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A COMEDY WITH ERRORS

Conventions must have their comic relief, their burlesque -- therefore the lines on declaring Association memberships vacant. But since this low comedy detracts somewhat from the full appreciation of the slightly higher comedy of the Membership and Preferment Committees, I suggest a more grave and informed rendition of the lines. At present, the confused scene runs something like this:

Chair: Any further business?

Brother Arley: I move that Brother Barley's membership be declared vacant. (Brother Barley is absent in Australia.)

Brother Garley: I move to substitute the name of Brother Darley. (Brother Daury's proxy didn't show up.)

Brother Farley: I move to strike out and substitute Brother Garley's name for that of Brother Barley. (Brother Garley was Brother Carl's good old room-mate. Cuffaws.)

Brother Garley: (Puts on tragic buskins and plays pianissimo and tremolo stops.) What! Throw good old Garley out on his neck! He's now married and working in the hay, grain and seed business trying to earn money to secure an advanced degree in paleontology in 1987. Oh, take me instead of dear old roomy.

Brother Harley: (Sub-moron. Never should have been a member.) Seequent!!!

(The motion carries as amended, and somebody finds we can still knife two more because the membership is sixty-two.)

Brother Jarley: Let's kick out Brother Karley's pants. All he's doin' is studyin' law at Harvard.

Brother Larley: Where's Harrvarrd?

Brother Harley: Haw! Haw! Haw! Seequent!!!

(General laughter. Brother Karley's pants cease to be Associational property.)

Brother Garley: I move to reinstate good old Garley. Why, he was a Charter Member. (Holy awe in voice.)

Brother Marley: Sure. An' he's a good egg, too.

(Brother Garley is reinstated.)
Brother Narley: I move to graduate every tenth man, in alphabetical order, beginning with Brother Parley, until the membership stands at sixty.

Brother Parley: I move to amend that the motion read to be in chronological order and begin with Brother Quarley.

(And so on and so on and so on and so on until the membership stands at sixty.)

The Convention seldom finds itself informed on the status and activities of its members, especially those who have but recently left school. The very fact that these members are young in their professions makes impossible their attendance at Convention. True, they should keep the Association informed of their work and plans, but occasionally a proxy or a report becomes lost in the mails or in some committee's disorderly files, and the Convention commits another blunder.

A little more dignity and reason and justice should attend the graduation of our members. We do not have the support and friendship that we could well expect of some of our graduates, and I suspect our attitude has something to do with it —- I know four men, at least, who would be warmer Alumni had they been graduated with sympathetic courtesy. Cornell and Harvard would lose much prestige if the Trustees made the granting of degrees an affair of less dignity.

I dislike too many committees, but I suggest to the President the appointment of a Graduation Committee to assist Convention in its work. Such a committee could communicate during the year with Association members and bring to Convention concrete details and information.

This would not entirely rob Convention of its fun. There is still the sport of looking at Applicants' teeth and reflect[ing] Bert Boshard and socking some member with the News Letter Editor-ship.

E. M. Johnson

309 Eddy Street
Ithaca, New York
My dear Henry:

Thanks for your letter. I must admit that, in common with most of the older fellows, I do not contribute to the "News Letter" as often as I should. I suppose I am lured away from that pleasure because I insensibly yield to what seems to be more pressing duties.

In my more serious moments I think I am able to see some important possibilities which Telluride Association possesses and which we, as members, could help to accomplish. These possibilities are becoming more numerous and complex as the Association accumulates more history and more splendid patrons to give it support. One can readily think of a thousand and one worthy and fascinating projects which could be worked out by anyone who has faith in the Telluride Association.

As more of our older men begin to realize that the age of retirement from active business is at hand, their thoughts will naturally turn to "potentially" Telluride Association. From these thoughts there ought to be forthcoming some notable contributions, both in money and effort. These "potentially" possibilities will be realized only if we effectively discharge our existing obligations to the Association and faithfully demonstrate our ability and desire to assume the responsibility of administering additional projects and endowments.

I am extremely sorry that I could not get to "break bread" at Deep Springs, and see my old associates and friends at the Convention this year. Judging from the first hand reports and from the minutes of the Convention, it must have been one of the really successful conventions.

If this letter gets any further than your waste basket, I want to take this means of expressing my best wishes to all Association men.

Yours most sincerely,

H. V. Hoyt.

JOHN E. MEEHAN  
St. Mary's Coll. 
California

Dear Henry:

We mortals are fearfully and wonderfully made. I was certain that I should write you before an appeal came for news, but you know the answer. Now I must get busy and give you what I can.
As you will see by the letter head, I am at St. Mary's College, which is located in a beautiful California valley, Moraga, by name. It is about fifteen miles out of Oakland. I am head of the department of music and professor of religion. Also, I reside in the sophomore residence hall and a good deal of my time and effort goes in trying to make Sophomores a little less sophomoric. It's a good deal of an undertaking - if you don't believe it, just try it or consult Professor Burr.

However, I am enjoying my work thoroughly. I never knew teaching could be so interesting. True, one wonders sometimes and asks himself, why teach? Why not let ignorance, so much loved of mankind, go on its course unmolested and let egotistical and self-satisfied youth crash about until its silly head is busted against the hard walls of life but a few moments spent in retrospect bring a feeling of humility and a desire to pass a few things on. Then too, there is a good deal of real satisfaction in the triumph of putting over an idea.

St. Mary's is a small Catholic college of about seven hundred students, growing rapidly. It is under the charge of teaching "brothers" - they are not priests - and the order is known as "Brothers of the Christian Schools." The activities of the order are world-wide. It was founded in France, last year the college was moved from Oakland to this place as more room was needed. The buildings are all done in Spanish style and form a very beautiful architectural unit. St. Mary's is also famous for its football team, so far this year unscored upon, even after an encounter with the University of California team which recently defeated Pennsylvania. The newspapers have given us the title of "the Notre Dame of the West."

As yet, I have not received a copy of the News Letter so can draw no inspiration therefrom in writing this epistle. I have had a little news of Deep Springs from Bill Kuder and Fred Reinhardt, both of whom I have seen several times this autumn. They are in the University of California. I have not seen any of the "old guara" in San Francisco but hope to get over that way soon.

The picture which I took - or rather the waitress took with my camera - at the convention last June came out fairly well and I will send a copy to anyone who forwards me the sum of four bits - or in Eastern currency, fifty cents. This will be an enlargement, of course. If any wish, to have just a print, same may be had for one dime.

Now this should be enough for the present, so I shall sign off. Please notice that my address is simply: St. Mary's College, California. No more, no less.

Sincerely,

John Meehan
Dear Editor:

The unexpected receipt of the News Letter has reminded me that this long suffering magazine has survived a long period of depression. With the return to the old covering and mimeographed contents it seems to be promising to return to a normally healthy existence. I am therefore happy to accede to your demand for contributions to aid in its recovery.

Taking the trite but true attitude of a member of former generations, I believe that the News Letter has, or ought to have, an important place in the activities of the Association by presenting to its readers information and discussions which will expedite the business of the conventions as well as items of personal interest to the isolated members. I must admit that I have been very remiss in the matter of contributing anything in the past but I hope for better things in the future.

As to my activities in the past two years, I had been working at the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research. There I performed various routine tasks of a chemical nature, and less successfully of a disciplinary nature. I had a laboratory, two boys as assistants, and hundreds of samples of plants. I was to make the combination produce results in the form of more or less exact analyses of the plants. This kept me busy for a year. The second year I had less routine work and consequently more trouble in keeping the boys out of mischief. During this time I was attempting to find out what chemical changes take place in plants irradiated with the shorter wavelengths of the ultra violet. Thirty seconds exposure to the light I was using was enough to curl up the leaves of any plant and result in almost fatal injury. For man, the same lamp would produce a strong sunburn in about ninety seconds and severe peeling of the skin on longer exposure. However the results of several hundred analyses of the plants were so contrary and uncertain that nothing could be interpreted from them.

During that time I was getting in a rut and I decided that it was time to have a thorough training in biological chemistry. I therefore visited several universities and finally settled on Johns Hopkins for many differing reasons. I worked on at the Institute until the first of September and then after taking a brief vacation I reported in at this place working under Professor McCollum who is well known for his studies in nutrition.

As present I am working on the necessity of zinc in the normal diet. From the work reported in the literature there seems to be small proportions of zinc in all foodstuffs. It also seems apparent that it is necessary for the proper growth of plants. It is up to me to prepare a diet carefully purified so as to contain no zinc but containing all the other substances essential to a proper diet, to feed this to rats over several generations, and to note any good or bad results in the general conditions of the animals.
Besides the research problem, which for the time being takes only a small portion of my time, I am taking a number of courses that are rounding out the deficiencies in my biological knowledge. Thus I am getting acquainted with Bacteriology, Histology, and Nutrition. The School of Hygiene also requires that before I finish I must be trained in Physiology and Pathology. I am getting an excellent basis for research into biological chemistry though I hope when I have time to clear up some doubtful points which still remain in the chemical part.

There is so much to do that I have had very little time to see any of the Telluride people in town. I have just seen in passing Jim Holmes, Si Whitney, and Clyde Bailey. However, being on the go, travelling between here and Baltimore five days a week and studying the rest of the time leaves little time for social affairs. Let me therefore express my best wishes to all, near and far, through the columns of your distinguished publication.

Sincerely,

John W. Newell

--- ISHAM RAILEY ---

Deep Springs
California

Dear Henry:

We have been here more than a month now, and things are well under way. Geology is the major interest of every one at present, and probably will be until Christmas, when Professor von Engeln leaves us on his way around the world. The wealth of geologic material here is almost bewildering, and the difficulty is to take not more than three things at a time. Several of the boys are consumed by an apparently insatiable thirst for knowledge about minerals, somewhat to the embarrassment of Mr. von Engeln, who is trying to deal first with a few perfectly general things, such as fault-scarps, synclines, batholiths, and the planetesimal hypothesis.

The time not devoted to geology is divided among various fields. Warren D. Kumler of Antioch College is teaching philosophy and chemistry; Mrs. Kumler, also of Antioch, English; and Wallace Cook History. Harold Stukey and I are back again, he with Latin and Greek, and I with mathematics, and after Christmas, Physics.

We are starting this year with a new system, or rather a new philosophy, in the scholastic work, but so far we have been so
busy that no one has had time to think much about it. The spirit of the work is excellent, and that is the main thing, system or no system. Mr. P. N. Nunn was here for a few days, and lent valuable aid in getting things started. "Things" have pretty much run themselves since then. There is no visible organization of any sort, and the utmost informality in discussion and decision.

Joe Nunn is at Deep Springs this year to see that the ancient and honorable traditions of Telluride self-support are not forgotten, and that the students earn their twelves-fifty and found. I believe they do earn, and some of them have had intimate contact with a concrete-mixer. Two others have been initiated into the art of laundering. They must show almost professional skill at taking off buttons.

What with better roads and better automobiles, Deep Springs isn't as isolated as it used to be; we have had several guests already. Dr. Fuller was here with Mr. Nunn, and Gordon Ferris was here for a brief stop. George Lyon is now promoting a mine, and has been through three times on flying trips to Silver Peak; his brother John and wife were here once. The last visitors were Charles Nunn and his bride, who came through on their wedding trip.

If you want communications from Joe and Wally, you will have to write to them yourself; they refuse to recognize my standing as official correspondent. Personally, I think they're jealous, and suggest a rotation of the office.

Best regards to the Branch.

Isham Railey

- DON READ -

Deep Springs
California

Dear Henry:

In the first 1928 edition of the News Letter the Deep Springs Secretary gave a list of the Deep Springs student body. As no other inspiration comes to my mind at present I'll follow suit and hope that the list will interest the Association:

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Earl Ohlinger 16 new Chicago, Illinois
Donald Reed 17 1 George, Colo.
Erick Reed 15 1 Washington, D.C.
Richard Roberts 17 1 Ithaca, New York
Edwin Rust 18 new Oakland, Cal.
George Sabine 19 new Columbus, Ohio
Robert Sheridan 19 new Piqua, Ohio
Sherman Watkins 16 new San Francisco, Cal.
James Withrow 18 2 Columbus, Ohio
Vilton Wright 18 new Lake Bluff, Ill.

The influence the Association and last June's Convention is having on Deep Springs is remarkable. Telluride Association and Convention are topics for conversation not only in the evening "Bull Sessions" but at the table, at work and in the Student Body meetings. I believe that the new fellow of this year has a better understanding of Telluride Association, its work and aims, than any of us who had been here for one or two years preceding Convention.

This understanding has also been aided by the four Association members who are now at the Ranch - Joe Nunn, Wally Cook, Isham Ralley and Chuck Gilbert. These men have given us more than any pamphlet that has ever or could ever be printed.

This understanding must I believe result in an even closer relationship between Deep Springs and Telluride Association. Time will tell whether this is to come true or not. However a more immediate result is going to be that a majority of the present Student Body will attend Telluride Association's next Convention.

For myself, I am surely looking forward to June and Ithaca.

Sincerely,
Don Read

GEOLOGY AT DEEP SPRINGS

Geology has been the chief scholastic interest at Deep Springs this term and much time has been devoted to it. The opportunity of studying this extensive subject in informal classes of eight or ten under a professor such as Doctor von Engeln is one which is fully appreciated and used.

For the first several weeks, by the agency of three hour trips, use was made of the laboratory so well provided for Deep Springs by nature herself. What a world of difference there is
between learning rock formation from a textbook and learning it from a real example. Sadly enough, the material for study within a short radius will not last forever and from now on, the plan is to take fewer trips, but on these to spend more time. The trips serve also the important purpose of acquainting the students with the country in which they are living for the present, and in this way the great value of the situation of Deep Springs can be fully appreciated by each student.

The trip, however, which marked the apex of the course so far was the one to Palisade Glacier in the Sierras. A weekend was devoted to this journey and an exceptional opportunity thus presented to all. In the sense of geology, the chance of studying a glacier at first hand under a man most competent in that field is one offered to few. In a general sense, spending a day and a half at high altitudes in the Sierras would be profitable and enjoyable to anyone.

Geology opens up vast fields for thought, the origin and age of the earth and the universe, the purpose of life and the planets. This course has held almost every student at Deep Springs in a state of happiness and excitement at entering for the first time so broad a province.

Thomas Fairchild
Deep Springs, California

Members of Telluride Association and Alumni,

Dear Fellows:

From my old station here in Corvallis, Oregon, I send you all greetings and my best wishes. As to my present position in life, I am still, as I have been, a member of the teaching staff of Oregon State College, where I have taught Mechanics and Materials of Engineering so long that next year I am planning on a sabbatical. I hope to take some advanced work at some institution, and it may be Cornell. I look back on my years spent there with such pleasure that such a prospect is indeed a pleasant one for me to contemplate.

I am doing some work again this year with some students who are interested in getting rowing started at this institution. We had four races last year and won more than our share, so I guess we have really made a start.

I hope to hear from many of you through the near future New Letter.

Yours as always,
"Fat" J.C. Othus.
Our live-wire Alumni Editor was recently forced to resort to high-pressure methods in order to glean a little news for the News Letter. It is indeed a shame that it was necessary to shock the tender sensibilities of Mr. Anderson. Nevertheless the Editor wishes to congratulate Mr. Nunn on the success of his enterprise, on his ability to create something out of nothing. The response to his summons seems to have justified the effort (and expense?). Following are some of the results of this new experiment in news-gathering:

- A. A. Anderson -

Dear Mr. Editor:

I was very much surprised this morning to get a rush telegram collect, asking for news for the News Letter, and both Mr. Biersach and Mr. Noon agree with me that we can handle such matters much more efficiently by mail and especially by air mail, which I am doing in this instance.

As you know, many of the Telluride Crowd are interested in Pacific Coast Building-Loan Association and those of us that are directly connected are keeping very busy on the work of promoting thrift and home-ownership.

Telluride Association members and alumni are in Los Angeles frequently and there are not many days go by but what we have a call from some of the old crowd.

Mr. P. N. Nunn was in the office Saturday on his way back East. Mr. Suhr drops in occasionally, also the boys from Deep Springs. George Lyon, who is at the University here, calls upon us once in a while. Wallace Cook has been in a time or two and is arranging for a dinner meeting here in Los Angeles the first part of December for the purpose of organizing the Telluride Alumni members in this district into an annual meeting.

With best regards to all the old crowd, I am

Sincerely,

A. A. Anderson

Memorandum

- H. R. OWEN -

Harold R. Owen, Vice-President of Electrical Products Corporation, and Sales Manager of the Northern California Division with headquarters in Oakland, California.

The above company was organized in 1923 by Harold Owen and William E. Joost, and consolidated in 1925 with the above corporation which had secured exclusive rights to Claude Neon Lighting in the
eleven western states.

Harold is married and has three children and resides at 330 Wildwood Avenue, Piedmont, California.

- OTIS WHITECOTTON -


Re: Otis Whitecotton

The last the News Letter heard of him he was attending the University of California.

Bachelor of Arts, December, 1922.
Assistant Manager, Hotel Lankershim, Los Angeles until February 15th, 1924.
Manager, Hotel Whitecotton, Berkeley until June 1st, 1926.
Proprietor, Hotel Cardinal, Palo Alto at present writing.

Has attended Stanford University in pre-medical and medical work since October, 1926. Now in second year of medicine and will continue in San Francisco after January 1st, 1930. The last half of the second year and the third and fourth years of the medical course being given at Lane and Stanford Hospitals in San Francisco. Married Dorothy Kehoe of Oakland, California, December 2nd, 1935.
Daughter, Joanne, born July 9th, 1937. Far superior to her dad in every way. (We hope so, Ed.)

- J. B. TUCKER -

Jesse James, Editor Telluride News Letter
5550 Geary Street, San Francisco, Calif.

Congratulations on your telegraph candidtry it worked up one dead one stop at present I'm a struggling and honest lawyer untouched by stock market stop have wife and two children all white and live just off main highway between Los Angeles and Tijauana and beg all Telluriders thereabouts to visit us.

J. B. Tucker

- E. P. BACON -

Leading quite uneventual life Glendale sorry cannot furnish news story.

E. P. Bacon
Am greatly flattered by fact news letter discovered my whereabouts stop am in California as assistant to pacific coast manager of Frigidaire helping to make food safe for democracy stop the climate is wonderful but would like to see a little more rain did you hold on or sell out

N. B. Dinkel

- DOUGLAS A. BUCKLER -
Am manager advertising and publicity Bank of America of California.

Douglas A. Buckler

- R. H. TOWNSEND -
Just finished organizing sound department RKO studios stop now supervising engineer for sound picture activities on west coast stop at present encompasses thirty five recording channels in city.

R. H. Townsend

CORRESPONDENCE NOTES

The Branch has had the pleasure of having as house-guests this fall, Dr. Carl Sudhoff, Dr. Stephen D’Iriey and Professor and Mrs. Charles Seltman. On the evening of December 4th Mr. Ossip Gabrilowitsch was with us when he visited Ithaca to conduct the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. The entertaining of visiting lecturers this fall has been unfortunately curtailed in several instances by illness. Dean Roscoe Found, of the Harvard Law School, whom we hoped to have as our guest for two weeks in December will not visit Cornell until later in the school year, due to the fact that the Messenger Lectures have been postponed. Our disappointment is great but we trust that we may be so fortunate as to be his hosts when he does come.

Several members of the Association, Alumni and friends of the Association have visited the branch since September. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schaff, Boö Dann and Dan Lindsay have looked in this fall. Mr. and Mrs. Sibbett, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Anderson and their daughter, Elmer Davy and Tommy Tomlinson have been other very welcome visitors.
The following members of the Faculty and their families have been our guests for dinner: Prof. and Mrs. Richtmyer, Walter French, Prof. E. P. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson, Prof. Caplan, Prof. Laistner, Prof. Gage, Prof. Kingsbury, Prof. Marcham, Prof. and Mrs. Weld, Dean Fitch, Dr. Woodford Patterson, Prof. Everett, Dr. Hutton, Prof. Thilly, Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Johnson, Prof. and Mrs. A. W. Browne, Dean and Mrs. Kimball, Prof. and Mrs. Weaver, Prof. and Mrs. Guerlac, Prof. Sampson, Dean and Mrs. Burdick, Miss G. H. Nye, Dr. Sibley, Prof. and Mrs. Cunningham, Prof. and Mrs. Brauner, Prof. G. P. Thompson, Prof. and Mrs. Bancroft, and Miss Jean Bancroft, Prof. Lane Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. Foster Coffin.

Very pleasant for all of us are the times when old friends drop into the House. By old friends we mean Dean Thornhill, Don Falconer, Elmer Johnson, Walter French, Percy Carr and Jack Johnson and, although it would be wrong to call them "old" friends, the ladies of the respective families.

It would, perhaps, be rather out of place for the members of the Branch to make the bald statement that the house party of the week-end of November 1st was a huge success; yet we believe that it was. In so far as the enjoyment of the members themselves was concerned, it was most certainly a success. We were again so very fortunate as to have Mrs. Frank Lambert for our chaperone. The guests of honor, the ladies of the house party, were utterly charming. Mrs. Kimball and Mrs. Thornhill were chaperones for the Friday evening dance. The excitement of the Columbia game filled Saturday afternoon. The ultra-respectable atmosphere of the whole affair was insured by the Dramatic Club's revival of that great moral drama, "Ten Nights in a Bar Room", which the house party attended en masse.

The height of the social efforts of the Branch will soon be reached in the form of a recital of modern music to be given on the evening of December 8th. The evening promises to be very enjoyable in view of the talented artists who have consented to grace our program.

The Book and Bowl have cast their lot, executively speaking, with the Branch. Recently this organization, following our example, elected Henry Hayes as President and at the same meeting, Brauner as Secretary-Treasurer. Then, feeling perhaps that another member familiar with Mr. Hayes' presiding idiosyncrasies would be an asset, the club elected Whittle to its membership. Mr. Whittle is one of few Mechanical Engineers to enjoy this distinction.

The News Letter feels confident that the CURW, the magazine of the Cornell United Religious Work will enjoy a successful year, for the more important members of its editorial staff have been chosen from among those who have served or now serve on the News Letter. Yarrow is Editor of this publication and Brauner Assistant Editor. Whether or not these choices were made in recognition of the brilliant work of these two men in the News
The Branch is happy to announce the return of Davy from the infirmary, where for four weeks he has been incarcerated with a case of whooping cough and a chosen staff of nurses. The Branch would be happier if it could announce the safe return of Mr. Davy but unfortunately the isolation seems to have affected the head of our once-brilliant Treasurer. This deplorable condition is made evident by the outcropping of a number of small hirsute growths on his upper lip. It is generally recognized, however, that this adornment gives a definite touch of "swank" not only to Mr. Davy's physiognomy but to the united front which the Branch presents to the world.

Don Falconer has received the merited honor of being elected Dean of the legal fraternity, Delta Theta Phi, which includes among its members Hayes and the Branch's young hope for law and order, Carnes.

While all the others in the Branch were rushing around in the confusion of the first week of school, Sibbett quietly and courageously took the competitive examinations for an Undergraduate Scholarship and easily carried off one of the prizes. This scholarship entitles him to $300 each of his first two years in Cornell, --- and to the admiration of all of us.

The Branch now promises to become a home for journalists. Not content with the News Letter and the CURw, several members are devoting their efforts to the Cornell Daily Sun. Our leading journalist, Brauner, is an Associate Editor of The Sun.

Al Arent's winning a place on the editorial board of the Cornell Daily Sun was one of the more notable accomplishments of the men in the Branch this fall. His industry in the first weeks of the competition completely discouraged his rivals and induced most of them to withdraw from the competition. In order to have sufficient men to do the routine work of the office it was necessary for the paper to reopen the competition. Al's new appointees fared no better than their predecessors, however, and it was soon apparent that it was merely a matter of time until he would be sporting one of the cherished keys.

As the News Letter went to press the journalistic epidemic now raging in the Branch had not yet been checked. Bill Layton, the most recent victim, was stricken with the disease just before the Thanksgiving recess. The last available reports inform us that he is quite successful in his quest for news and is leading his competition. It is expected that he will buy a Sun Key soon after the Christmas vacation.

Whittle has been admitted to the place where all good engineers go; he has been elected to Tau Beta Pi which, to add the explanation inevitably necessary to those who have enjoyed the simple education of a College of Arts and Sciences, is the Phi Beta Kappa of engineers, only more so.
Upon the shoulders of Sam Lovering rests practically the whole responsibility of keeping the Branch "on the map" in the field of Athletics and, to a large extent, of keeping Cornell on the aforementioned map in the particular field of Cross Country running. He bears up nobly under the double weight. As Captain of Cornell's seven runners, he has taken first place in the meets with Alfred, Yale and Dartmouth, and fourth in the quadrangle meet with Pennsylvania, Dartmouth and Columbia. Unfortunately, in the Intercollegiates, he assumed a third weight, a heavy cold which proved to be more trying than both of the others, with the result that Lovering was unable to finish with his accustomed speed.

It is rumored that it will be worn by members of the Branch for the remainder of the school year. These coats do not

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