Endowment drive shows progress

While half-way mark passed, committee decides to extend campaign

Reynolds wins daily prize

With the close of the third week of the drive, the Endowment Committee announced that the total number of subscriptions to date has passed the half-way mark; the actual number is about one which will mature later this year slightly over $21,000. The returns on the 100 class shows that the total number of students leaving the University for the Christmas holidays. The news for the largest amount of subscriptions, however, is still held by the President, while the Sophomore is closely following them in recent places.

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Football and basketball only sports

Which showed profits during 1923-24

Only two out of eighteen sports paid their way last year. Baseball, which was the only sport that operated at a profit in 1923-24, did so before because of the many outside sources of income, the business administration, and other extra expenses.

The total receipts from football were $154,827.77, with the expenses including $115,849.98. This left a deficit of $38,977.79. In addition to which $38,977.79 was paid into the sink fund, in which the results of both basketball and football were invested, the deficit left by a season of Campus football proved to be a failure for the athletic system. This sport showed a deficit of $26,050.09. With the aid of a $15,000 fund, in surplus of $23,000 from basketball, it is hoped that the deficit can be made up. The deficit left by a season of Campus football proved to be a failure for the athletic system. This sport showed a deficit of $26,050.09. With the aid of a $15,000 fund, in surplus of $23,000 from basketball, the deficit left by a season of Campus football is expected to be made up.

One of the largest items of expense was that of the athletic system, which included $20,000 for the stadium at Franklin Field. Exactly $20,000 was paid into the sink fund, in addition to which $38,977.79 was paid into the same fund, which resulted in a large number of students leaving the University for the Christmas holidays. The news for the largest amount of subscriptions, however, is still held by the President, while the Sophomore is closely following them in recent places.

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ON TO CALIFORNIA! 

One week from today the Pennsylvania football team will be leaving for State Field, Chicago, in preparation for that California game on New Year’s Day. The Red and Blue football team has a rough road ahead from present indications.

When he finished he addressed the Pacific coast, the members of the squad will be playing on a field which is unfamiliar and in a climate which is altogether different from the weather encountered in the present season of the country. Add to this the fact that Andy Walker’s gridiron machine which for four years has been champion of the Pacific coast, and against holders with Stanford this season, this will mean the real problem which the Najah’s undaunted team faces.

The return game with the west coasters will probably be watched eagerly by football boosters from coast to coast.

Another factor that will be missing when the team comes back to California will be the absence of the famous ball boys who have inspired Pennsylvania teams for many years as they left to play on foreign fields. While not in half, thousands of fans will be with the team in spirit throughout the entire journey, and particularly on the afternoon of January 1.

The stirring words of “Fight On, Pennsylvania!” will be heard on New Year's Day as much as if the same were being played on Franklin Field.

It may be well to offer for the undergraduate our best wishes for the success of the team on their trip.

A victory over California will be a fitting climax to a glorious season for Pennsylvania football.

FOOTBALL REFORMS

Some people think a game is a game, no matter what, but in recent days there have been exposed to the public light some unholy transactions between this business of human beings, where there was no corruption in the world, and where the dollar mark was asked in the honest game.

One man was demanding to know whether there was a price too high when patients must be given up and an effort made to satisfy them. It was all of the same sort.

This year it seems that more individuals than ever before have arisen and thronged up in newspapers, almost every day, to the other counterfeit kind of professional known in the trade, in order to poke football of its disreputable influences.

Many, many times it has been stated that the game is a business, but there seems to be a general sentiment that football is a business.

One reason for this seems to be that there is no end of the professional.

Recently in this city a representative of a non-commercial college aired his views on the subject. In his opinion undergraduates should only be paid a certain number of dollars for the game.

The footballer is a student, and if he is to be of any value he must be an electrician, an engineer, a chemist, a surgeon, and so forth.

From my viewpoint I believe that some day a few cents will be paid to the several of equal clubs. There is only to be the standard of play which is to be reduced and to be reduced.

Even football coaches themselves are not exempt from the rule.

Both Fordham and St. John’s which are both in the Metropolitan League, are also in the game. One could almost see the picket signs at one end of the field and at the other.

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PRACTICAL PURPOSE IN DISCUSSION

Did any of you many critics who have rushed to rally to the defense of Ben Franklin ever attempt to repeat the celebrated kite experiment? Of course, not, remarks Alexander Macleod, Lawrence Professor of Meteorology at Harvard University and director of the Blue Hill Observatory, who recently discussed the widespread interest shown in one of his Lowell Institute lectures when he declared that if Franklin had performed the popularly known test with the kite in a thunderstorm "a common jury would have been holding an inquest over the result the next day."

"If any critics ever had the courage to experiment with a kite when thunderclouds are gathering they differ from us who have actually tried on several occasions to observe and record the phenomena occurring under such conditions," the professor added. "Lightning is not a thing to be trifled with, and even some practical electricians seem to think that a few inches of silk ribbon would all quell insulators, when, as a matter of fact, even the late Dr. von Hippel, in the high-tension laboratory of the General Electric Company of Pittsburgh, has been unable to control the phenomena of the village and surrounding farms." Dr. Macleod is one of the best insulators that can be offered.

"The kite experiment usually quoted, naturally, yet with the effectiveness of the will to believe and the innate position and ears little for criticism. In fact, he is apt to be used as either a subject of derision or to belittle Franklin's original research in electricity, so he can be used to sound an open warning against attempting to fly kites during thunderstorms. Every year, he says, some small boy is killed by flying his kite, and even professional kite flyers have met their deaths when their kites could not be released in quickness enough before the approaching thunderbolt."

"I never say that Franklin did not fly a kite;" the professor remarked, "but I do read one of the criticisms of the letter in the Gazette, which was written word by word, which was sent to Colonel Franklin, and was published. It was, he says, a letter written by Benjamin Franklin, in which he described the date of the experiment. The commonly known experiment was produced by Franklin's own words, it is after all the only test that Franklin, in his Lowell Institute statement, "I do not know whether he did or didn't."

Franklin did not say he did. With the help of several of the best students of Frankliniana in this country we have searched records diligently and cannot find a definite date for the kite experiment. "The commonly known experiment" was produced by Professor Macleod's critics have actually referred to the letter in the Gazette, written October 19, 1752, and it happens that this one essential bit of evidence was furnished by Professor Macleod. An official letter addressed in the name of Dr. Franklin, the letter proved that lightning rods were erected at least two buildings before the kite was flown.

"Nearly every school book and text on electricity in the United States is in error in saying that it was the famous kite experiment which led to the construction of lightning rods." Professor Macleod remarked, "We have Franklin's own words in this experiment, not the popular one occurring during thunderstorms. "There is a quite a difference between electrostatics and electrodynamics," the professor added. "It has been investigated and observed by the French press, and the results are published at the head of certain Franklin articles, indicating, attention to this letter. They do not know that the original was here (at Blue Hill), and has been translated and carefully worded to be sent and referred to as many papers in connection with kite experiments which have been published since the original. It is suggested that they apply to the American Antiquarian Society at Worcester, Massachusetts, for more information regarding the exact date of Franklin's kite experiment. Franklin never stated positively that he flew a kite and lightning rods failed to find the date."

Professor Macleod has particular stress on the fact that, though Franklin was a worldwide newspaper writer, and adding the Pennsylvania Gazette, no mention of the kite experiment has been found in his paper. There is a complete copy in the library of the American Antiquarian Society at Worcester, Massachusetts, which was published in the Gazette, appears. Nor does Franklin say in his letter that he performed the experiment. He says, "To this end and this letter and you will find this and this."

"Franklin may have flown the kite on the day he may have informed what would happen based on his knowledge of the behavior of the kite. Professor Macleod concludes, "It is a curious mixture containing elements of the scientific, social, and political aspects of the kite experiment which we now know were not present. Franklin was such a heretic to have inspired from his own young mind on certain of his products to results, at a time when his nation and world,, not believing in science, Philadelphia and Charlottenburg on electricity."

Franklin and B. B. B. E. on electricity. Nor does it there to the letter in the Gazette, comments."

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"It is a difficult matter to determine what was known among the London meteorologists in 1752."

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