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EDITORIAL

It has been very gratifying this fall to notice the increased interest that members of the community have been taking in the college, and especially in its football team. This was shown as never before at the game with Dickinson last Saturday. On that afternoon the staid business men of the town engaged a band to mix its mellow strains with the hoarse yells of the students—they wagered their hard-earned money upon the outcome of the contest—and when Ursinus scored each of its touchdowns some even forgot their very evident maturity and stamped madly the unoffending field, thrashed the circumambient air with their wildly waving arms, and emitted such sounds as have probably never been heard since the 1907 Glee Club sang one maddy evening at Roversford. Such support as this is certainly encouraging, and is more admirable when we think of the midnight serenades, and the pilfered combustibles in return for which it is given. We hope this will be the beginning of that community of interest which should exist, and so seldom does, between a college and its neighbors in the village where it is situated.

In this same line it is only right to give credit to the students of the institution for the demonstrations they made Saturday afternoon, on the field, and Monday night at the bon-fire. These displays may have

been merely the result of a successful football game, but we hope they are also indicative of an improved spirit throughout the school. The continuation of such student sentiment means much toward our team's success.

When the manager of the "Weekly" was soliciting subscriptions some time ago he accosted an alumnus of the college on the subject. The alumnus in question replied that he did not want the "Weekly," because it never contained any alumni notes. An accusation like this one has a boomerang effect. Alumni have been told long ago that our only sources of information outside of personal-ly sent contributions are the two church papers in the library. The news found in these is always two weeks old by the time it appears in the "Weekly" and moreover never pertains to anyone not actively engaged in church work. All news that is fresh and interesting must necessarily come from individual members of the alumni. Inasmuch as scarcely a half-dozen notes have thus far been received, the "Weekly" feels little responsibility for the state of affairs.

It is furthermore an evidence of a very slender interest in the college for this alumnus to find nothing in the paper to interest him except notes of himself and his classmates. The alumnus of Ursinus who is not always interested in what his college is doing is minus some part of the makeup of a true Ursinus man.

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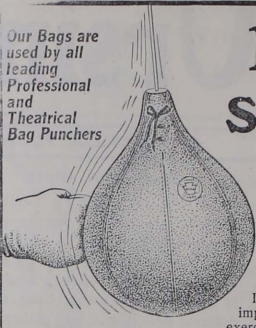
The program for Friday evening was a debate. The question was "Resolved, that the United States should adopt universal divorce laws."

The first number on the program was a vocal trio, "Ebb and Flow" by Misses Saylor, Booser and Dunn. The debate followed. Mr. Laner was chief affirmative speaker, and Messrs. Tyson and Knauer were the chosen speakers. The points of the affirmative side were:

1. Federal Law is necessary for a system of divorce law. Universal laws would make it more difficult for a person to get a divorce.
2. The advantage of the Universal divorce law is to be found in the fact that every one must conform to one law. Under this supervision one must go through a greater routine in order to get a divorce.
3. The Universal law would decrease the number of divorcees.

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BONFIRE IN HONOR OF DICKINSON GAME

On account of the rain, the bonfire in celebration of our victory over Dickinson was postponed from Saturday until Monday night. Freshmen and Academy students spent their spare hours Monday collecting inflammable material for the blaze, and after some diligent foraging a substantial pile of rubbish was accumulated.

At 9 p. m. the ceremonies started with a parade through the town. The column was led by the East Wing outdoor orchestra, comprising artistic talent on trombone, cornet, clarinet and flute. The paraders assisted the celebration with vocal efforts. The various members of the faculty living in town were visited, and induced to deliver themselves of their feelings regarding the victory. After an extensive march the host congregated around the pyre. A box was impressed into service as a platform, and the various men on the team were called upon by yells. However, the attack of the team was woefully weak, and most of the stalwart warriors fled the spot. A few were captured, and felt constrained to make remarks whose eloquence varied from the rasli pronunciamiento of him who said he was glad the team had won to the statement of the modest Freshman who said he would let the Sophs do all the talking.

A number of our prominent townsmen responded to repeated cheers for speeches, and as the bonfire began to utter its last gasps the assemblage smote the quiet evening with several yells, by way of benediction, and then made a bee line for bed.

Y. M. C. A.

Instead of the regular meeting a joint meeting with the Y. W. C. A. was held Wednesday evening. Mertz, who was in charge, con-

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ducted a very interesting and melodious song service.

Before closing, the matter of sending delegates to the quadrennial Missionary Conference of the Student Volunteer Movement was brought before the Association. The Y. M. C. A., elected R. S. Thomas as a delegate. The Y. W. C. A. expects to elect a delegate in the near future.

The conference this year will be held at Rochester, N. Y., and will be in session from Dec. 29 to Jan. 2, 1910.

CHEMICAL BIOLOGICAL GROUP ORGANIZES

A short business meeting of the Chem-Bi Group was held Wednesday evening. Plans for this year's work were discussed, and the Group was formally re-organized. Meetings will occur the first Wednesday evening of each month, at 7:30 in the Biological Lecture Room. The officers for this year are as follows: President, Wagner, '10; Vice-President, Davis, '10; Secretary and Treasurer, Kerschner, '12; Representative to Union, Spears, '10.

SEMINARY

Mrs. Dr. Cosner, of Dayton, lectured to the students on last Wednesday morning under the auspices of the Elocution Department. Important phases of pulpit speaking were strongly emphasized, and ideas of how to read the scriptures were presented. The lecture was interesting and instructive through-



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