration and Secretarial studies, Engineering, Home Economics and Library Science (limited to college graduates) and the fact that we grant degrees upon the completion of these courses.

Our sixth plank is to ask you to respond promptly to requests for support you may receive during the year from our Entertainment Committee, our Membership Committee and our Publicity Committee. These committees are putting forth a real effort, but cannot succeed without your co-operation. In conclusion, I wish to thank you again and may our Alumni Association through your assistance be of greater service to Drexel this year than ever before.

Yours sincerely,

GEORGE B. ROBERTS, President,
Drexel Institute Alumni Association.

DREXEL "YM" AND "YW" CAMPS

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chestra and Glee Club. Miss Dorsey wound up the meeting with an inspirational talk in which she set forth the idea that the Y. W. C. A. represents a "way of living" which invariably leads its members to a fuller and more successful life. In an informal talk following, many of the freshmen expressed the feeling that a new conception of college was coming to them.

The second day opened with breakfast at 8.30. Time was given over to whatever the girls wished to do until 10.30, when the Morning Service featuring Mrs. Ellis A. Schnable of Incarnation Church, West Philadelphia, was held.

The theme of her talk can be summed up by the trite but very expressive phrase "Be Yourself."

In the course of the afternoon a number of visitors dropped in; Mr. and Mrs. Van Rensselaer, the Misses Burdett, Crawley, Kees and Lacy.

Mrs. Matheson opened the afternoon session with a speech of welcome and



Committee of Y. M. C. A. Camp
Neely, Dawson and Spencer.

Miss Godfrey continued with a discussion of college problems. Then came time to adjourn.

The success of the camp was shown by the reluctance with which the girls left the Lodge. The Y. W. C. A. is to be congratulated upon the splendid introduction they afforded the freshmen girls to Drexel life.

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ALUMNI CALENDAR

- Oct. 6—Alumnae Luncheon for Freshmen women.
Football, Delaware at Newark.
- 13—Football, Susquehanna at Philadelphia.
- 20—Football, C. C. of N. Y., at New York.
- 27—Football, Washington, at Chestertown, Md.
- 29—Entertainment Committee Meeting, 8 p. m.
- Nov. 2—Card Party, Penn Athletic Club.
- 3—Football, N. Y. Aggies, at Philadelphia.
- 10—Football, Ursinus, at Collegeville.
- 17—Football, Haverford, at Haverford.
- 24—Football, St. Joseph's, at Philadelphia.

DR. MATHESON TELLS OF RESEARCH

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the cause of the Revolution. Commissioner Scharsky, at present, is trying to make all the schools of preliminary education free to all children. This will include everything up to college and only picked students will be sent to college.

Dr. Matheson also points out an unfortunate outgrowth of the Revolution that will tend to hinder the advancement of education. The children in the schools are taught that the rest of the world is their enemy and that they must combine against the capitalistic countries for the protection of Russia. This will tend to kill interest in Russia on the part of other countries.

In spite of the apparent hopelessness of conditions in Russia the leaders are evolving, through experiment and a study of other educational systems, a system of their own and are becoming more conservative in their educational ideals. It will be interesting to watch the development of Russia in this field.

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