

Inquiring Reporter

Question:—What type of music do you prefer at the school concerts?

M. J. Winogron, Ch.E., '33—I think that college songs, martial airs, and snappy modern compositions are best suited for our school concerts.

H. F. Valette, Arch., '33—I prefer the popular music and college songs. I think in a college, the more modern music should be played.

E. Lantz, E.E., '33—I prefer the popular, semi-classical selections, college songs, plenty of snappy marches, and a few good overtures.

W. B. Distler, E.E., '31—Our school concerts should, in my opinion, consist of music exemplifying college spirit, patriotic music, along with some popular classics, as have been given by some of the musical organizations in the past.

Herman Myer, C.E., '33—Taking the viewpoint of one supplying the music at the concerts instead of one absorbing it, I should say that I prefer just exactly the type of music that the orchestra is playing, not too heavy nor too "jazzy."

Raymond Zittenfeld, C.E., '32—My idea of a perfect concert is one that consists of a group of semi-classical numbers. This is about the only average between the pure classical and the jazzy. It brings out the percentage of real music that can be appreciated by the average person. That is, one that has only a small understanding of what lies in the mind of the composer.

Oster Receives Coolidge Letter

A personal letter of appreciation from Calvin Coolidge is the latest reward of Frank Oster, the ever-smiling Custodian of Buildings, in the pursuit of his favorite hobby. "Frank" also received a letter from Brigadier General Abel Davis, thanking him for a mounted scrap book history of the world war as revealed in posters, propaganda circulars, and newspaper accounts.

"Frank" sent quite a large production, a mounted magazine history of Coolidge's life to Mr. Coolidge at his home in Northampton, Mass. Frank received the following letter:

Northampton, Mass.
December 7, 1929.

Mr. Frank Oster,
3300 Federal Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Oster:
It was very kind of you to make up and send me a book with some of my writings in it. It was most unique and attractive in design. I want you to know how much I appreciate it.

With kindest regards, I am
Very truly yours

Calvin Coolidge.

The signature was in ink, and was deciphered by the aid of the letterhead. The letterhead was of the personal stationery of Mr. Coolidge.

The letter received from General Davis, who gave the Armistice Day address at Armour, was most gracious. He expressed his most hearty thanks for the artistic production he received from Frank.

ALUMNI NEWS

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Word has been recently received that Frank J. Pischke, '28, who was married on November 23, is now residing at 4025 North Crawford Ave. He and his wife have just returned from a short honeymoon. Frank is now employed in the Long Lines Department of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Sidney S. Pulaski, E. E., '29, visited Chicago a week ago. He is an assistant research engineer in the experimental department of the Time-O-Stat Controls Company, at Elkhart, Indiana.

In the last issue the News announced that Thomas B. O'Connor, '31, was pledged to Pi Nu Epsilon, honorary musical fraternity. The man pledged was Frank O'Connor, '31, not Thomas O'Connor, '31.

SCHOMMER GIVES VIEWS ON HIRING COLLEGE ATHLETES

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work. True, there have been paid athletes and there are some being paid at present. How can you stop this practice? You may with faculties, presidents, and athletic directors who are honest. They who represent our great American colleges are human. Here and there dishonesty in agreement occurs, even in the sanctity of the halls of learning as well as in the business and social world. These breaches are punished when discovered. I doubt if in years past a scholarship for athletic ability only has been given to any individual by any of our leading universities. The entrance conditions and scholarship demanded while in college have ever been upward. If an individual qualifies by grades and ability to procure a scholarship, why discriminate against him if he be an athlete? Seldom has any university been implicated in paying out of a general fund money to hired athletes. Athletes have been loaned money out of a student loan fund in the same manner as to any other student. Should this not be? Jobs have been given to other students. Should this be abolished? Should the willingness to shed blood and sweat on the athletic field for one's alma mater stigmatize one as unfit and should therefore the athlete be handicapped in every manner?

If this be the trend of things, then athletics will be only for the rich. The poor boy will have no chance to enjoy what every red blooded physically able and not effeminate boy wants to do. In the conference and in many other similar organizations the amount of loans to each athlete is reported. If a scholarship is awarded the amount of the scholarship and the names of the committee who awarded the scholarship are reported. If athletes are hired about the campus, the number hired, what their job is and how much they earn is reported. If athletes handle concessions at athletic events the money earned and names of the athletes are reported. All this is published and passed on by administrative heads of the respective colleges involved in the various organizations. If these dispensations are abused they may be quickly discovered and corrected. And they are. The abuse of amateurism is seldom found in the halls of learning but rather with alumni bodies and the betting business man.

Alumni bodies and boosting business men organizations sometimes raise so called slush funds for the sole purpose of inducing good athletes to enter some college. This is wrong. But if some zealous alumni wishes to send to school a bright boy who is poor and cannot afford to go to college, is this wrong? Supposing the boy is an athlete; should that prevent the good intentions of an alumnus from being carried out? Yet the universities in the conference are pledged not to use any athlete if it can be proved he has been subsidized by anyone directly connected with the institution or by anyone who is not directly connected with the university. Is this fair? It is a stringent rule and does not work well for the poor lad who Heavens knows has enough to contend with working his way through college in any capacity.

There is too much emotion, too much criticism and too much irrational conduct displayed by those who are not in possession of the facts. If the "muck raking" would cease by those most interested in filling newspaper space with what is termed news and more emphasis be placed on all the good deeds and the good benefits derived from not only our American sports but in our business and social lives we would be better citizens. It would work for the well being of the whole community.

As long as our scholastic standards are kept up by honest administrators; violators be punished by sister universities and the universities themselves keep their skirts clear of subsidizing athletes, our American scheme of Athletics for the student bodies has nothing to fear.

FRATERNITY NOTES

SIGMA ALPHA MU

The Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity will hold its twentieth national annual convention in Detroit, Mich., on December 29-30-31. All affairs will take place at the Hotel Shelby. Delegates representing the Armour active chapter and alumni will be present. It is to be known as "Detroit's Dynamic Convention."

RHO DELTA RHO

A New Year's dance to take place Tuesday evening, Dec. 31, at the chapter house has been announced by the social committee.

KAPPA DELTA TAU

Kappa Delta Tau announces the pledging of Martin J. Altschuler, '33, and Irving Siegal, '33.

The annual pledge banquet was held Friday, Dec. 13. The entire chapter and many alumni were present. The banquet was followed by a theatre party.

Plans are now in progress for a New Year's affair in the form of a dinner dance.

THETA XI

An alumni smoker was held at the house Wednesday evening, December 11. Twenty-six couples attended the annual Christmas Dinner and Dance at the chapter house on Sunday, December 22.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA

Election of officers was held December 9, 1929, with the following results:

President—J. W. Hurley, '30.
Vice-President—D. W. Smith, '30.
Treasurer—W. M. King, '31.
Secretary—C. D. Brown, '31.

Tech Bows to U. of C. in Practice Tilt; 30-16

Last Thursday Armour Basketeers met the University of Chicago in the second practice game of the year. The game resulted in a victory for Chicago 30-16. Captain Simpson, Robin and Miran led the Tech attack with five and four points respectively.

Score

Chicago—30

	B.	F.T.	P.F.
Yates, R.F.	4	2	3
Wien, R.F.	0	0	0
Stephenson, R.F.	3	0	0
Schlieffe, L.F.	2	0	1
Bunge, C.	0	0	2
Boesel, C.	1	0	1
Fish, R.G.	2	3	0
Fraider, R.G.	0	1	1
Temple, L.G.	0	0	2
Totals	12	6	10

Armour—16

	B.	F.T.	P.F.
Simpson, R.F.	0	5	2
Rossing, L.F.	1	0	1
Off, L.F.	0	0	0
Robin, C.	2	0	1
Tell, C.	0	0	0
Bruni, R.G.	0	1	0
Miran, R. G.	2	0	1
Rutkowski, L.G.	0	0	4
Rowley, L.G.	0	0	0
Totals	5	6	9

Scarab Fraternity Announces Awards

The Scarab fraternity will give its annual awards of a silver and bronze medal to the two students who submit the best drawings in the current Sophomore architectural project.

The project is to be a Commemorative Hall dedicated to those who

Don Paul Chosen to Lead Trackmen

Donald Paul, F. P. E., '30, was elected captain of the 1930 track team, receiving a majority of votes over Sturm, Smith and Kara, the three other nominees, at an election held last Wednesday evening. Paul gained considerable popularity at Armour last year through his enviable showing in track events with the shot put, discus and high jump. He ranked as the high point man on the 1929 track squad in both indoor and outdoor competition.

Have Good Turnout

Wednesday's meeting was attended by about 30 men. The turnout was composed of many freshmen and sophomores, some of whom have established excellent records in high school.

Coach A. A. Stagg, Jr., spoke before the assembly on a number of interesting points. He stressed the importance of persistent practice and stated that strict adherence to all training rules would not only benefit the team but the individual as well.

Practice sessions will be held immediately after the holidays and the first track meet is expected to be scheduled for February.

fell in the World War and donated to a small city by a group of wealthy citizens. The drawings are to be turned in on January 23, 1930.

IT PAYS TO LOOK WELL WHITE SANITARY BARBER SHOP

N. E. CORNER 31ST & INDIANA AVE. Basement

Architectural Contest Won by N. Y. Architects

The choicest of the 114 plans submitted in the architectural competition sponsored by the Chicago war memorial committee will be exhibited for one month at the Art Institute beginning December 19. This was announced by Professor Earl H. Reed, Chicago architect and professional adviser to the committee.

Mr. Reed said the war memorial committee had found the public interest aroused over the contest. The first prize of \$20,000 was won by Eric Gugler and Roger Bailey, young New York architects, who submitted a design of an open peristyle, to be erected on an island in the lake opposite the Buckingham fountain.



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