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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1920.

Night Editor—THOMAS H. ADAMS.

KNOW YOUR UNIVERSITY

Michigan was the first university to adopt the diploma system of entrance from high school, in 1870, thus displacing the older method of entrance by examination which is still being employed by a few of the Eastern universities.

DRAMATIC CO-OPERATION

Anyone who is at all acquainted with the dramatic situation here knows that there are a large number of organizations on our campus which aim primarily at play-production. For women exclusively there is Masques; the Comedy club and the Classical club take up somewhat differing phases of the drama; and other organizations put on a play now and then and let it go at that.

There are a great many things to be said in favor of every one of the dramatic organizations on the campus for the work of each is highly commendable and each aims at a slightly different phase of the ideal toward which all are working. But the difficulty is that as a result of the number of such groups and the amount of time and talent required by each one for each play produced, not only do none gain the standing which their work warrants, but the dramatic interest and development of the student body as a whole is somewhat dampened.

There seems to be, moreover, a tendency on the part of the numerous organizations to work for their own interests, for the notoriety which the production of their play will bring, and to take a crack now and then at the other club which is also trying to do some work in this line. Being hindered in our aspirations toward a development of the better dramatic art by the lack of a campus theater, we are, of course, dependent on these various clubs and their work and unless they have co-operation we cannot expect as full an upbuilding of the pure drama as might be hoped for.

Competition is a good thing but competition in amateur dramatics without co-operation is a hindrance. If we are to have the kind of instruction and production here that other universities have and that Michigan surely needs, we must begin by a more unified aim and more of a spirit of mutual help among the campus dramatic organizations. The present time, when casts are being picked and rehearsals for the various plays are beginning, is the right moment for that co-operation and mutual encouragement and boosting to start its functioning.

WHY KILL AMATEUR RADIO?

About every so often someone in congress conceives the idea of bringing up a bill the intention of which is to squelch the radio amateur, and just so often is the amateur body of operators in the United States compelled to rise up in arms and defend its rights. The latest action of this sort is the Poindexter bill, which provides for a "National Radio commission," part of whose duty it shall be to put out of business all stations "not necessary for the general good of the public service," meaning amateurs.

Whether he be a business man or a high school or college student, the experimenter in radio is in the work for all he can get out of it in the way of pleasure and knowledge, and is a loyal, law-abiding citizen. As evidence that he is loyal, one has only to consider the thousands of such men who enlisted in the army and navy at the beginning of the war and, being already trained, made it possible for the government to place them on duty in stations immediately. They saved the situation in many cases by their ability to step in and take hold of the radio work of the navy department.

Influential men all over the country can be found among the ranks of the wireless enthusiasts. Hiram Percy Maxim, the inventor of the Maxim silencer and a munitions manufacturer, is a radio amateur, as are also John Hays Hammond Jr., and countless lesser lights all over the country. It is such men as these who have made a number of the most useful discoveries in the field of radio communication in years past.

The radio amateur is sufficiently limited in power and wave length so that his work does not materially interfere with commercial communication, and a great deal of credit is due him for helpful work in times past. To try to put a stop to his work and to make necessary the confiscation of his apparatus is certainly an unjust folly.

THE CONVOCATION CALL

President Burton has issued a request that all students assemble this afternoon in Hill auditorium. This gathering will mark the annual observance of Convocation, a tradition of the University which rivals Cap Night in its significance. The administrative head of the University, in his only direct communication of the year to the student body exclusively, will appeal to the men and women of Michigan for support and co-operation in carrying out his plans and policies, and in realizing the ideals for which his administration stands. It is only with this aid from the student body as a unit that the President can hope to accomplish unhampered the ambitions for an even greater and a better Michigan.

Attendance at Convocation is not only an important opportunity for each student to come into closer contact with his University, but it is also a tradition carrying with it a duty which no man or woman at Michigan should shirk.

The Telescope

FINAL STANDING

	No. of Contribs	Points
Men	2439	2439
Women	590	1770

The above figures tell the story of how the slumbering manhood of Michigan, with ignominious defeat staring it in the face, suddenly awakened to the call of duty and how well it responded to its clarion appeal. All day Thursday the avalanche of letters poured into our office, and it was only by an almost superhuman effort that the judges were able to tabulate the final result before the paper went to press.

It is with mingled pride and sorrow that we announce the final result of the Contest. We are justly proud of the fact that once more our sex has clearly demonstrated its unquestioned right to wear the wreath of Superior Wit which has adorned the classic brow of the male all through the ages.

But our pride in the achievement of our sex is tinged with sorrow that such a heroic and splendid fight against odds as the women put up, should go for naught. For spirit such as they exhibited can never die; the unbreakable spirit which they evinced in the face of overwhelming odds has forever enshrined them in the hearts of Michigan men. In the words of the Good Book and of the Ec. 1 textbook, "broadly speaking, they fit the good fight," and no man dare ask more of any one.

A wonderful eleventh hour rally by the women who sent their offerings in a handsome box to be sacrificed on the altar of wit was one of the most touching incidents of the whole Contest. But even this final flicker of their undying spirit failed to stem the tide and the women were forced to bow to a superior foe.

Angelena writes in to say that the reason a man is said to "pine" for a woman is that pine is the softest wood there is.

Dear Noah:
Is there any connecting link between the animal and the vegetable kingdom? G. Allijust.
Yes, certainly — hash.

"Failed in Ec., flunked in French,"
I heard him softly hiss.
"How I'd like to catch the man
Who said 'Ignorance is Bliss,'"

Yes, Angelena, you are quite right when you asall pictures, telephone numbers, etc., which are ensume that our mail is strictly confidential and that closed in letters are regarded as such.

Furthermore, Ang., we hope you don't let the result of the Contest dishearten you because we've enjoyed your column very much lately.

We agree with another eminent authority in believing that metaphysics is two men in a dark room looking for a black hat which is not there.

Famous Closing Lines

"He has the edge on me," murmured the pugilist as the barber started shaving him.

NOAH COUNT.

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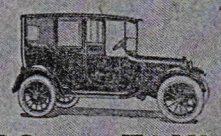
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