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Rowing.

On Sunday, January 31st, one of the Philadelphia papers published an article on Pennsylvania's Crew Prospects. This article, although it put our rowing in as bad a light as possible, gave for the most part a true sketch of our prospects on the water this year.

The most significant part of it was the attack on Pennsylvania spirit. It declared that our seven straight years of defeat had discouraged and disheartened the student body. We do not like to think that this is so. We know that it is not so in connection with many of Pennsylvania's sports and other activities, and we do not believe it is true with rowing.

The fact remains, however, that the students are not supporting the crew as they should. Why not do the many strong, husky fellows that stroll around the halls and campus, look bored to death with everything, come out and row? These are the men that in nine cases out of ten are not doing anything for their University or themselves. They are lazy. They spend enough time here to pass their courses. They take all that their University has to give and do not serve her best interests.

We know we have lost at Poughkeepsie for seven-straight years, and we are sorry indeed that such a record stands today against us. But we have not "quit" by any means, and to say we are discouraged is not true. Never in the history of the University were we ever more determined than we are this year, although we are compelled to admit with all frankness that never has the outlook been more discouraging than it is to-day. This is a frank statement. We should look as conditions as they exist and look at them fairly and squarely, and if ever we should be frank and honest with ourselves as regard to rowing it is this year.

There is much criticism that our system is wrong. Whether our system in wrong or not is a matter to be considered by our Rowing Committee and not by the student body, who know little about it. But we have a duty and that duty is plain. It is to support rowing as we do the other sports, to see that every man in the University who is big enough goes out for it. We certainly do not want to give "home" newspapers any opportunity to cast reflections on Pennsylvania spirit.

**Frazier Debate.**

The Frazier prize debate this evening should throw some light on the quality of this year's Varsity debate. With only two men of the six speakers from last year's team and four who have never before spoken on Varsity teams there is a need for more working into shape than usual, and whether Pennsylvania can look forward to repeating her victories of the past two years can possibly be predicted from the showing made this night.

The Provost, who will preside, has always been keenly interested in the fortunes of debating at Pennsylvania, and it is largely due to his influence that the activity has maintained the high standards for which it is noted. It is a compliment due to him that there will be a large turn out at Price Hall this evening, if for no other reason.

**Class Meeting of '09.**

There will be a class meeting of '09 to-day at twelve o'clock noon. The object is to consider the adoption of a class constitution, to consider a subscription to and financing the Class Record, to receive the reports of committees, and to transact routine business.

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To facilitate matters it has been arranged that the above he collected by Gilbert & Bacon at the time the photograph is taken. In order that the publication of the Record shall not be delayed it is important that each Senior shall report to the photographer for a sitting BEFORE JANUARY 25TH. As a part of the contract Gilbert & Bacon have offered to make an additional dozen regular eight-dollar photographs for each man at three dollars, or a dozen fifteen-dollar photographs at nine dollars. Signed: 1909 Record Committee, Wayne H. Fuller, Business Manager.

'00 C. M. Class Reunion.
The twenty-third annual reunion of the Class of '00 C. M. was held at the University Club Saturday night. Thirty-five members were present, which is about half the class. J. W. Coulston, president and the class President was toastmaster. Plans for the twentieth anniversary of graduation were discussed.

'Red and Blue' Board Meeting.
The regular monthly meeting of the "Red and Blue" board will be held in Hall this evening at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to attend promptly.

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Debate Again Postponed.
The Sophomore-Freshman debate has been again postponed, although the date has not yet been definitely fixed.

Freshman Pipes.
Final arrangements concerning the Freshman pipes have been made, and they may be ordered from any member of the committee for $2.75 each.

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