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## CALENDAR

Wednesday, Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Vacation Begins, 4 p. m.  
Saturday, Nov. 27, Thanksgiving Vacation Ends, 8 a. m.  
Monday, Nov. 29, Handel Chorus 7 p. m.  
Orchestra 8 p. m.  
Tuesday, Nov. 30, V. W. C. A. 6.40 p. m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 1, V. M. C. A. 6.40 p. m.  
Deutscher Verein, 7.30 p. m.  
Thursday, Dec. 2, Handel Chorus, 7 p. m.  
Friday, Dec. 3, Literary Societies, 7.40 p. m.

## FOOTBALL

SOPHS. 27. FRESH. 0.

The much talked of inter-class football game was played on Monday afternoon on the college athletic field, the Freshmen suffering a 27-0 defeat by their opponents and guardians, the Sophs. Considering the small amount of practice that is taken in preparation for the interclass contest, this game was very well played, and lacked the amateur and amusing features that often characterize a game of this kind. The decisions of the referee and umpire were not disputed once, nor were angry words exchanged between the teams at any time—another noteworthy fact. Both teams are to be commended for the manner in which the game was played.

The Sophs won the toss and essayed to receive the kickoff. West received the ball on the ten yard line and advanced the ball ten more. By a series of line plunges by Isenberg and Kerr Thompson the Sophs made a number of substantial gains up the field. Kerr then took the ball around end for a twenty yard gain. By further line plunging by their heavy backfield, and a gain of ten yards around end by Isenberg, the ball was advanced within a few yards of the goal line when Kerr was pushed over for the first touchdown. West kicked the goal. Score, Sophs 6; Fresh. 0.

On the next line-up, Slonaker received the ball for the Freshmen, and advanced it several yards. Gay made a fifteen yard run when he was spilled by a pretty tackle by Thomasson. The next play, someone got through the Fresh line and threw Bransome for a loss before the play was started. Gay then kicked to Behney who was downed in his tracks by Yoh. A play was

tried by the Sophs through the line, but no gain was made. Kerr then made fifteen yards around left end, and then ten more on each of two line plunges. On the latter play the Sophs were penalized five yards for off side. On the next two plays Kerr and West both made good gains around end. Bob Thompson was then given the ball, but failed to make any gain. Kerr was again sent around end; after which, by a cleverly executed forward pass to Isenberg the second touchdown was scored. West kicked the goal. Score 12-0.

Slonaker received the next kickoff for the Freshmen, and advanced it fifteen yards. Slonaker and Gay then made substantial gains by runs around the ends. An on-side kick by Gay was captured by Thomasson. A line plunge by the Sophs failed to gain, on which play they were penalized fifteen yards for holding. A forward pass was then attempted by West, which hit the ground, when the first half ended.

In the second half, Bransome received the kick, advancing it twenty-five yards before downed. In the next play, the pass from centre went over Gay's head; Bob Thompson captured the ball and twenty yards for an easy touchdown. West missed the goal. Score 17-0.

The Sophs then kicked off to Piffle who advanced the ball several yards. The Freshmen then made two good gains through their opponents, but fumbled on the thirty-five yard line, Kerr Thompson recovering the ball and running down the open field to the goal line. He was called back, the Sophs receiving a fifteen yard penalty for holding. Kerr was pushed through the line for two more gains, and two other long runs were made by Kerr and Isenberg. Kichline then advanced the ball to the three yard line, where on the next play the ball was fumbled, Piffle falling on it. The Freshmen kicked and Kichline received it on the twenty-five yard line, advancing the ball five yards. On the next play Kerr went around right end for a touchdown. West failed to kick the goal. Score 22-0.

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## HISTORICAL-POLITICAL GROUP MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Historical Political Group was held Thursday evening in the history room when the group was favored by an address on Philadelphia politics by Colonel Vanderslice, a member of the board of directors of Ursinus College, and also for a number of years a prominent member of the Philadelphia bar.

The account given was from a thoroughly unprejudiced point of view. Philadelphia was described as a city with one of the most thoroughly organized systems of government in the United States, with a splendid lighting equipment and only second to Paris in the amount of paved streets. The tax rate, regardless of the vast number of public improvements, is not above that of the majority of smaller towns which lack almost all public improvements. The system of government was devised with the intention of placing most of the power in the hands of the mayor, who was naturally expected to be a man capable of holding such a responsible position. Instead of this the mayor has since 1887 been ruled by the political machine, with the result that Philadelphia is governed according to the will of the majority, who in turn are ruled by less than a dozen individuals.

Being personally acquainted with most of the men who are leaders in Philadelphia politics, he describes them as men entirely different from that of accounts generally given by the public press. Not as men who are thoroughly immoral and unscrupulous in their dealings with the voters, but men who are persistent and at the same time thoroughly acquainted with the work in hand. Their plan is not so much to gain power by glaring corruption, but rather by means of personal favors, thus gaining for themselves a host of friends. While these men may be shouting reform, they are ready to stand by their party leader simply because he is a jolly good fellow, not suspecting that the kindness shown is not due to a manifestation of the true philanthropic spirit, but is done for the purpose of promulgating some political scheme.

As a result of this faction on the part of the contractor leaders, those who hold the most responsi-

ble positions are merely puppets guided by the influence of boss rule, instead of strong men such as are demanded by a city as far advanced as Philadelphia.

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## HISTORY CLASS AT PENN

Professor Riddle's class in Ancient History made the annual excursion to the University of Pennsylvania Museums to inspect the finds of the recent Assyrian and Babylonian excavations. Prof. Riddle was especially fortunate in finding Dr. Hilprecht in his study in the Museums, for after an interchange of cordial greetings Dr. Hilprecht assigned one of his staff of scholarly translators to explain the exhibits.

Dr. Radau, who, by the way has a reading knowledge of twenty-two languages, entertained and instructed the Ursinus party for an hour explaining the methods of excavation, the value and importance of the various discoveries, translated many of the inscriptions for the class and furnished many facts concerning this early period of a great civilization not yet written in our history text books.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the whole trip came when Dr. Radau invited the class into the workshop of the translator and showed them history being revealed. Picking up several fragments of one of the tablets from the Temple Library of Nippur he passed them around the class, then showed them the transcription of the characters on paper he had made by means of powerful reading glasses and then added that the work was only half completed as that was but preparatory to the translation.

In reply to Prof. Riddle's remark that the work must be trying, Dr. Radau said "Yes, infinite patience is needed but then," and his face lit up with enthusiasm as he said it, "I like it. It is something to feel that you are the first to read a message coming from the people who lived 5,000 years ago. It's like seeing a great painting grow before you, realizing that through you its message will be delivered."

Behney, '12, and Thomasson, '12, pedestriated to Phoenixville on Sunday.

Maeder, '10, was a willing guest at supper with the Misses Hunsicker, at Ironbridge, last Sunday.

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**EDITORIAL**

Scarcely a week ago, a student who has not been here very long, was overheard to remark to an upper-classman after the regular morning chapel service, whether he had understood it rightly in believing that one of the aims of the college was the development of the aesthetic nature. Receiving an affirmative reply, and being asked why he should ask such a question, this student remarked that the music produced from the instrument used at the chapel service did not, in his estimation, promote the development of his aesthetic nature, or inspire him to the praise of God, but rather the contrary.

While this was no doubt said in a joking manner, it was merely one way of expressing the opinion of the whole student-body. They are at a loss to understand why the old piano with its distracting and disturbing dissonances, should be used at all for chapel service. If for financial reasons, the institution were unable to purchase another instrument, there might be some excuse presented to the student's mind for the use or misuse of such a makeshift. But when a handsome, new Chickering Grand occupies a corner on the opposite end of the platform and is reserved for the exclusive use of The School of Music, then being used but an hour or two every week, there does not present itself to the average thinker a reasonable ex-

planation for the use of this discordant, tintinabulating music-box, called a piano, for our worship of God. Why should not our songs of praise to God receive just as much consideration as the secular music for which the new piano is now being occasionally used?

The students may be wrong in their reasoning thus, but it seems to be logical, and if wrong, they desire to know wherein the fallacy lies. The very spirit of worship, which is supposed to be the purpose of singing hymns, is destroyed at every chapel service by the in-harmonious sounds emitted by the "piano." It serves to disturb the otherwise peaceful spirit of worship which characterizes a chapel service. It is therefore to the interest of our service that a change of instruments be made, or some reason for its not being done be made known to the students, in order that they may not hold a wrong opinion in regard to this matter.

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Preparation is now being made to issue next week, a football number of "The Weekly." A feature of this issue will be a resume of the football season at Ursinus by Coach Price, and cuts of the teams, their captains, manager and coach, and the new Field House. It is only through the kindness of the Athletic Committee that this number has been made possible.

The Editor also wishes to express his appreciation of the assistance and cooperation of those persons who helped to make this early appearance of "The Weekly" possible this week.

**SOCIETY NOTES**

**ZWINGLIAN**

Friday evening was the regular evening for debate. The question debated was, Resolved, that citizens should exercise individual judgement in voting, regardless of party.

The affirmative speakers, Lockart, '13, Gerges, '11, and Mertz, '10, brought out the following arguments:

1. Straight voting promotes gang rule.
2. Loyalty to right and personal ability precedes party fealty.
3. Ignorance, the cause of much straight voting.
4. Conscientious partisans admit the good of individual judgement in voting.
5. Party loyalty, if party methods are contrary to the partisan's views, hurts conscience and character.
6. Individual voting keeps parties from degeneration.

The Negative Speakers, Kantner, '13, Keener, '11 and Moser, '10, showed:

1. Party is necessary to organization.

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2. It is possible to vote for party and yet exercise individual judgement.

3. One party serves to counteract evil influences in the other.

The judges decided in favor of the affirmative, as did the house.

At the election which followed, the following were elected:

- President, Yost, '10; Vice-President, Quay, '11; Recording Secretary, Miss Hain, '13; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Fisher, '13; Musical Director, Fegley, A, Editors of Review, Wagner, '10 and Lamont, '13; Critic, Lindaman, '10; Chaplain, Mertz, '10; Janitor, Maeder, '10.

**SCHAFF**  
 A general literary program was rendered in Schaff Society on Friday night.

The numbers were as follows:  
 Music, Schaff Orchestra; Male Chorus, Holt, leader; Sham Oration, "Tyranny" Mr. Herber; Chat, "The College Girl is the Ideal Girl," Messrs. Knauer and Tyson; Instrumental Quartette, Messrs. L. Lauer, W. Lauer, Saylor and Matz; Extemporaneous Speech, "What Freshman do during Study Hour," Mr. Stewart; Reading, Thanksgiving in Class A, Miss Miller; Music, Schaff Orchestra; Mock Court Trial, Kichline charged with assault and battery on Heinely; Judge, Tyson; Court Crier, Mr. Stewart; Clerk, W. M. Lauer; Defendant, Mr. Kichline; Witnesses for defendant, Messrs. M. Jacobs and Saylor; Attorney for defendant, Thompson; Plaintiff, Heinely; Witness for plaintiff, Messrs. Beaver and Billman; District attorney, L. M. Lauer; Jurors, Misses Saylor, Heebner and Condon, Messrs. Small, Holt, Knauer, Brumbaugh, Reinhold, Singly, Brehm, Herber and Shellhamer.

Gazette, Editor, Miss Booser.  
 In the court trial the verdict of the jurors was "Guilty."

**Y. W. C. A.**  
**WEEK OF PRAYER**

The Social Committee took charge of the Y. W. C. A. meeting on last Wednesday afternoon. The leader, Miss Fernier, gave a brief outline of the missionary work done in Asia among the women and girls. After the regular meeting a short

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time was given up to a social gathering at which refreshments were served.

Miss Brooks led the meeting on Thursday. At this time Prof. Wailes gave a profitable talk based on the text, "Nay, but we will have a king over us, that we may be like other nations." He explained the folly of following after others in their sins. He brought out very forcibly that it is better to be singular than sinful.

Friday's meeting was led by Miss Edna Bauer. The work done in Europe was the subject for discussion. As this was the day of "The World's Nickel," each girl brought this amount to be contributed to the total sum of all the Young Women's Christian Associations in the world. Miss Saylor sang a beautiful solo entitled, "God Leads the Way."

On Sunday the Week of Prayer closed with a service at four o'clock. The Cabinet had charge of this meeting, and Prof. Riddle gave an excellent talk on the subject of "Constant Prayer." He brought out in his discussion the great need for constant prayer in our lives, and the wonderful peace and joy which will be ours if we go to our Father with prayers from the heart.

Special music was rendered by Miss Saylor and the Ladies' Quartette.

**GOSSIP**

Mr. Rapp, who until last spring was assistant in Chemistry and Instructor in Physics at this place, on Sunday and Monday of last week visited the scene of his former labors. Mr. Rapp is at present a student at the University of Chicago, and was quite recently called home by the illness of his mother.

A considerable number of our students attended the much advertised football game between Royersford and the Union Club of Phoenixville last Saturday at Royersford.

Mertz, '10, was among those present at a "shine" in Ironbridge on Saturday evening.

Myers, '09, and Gresh A., expected to spend the Thanksgiving recess at Atlantic City.

Long, '13, and Lamont, '13, spent Saturday and Sunday with Lockart, '13, in Royersford.

Cassel, '13, was home over Sunday.

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SOPHS.		FRESHMEN	
Kerschner	l. e. Matlack (Lockart)		
Kichline	l. t. Piffle		
Shellhamer	l. g. Mathien (Cassel)		
Douthett	c. Wilver		
Come	r. g. Robbins		
(Glatfelter-Billman)	(Callen)		
R. Thompson	r. t. Yoh		
Thomasson	r. e. Lindaman		
Behney	q. b. Bransome		
West	l. f. McNeile		
Isenberg	r. b. Slonaker		
Kerr Thompson	f. b. Gay		

Referee, Davis, '10; Umpire, Quay, '11; Head Linesmen, Keyser, '10 and Brehm '10. Linesmen, Georges, '11 and Fogelman, '10; Time-keeper, Horten, '13. Time of halves, 15 and 20 minutes. Touchdowns, Isenberg 2; Kerr Thompson 2; R. Thompson 1.

**PROF. RIDDLE HONORED**

Professor Riddle has been elected to membership in the Delta Sigma Rho, the national society of Intercollegiate Honor men. This society represents among the greater universities what the Phi Beta Kappa does within the university—honors along intellectual lines.

Prof. Riddle's election is based upon having been an honor man in five intercollegiate contests while an undergraduate and graduate student.

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Y. W. C. A.

Miss Dunn, '11, took charge of the meeting on Tuesday, November the twenty-third. The leader's theme was "Christ the Man," the text being taken from Luke 3: 15-23.

Four different aspects of Christ's life were taken into consideration.

1. Christ was tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Christ knew how it felt to be tempted. He knew how to resist and He is willing to help us to resist temptation.

2. Christ was a workman, a carpenter of Nazareth. In His teaching Christ frequently refers to details in the life of the working people and the poor.

3. Christ was a philanthropist. Everywhere and always he tried to uplift humanity; he still does.

4. Christ was a man of prayer. Christ was never too busy to pray. In teaching us to pray He tells us to address ourselves earnestly and sincerely to God; to be humble, to have faith, to constantly pray and not to faint.

**HANDEL CHORAL SOCIETY**

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Handel Society last week, C. T. Saylor, '10, was elected to the office of Treasurer of the Organization to fill the unexpired term of H. P. Tyson, '10, resigned. At the same meeting it was also decided that Dr. and Mrs. Anthony, prominent soloists of Philadelphia should do the bass and soprano solo work at the concert to be given Tuesday evening December 7, by the Choral Society, when the oratorio "The Holy City" will be rendered. This promises to be a genuine musical treat.

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