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# The Ursinus Weekly

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## ANNIVERSARY PLAY JUDGED A SUCCESS

"Othello" as Rendered by Members  
of Schaff Society Pleases  
Large Audience.

The students of the college and friends of the Schaff Literary Society assembled in the chapel on Friday evening to witness the forty-second anniversary exercises of the organization. As it has been the custom of Schaff in the past to present a play on such an occasion, it was decided to hold to tradition this year, and accordingly Shakespeare's "Othello" was given.

Though this drama is very difficult to produce and is rarely attempted on the American stage, it must be said that its college interpreters did particularly well and are to be congratulated for their effort after several weeks of continual practice. The character of the play itself was of course superior to previous Schaff productions and the manner of presentation was better than that of the play of last year or the year before.

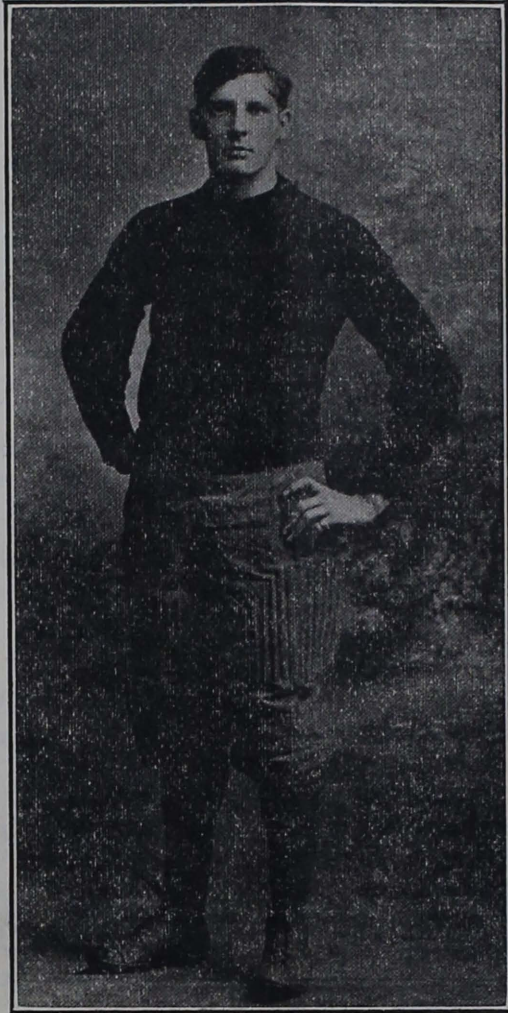
Too much credit cannot be given for the success of theatricals about Ursinus to Mr. J. Edward Lane, who coached the cast of Friday night, and whose willingness to direct Ursinus plays is indeed appreciated by the student body.

Mr. Dewees F. Singley, '15, appeared in the title role, "Othello," and very creditably portrayed his love for Desdemona, his hesitance to doubt her, his vengeance in killing her and his remorse in killing himself. He was at his best in the final act when upon the discovery that he had murdered an innocent wife, he paid the penalty of death himself.

Miss Ada Schlichter, '13, took the part of Desdemona and proved a beautiful wife to the Moor. Her reading into her lines in the death scene, in which she absolved Othello from blame, a spirit of resignation and sorrow and fidelity, lent greatly to the effect. Mr. George R. Ensminger, '14, was the villainous Iago and brought out in an able fashion the faithlessness of a supposed friend, his cunning in attempting to lay improper emphasis on the relations between Othello's wife and Cassio, and his treachery in plotting against the Moor. Mr. Ensminger's characterization was perhaps the best of the evening.

As Cassio, Mr. E. B. Jacobs, '13, gave a good rendition of the lieutenant's loyal and trusting nature, presented an imposing appearance on the stage and acted especially well in the drinking and duelling scenes. In the part of Emilia, Miss Mary Bartman, '13, capably showed her devotion to her mistress, Desdemona, her lack of sympathy with her husband, Iago, and a lack of foresight in not returning the fatal handkerchief to its rightful owner. Mr. Paul E. Elicker, '14,

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PAUL W. YOH  
CAPTAIN 1912 FOOTBALL TEAM

### EX-CAPTAIN YOH.

Paul W. Yoh, captain of the 1912 football team, is a member of the present Senior class. He was unanimously elected to lead the football team in the fall of 1911.

Yoh came to Ursinus in 1908 entering the Freshman class. He had attended Mercersburg Academy for several years previous. On reporting for duty on the athletic field. Yoh was first placed on the Scrub team because of his inexperience. His ability, however, soon gained him the position as guard on the Varsity, where he played for two and one-half years. In his Junior year he was shifted to the tackle position at which position he has since played a star game. He is an aggressive player, on offense always making substantial gains, and on defense being in every play. He is 6 feet tall and weighs 180 pounds.

### GLEE CLUB CHOSEN.

The male Glee Club for the year was selected from the candidates during the past week. The club will consist of twenty men and will be composed as follows:

First tenor—Paisley, Reinhold, Kantner, Pritchard and Rambo.

Second tenors—Erickson, Yeager, H. Mathieu, Jacobs and Yeatts.

First bass—Ancona, Gay, Wetzel, Hallman and Boyer.

Second bass—Yoh, Robinson, Harrity, Gingrich and Mertz.

The concerts this year promise to be of a high order. The managers are arranging for engagements and promise several excellent trips.

### SEAMAN ELECTED CAPTAIN.

At a meeting of the Varsity football men Ray Seaman, '14, was elected Captain of the team for the 1913 football season.

Seaman learned all his football knowledge while at Ursinus under the tutorship of Coach Price. He entered the old Academy in the fall of 1908 and from there entered the college in 1910. He played a steady game for several years on the scrub eleven in tackle position. In 1911 he started the season at center on the Varsity but after a few games it was found necessary to place him at left end. Since that time he has continually filled this position, always playing a hard game.

### FRESHMEN ENTERTAINED.

Not satisfied with the success attained over the Sophomores in the football game several weeks ago, and the Freshman banquet, the 1916 co-eds gave a reception to the Freshman boys last Wednesday evening in Olevian Hall. The affair was a climax to the Freshman success and the members of the class spent a very jovial time in various forms of entertainment. At a proper time, with cheers for the hosts, the Freshmen returned to their rooms, those rooming in the main dormitories being somewhat aggravated by the fact that their rooms had been disturbed during their absence.

Ralph Mitterling, '15, who was badly bruised in the Muhlenberg game is regaining his health at his home in Freeburg, Pa.

## ACTIVITIES OF URSINUS ALUMNI

Goodly Number of Interesting Notes  
Contributed by Alumni  
Editors.

Professor R. M. Yerkes, '97, of the psychological department of Harvard University recently came to the conclusion, after a series of experiments, that an earthworm can think. Knowing that an angleworm will always crawl out of a lighted place into a dark one, the professor put a worm into a glass dish in which were two dark holes. The right hand hole was merely a regular earth cavity. The left hand one, however, contained a mildly charged electric battery, the object of which was to give the worm a shock in case it should desire to poke itself into it. The worm learned its lesson well and continually went to the right when put into the glass dish.

Among those present at Schaff anniversary were Messrs. Abel, '09, H. K. Thomas, '10, Tyson, '10, Fegley, Moser, '10, Detwiler, ex-'13, and Mrs. R. E. Miller, '04, Mrs. F. L. Moser, '10, Misses Neff, '09, Latshaw, '11, Saylor, '12, Scheuren, '12, Brooks, '12, Place, '10, Heebner, '12, Hartzel, ex-A, Knauer, ex-'10.

Rev. F. F. Bahner, '73, one of the oldest living alumni of the college and of the first graduating class recently celebrated the thirty-fifth anniversary of his pastorate of Trinity Reformed church of Waynesboro, Pa. He began his ministerial duties on December 1, 1877, coming from Milton, his first charge. The thirty-fifth anniversary of Doctor Bahner's pastorate of Salem Reformed church, in the country close by Waynesboro, was observed on the same day.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of Interior Academy, Dakota, Ill., full settlement was made with Rev. G. W. Kerstetter, '98, and all relations severed. Mr. Kerstetter had been acting in the capacity of Dean and Principal of the school for several years and did much hard work in his endeavors to bring the school to the fore. The Academy has been discontinued, the main reason being the business inexpediency of continuing it. The entire plant, including recitation building, dormitory and campus, will be disposed of.

Rev. C. I. Lau, '09, after graduating from Central Seminary last spring, accepted a call to the Wilton, Ia., charge and is doing good work in the two churches which constitute the charge.

Rev. Welcome S. Kerschner, '09, is now located at Freeport, Illinois, at which place he is the pastor of the Reformed church.

Clarence E. Toole, '08, is now employed by the Eastern Pennsylvania Electric Company, at Easton.

Among the alumni seen at the Muhlenberg game were Mertz, '10, Spears, (Continued on page four.)

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## EDITORIAL

Many complaints arose in previous years because of the methods then in vogue of choosing a representative to the Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest. The previous method, which originated in some unknown way, limited the representative to a member of the graduating class and further, by custom, limited him to the winner of the Junior Oratorical Contest.

It was found necessary during the present year to reform the rules governing the Junior Oratorical Contest, broadening the qualifications sufficiently to include all members of the Junior class. This also was brought about by the initiative of the student body acting through the literary societies. But even with the Junior contest brought up to a higher standard, the custom of delegating the winner of this contest as the representative to the Intercollegiate contest did not meet with the approval of the student body.

The committees from the literary societies acting in conjunction with the faculty committee accordingly proposed a new method. An entirely separate contest has been arranged for this event taking place shortly before the Intercollegiate contest itself and being open to all students who have completed four and one-half college courses. Such rules as have been formulated will provide, in a way, for a feature which has been somewhat neglected in the past, and upon which, especially in an institution of the nature of Ursinus College, more emphasis should be laid.

It remains for those who have ability along the lines of public speaking to enter this contest and concentrate their efforts in making it a success. Owing to the change taking place only recently, the time remaining is somewhat short, but not too short to prevent it being a good contest. It is hoped that the winner

of this event whether he be a Senior, Junior or Sophomore will be one who is the true representative of the college and one who, in representing his Alma Mater at an intercollegiate contest will bring credit and honor both to himself and the institution.

The new method is frankly put on trial and it may be necessary to make some changes after a year or two. But the principle is right and outside of a few minor changes will answer the demands of the college for some time.

## CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

### Y. M. C. A.

The regular Wednesday evening meeting was in charge of Deininger who reported on the Students' Volunteer Conference held at Princeton University several weeks ago. The conference was a success and it can be attributed mainly to the work of such men as Drs. Headland, Speer, Jowett and Janvier. These certainly are men who never fail to leave a deep impression upon their audiences.

Mr. Deininger spoke briefly of the prevailing religions in heathendom and the conditions incident to them and pointed out clearly the call of Eastern nations for Christian civilization. He also indicated the response of the church in its missionary activity. The one and only cure for conditions in heathen lands is men and women who are willing to live lives of Christian uprightness and character. Next week an open discussion will take place and there should be a good attendance.

### Y. W. C. A.

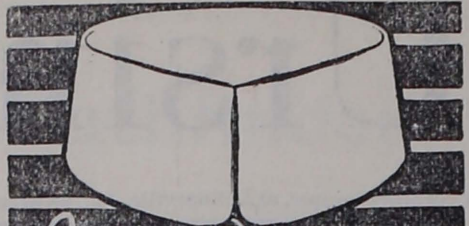
The monthly missionary meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held on Tuesday evening. Miss Fisher, the leader, read a report of the Y. W. C. A. work in Buenos Aires. The association there meets and helps all travelers, and provides a substantial luncheon for young working women. A successful employment bureau is maintained, which helps create interest in Y. W. C. A. work. Regular Sunday services and Bible classes are conducted and an effort is being made to secure education and a suitable social life for the girls. The present buildings of the association, however, are totally inadequate, and property is so high in Buenos Aires that a large fund will be required to make needed improvements.

### Classical Group Meeting.

The Classical Group met on Monday evening in the Philosophy room and rendered the following program: Declamation, Miss Mayberry; paper, "The Permanent Contribution of the Greeks to Human Culture," Wetzels; Report of the meeting of the College Association of the Middle States and Maryland, Prof Kline. After the program was rendered refreshments were served and the members indulged freely in conversation and discussion.

### Brotherhood of St. Paul.

Rev. A. D. Wolfinger addressed a special meeting of the Brotherhood on Tuesday evening. Dr. Wolfinger, who is connected with the Central Theological Seminary at Dayton, Ohio gave an interesting talk on the duties and responsibilities of those who expect to enter the ministry.



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**AMONG OTHER COLLEGES.**  
 Five Sophomores were recently suspended from Dickinson College for hazing. Their offense was that of initiating a Freshman about a month ago by imprinting on the forehead of their victim with the use of acids the word "Fresh." The affair caused considerable notoriety and the parents of some of the persons implicated threaten to make trouble.

It has recently been announced that President Taft will accept a professorship in Yale University after his administration comes to a close.

It is proposed to make Seniors the advisers for Freshmen at the University of Michigan. If the proposed plan is adopted by the faculty, three or four Freshmen will be assigned to each Senior, who will inform them as to college traditions, customs and minor matters.

Rutgers and Stevens have met each other in football ever since 1874. The number of games played has been 43, Rutgers winning 23 and Stevens winning 15, the other 5 games being scoreless ties.

Swarthmore College seems to be deeply interested in the suffrage movement of the present day.

Statistics show that 46 of the 48 states of the Union are represented in the undergraduate body of Cornell University. Nevada and Wyoming are not represented. The total registration from the United States is 4,371.

The entering class at Amherst this

year was the tallest in the history of the college, averaging 5 feet, 8.7 inches. The average weight of the new men was found to be 136.

Recent statistics taken at Yale show that the average Freshman spent \$1141, Sophomore, \$1136, Junior \$1156, and Senior \$1169 per year.

Wilson College recently adopted a rule forbidding the existence of secret societies among the students.

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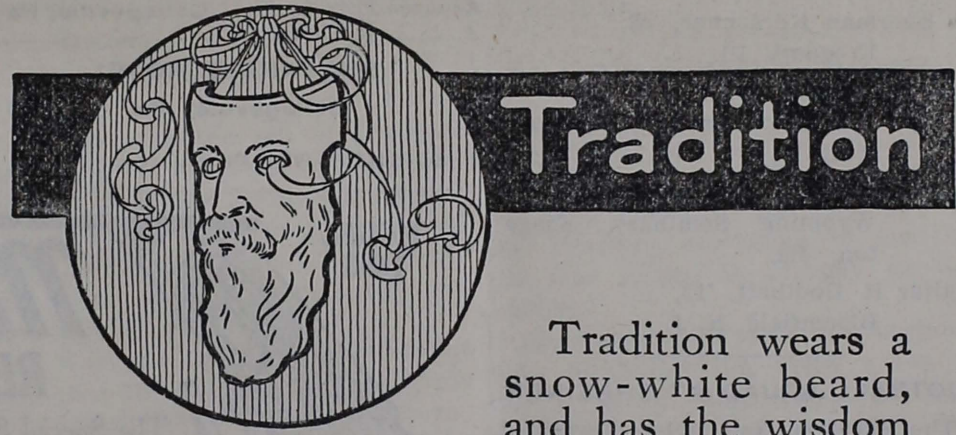
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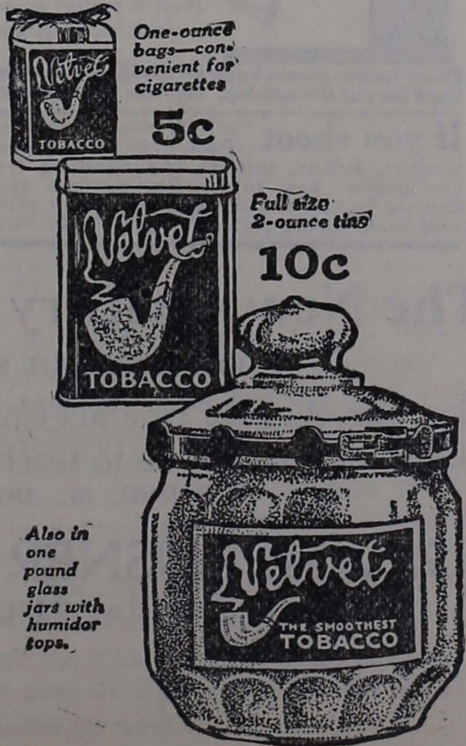
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**SCHAFF PLAY.**

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was the Venetian Roderigo, who grew desperate on learning that Desdemona could not be his, but who came to entertain hopes through the proffered assistance of the traitor Iago. That Roderigo was under the influence of Iago and was the weaker nature of two, Mr. Elicker made very evident. Mr. C. Otto Reinhold, '13, as Brabantio, cleverly pleaded for his daughter, Desdemona, before the Duke of Venice, Mr. Ulrich D. Rumbaugh, '14, who was calm and stern in hearing both Brabantio and Othello. Mr. Paul Keller, '15, as Montano, proficiently fought the duel with Cassio, and Mr. D. Sterling Light, '16, and Mr. Henry E. Gebhard, '14, took their parts well as kinsmen to Brabantio.

Previous to the production Miss E. Peters, '14, and Miss Gladys M. Boorem, '15, rendered a piano duet in a pleasing manner, and between two acts Mr. Erickson, '15, rendered a trombone solo, and Miss Viola C. Moser, '13, Miss Florence M. Detwiler, '14, Mr. Herman F. Gingrich, '16, and Mr. Lary B. Small, '14, a vocal quartette, which were encored.

Mr. Charles A. Fisher, '14, acted as stage carpenter and Mr. Small as stage director. Miss Boorem acted as accompanist during the play.

Following the play the audience had an opportunity of meeting the cast and of enjoying the refreshments.

**RUBY CALENDAR.**

The 1914 Ruby managers placed their calendar on sale during the last week. The calendar is equal or better than any produced for a number of years at Ursinus. The cover is especially neat and appropriate and it contains all up-to-date cuts of the athletic teams and other organizations. The calendars are being sold for fifty cents and can be secured from the managers.

**CALENDAR**

**TUESDAY—**

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6.45 p. m. Y. M. C. A. in English room.

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'10, Amy Fermier, '10, Mary K. Shaw, ex-A, and the Misses Leinbach, ex-A.

E. H. Reisner, ex-'07, professor of education at one of the larger colleges in Kansas, will soon publish a book on the subject of education.

E. N. Rhodes, '08, is traveling in Pennsylvania for the Macmillan publishing house of New York, as the State representative to secondary schools.

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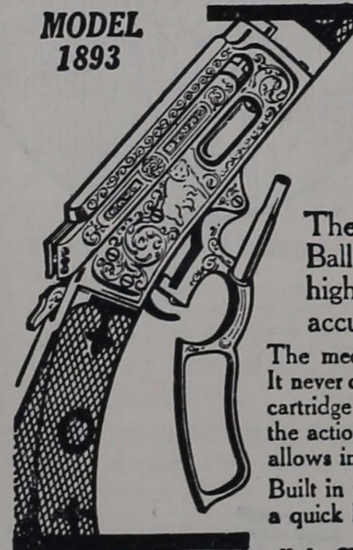
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