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GRIDIRON GIANTS HARD AT WORK

THE STRENUOUS PREPARATIONS FOR COMING STRUGGLES CONTINUE—SPECTATORS ARE PLEASED WITH CAPTAIN FELDHAKE'S BUNCH—SMOOTH PRACTICE.

CANDIDATES INCREASE DAILY

The '08-'09 Squad Promises to Run Its Opponents a Hard Race—More Old Men Return—Signal Practice Began Wednesday.

With the first few days of practice over, and the early aches and stiffness worked out the football squad is getting down to real hard work. The squad which began practice on Monday with thirty men on the field has increased daily and at the present rate will eclipse the unusually large squad of last season. There were fifty men out Wednesday, and today will see fully seventy-five contestants fighting for places on the team.

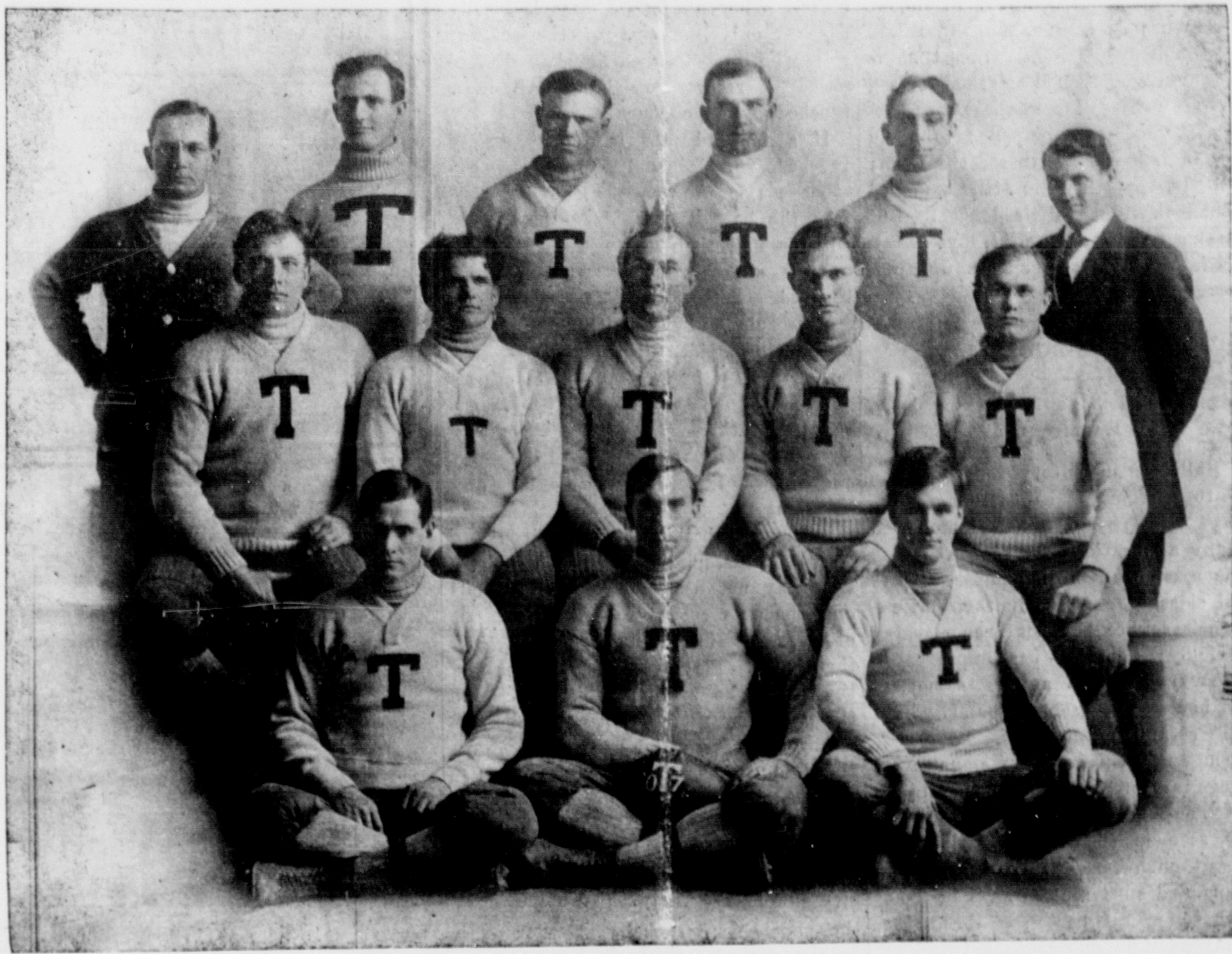
Mr. Metzenthin was out for the first time Wednesday, and added to the usual preliminary practice by setting several teams in motion. He filled the depleted ranks of the last year's 'Varsity with strong men from the second team, and the smoothness with which it ran through signals was very satisfactory to the coaches.

To forecast at this date the kind of team that will represent the orange and white is next to impossible, but the prospects look better every day. Slaughter, Estill and Lacy came in during the week and got down to work. They will prove valuable additions to the squad as all of them are heavy and experienced men. Nothing has been heard from Vickers, but it has been learned that Fred Ramsdell will return the latter part of this week. He has not decided whether he will enter school.

The fact that Kirkpatrick will return will be greeted by the students with great joy. There is some chance that he may not be allowed to play this season, but everybody is hoping that he will. Even in the event of his disqualification "Kirk" will be seen on the field during the season. He realizes the value of a strong second team and is here to help out.

The arrival of Ex-Captain Duncan insures additional strength to the team. Duncan is in the very best condition, all of his old lameness is gone, and he is back to finish his football career in a blaze of glory. On account of the loss of the left side of the line it may appear advisable to the coaches to switch him from his old place next to Feldhake and put him on left end in order to brace that side. Dunc. will be "there" however, on either end.

The coaching department will be exceptionally strong this year. Mr. Metzenthin is again at the head of the work, with Messrs Parrish and Hausholder as assistants. Sunday night Ballard Caldwell will be back for a week to help. Bob Ramsdell is already aiding, and hopes to be able to stick through the season. Mr. Scarbrough, Sewanee's star of several seasons, has promised to come out and assist. On October 2 Neil



1907-08 SQUAD

WILLIAM J. BATTLE IN DEAN'S CHAIR

PROFESSOR OF GREEK IS APPOINTED BY REGENTS TO SUCCEED DR. MEZES—SPENT THE SUMMER IN NORTH CAROLINA AT HIS OLD HOME.

OTHER FACULTY MEMBERS

It is primarily for the out of town readers we record Dr. William James Battle as Dr. Mezes' successor as Dean of the Main University. A large percent of the students, old and new, know exactly who is who in the Faculty—for be it said that the greater number of us have matriculated. And who has not waited in that line hours, days—ages, just to see the Dean?

Dr. Battle has been Dean practically ever since March 1st, last, when he was appointed as Acting Dean during Dr. Mezes' trip abroad. But he had acted in the same capacity on previous occasions, so that he is already thoroughly equipped as far as experience is concerned.

It would have been hard for the Board of Regents to have selected a man with

Masterson, 'Varsity quarter in '04, will come back and spend the weeks prior to the first game doing all he can to help get the 'Varsity in shape.

On the whole the outlook is far from gloomy. With good coaches, a good captain, and plenty of spirit on the part of the students, Texas should turn out a team as good as any in her history.

Manager McCutcheon announces that the training table for the squad will be this year at the old Ramsdell place west of the campus. The first meal will be served Monday night next, if there is no trouble in securing a cook.

1908 LONGHORN FOOTBALL CALENDAR.

- Oct. 10—T. C. U. at Austin.
- Oct. 17—Baylor at Austin.
- Oct. 24—Colorado Springs at Austin.
- Nov. 2—Arkansas at Austin.
- Nov. 9—A. & M. at Houston.
- Nov. 13—Oklahoma at Norman.
- Nov. 18—Tulane at Austin.
- Nov. 26—A. & M. at Austin.

THE LATEST REPORTS FROM GREEKDOM

MANY A GOOD DINNER AND CAR FARE WASTED—RUSHING GOES MERRILY ON—SEVERAL GRAB AS GRAB CAN GAMES HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

MANY RIBBONS ARE IN SIGHT

So far, the competition among the fraternities and sororities has been of the keenest kind. This is especially so among the latter, who in years past have usually adopted the Alphonse-Gaston policy when securing desirable material.

But things have changed. We now see prospective "sisters" being conducted from one room to another until satisfactory courses are selected, after which, it appears to be the custom to "break the news to mother" concerning the many advantages of the frat to which the pretty conductor belongs, and to incidentally present an invitation to become one of its members.

The men fraternities are going slower than usual. Their policy is, seemingly, one of conservatism. There are few instances of any one trying to run in and grab a new man because he "looks good," as if he were afraid somebody else would do the presto change stunt. Everything is done more openly than is generally done during the rushing season, and, perhaps, with equal success.

It is reported that the majority of the Greek letter organizations have an overflowing "rushing fund," with which rigs and automobiles and new carpets and furniture are bought. The only thing that can not be bought with such money is telephones. Orders for them (Continued on page 3.)

INITIAL NUMBER OF THE MAGAZINE

EXCELLENT ON THE WHOLE—NOT SO CREDIBLE IN PARTS—NEARLY ALL THE BOARD REPRESENTED—WORTH TWICE THE PRICE TO ANY STUDENT.

A NEW STYLE OF COVER

The Booklet Out on Time—Editor-in-Chief and Business Manager Should Be Congratulated—More Pages Than any First Issue.

The October Magazine is a strikingly handsome number. The simple title, "The Magazine," is written in brown across the light tan background of the cover and at the top of the page is an attractive frieze—the only decoration—a self cut of the campus buildings. The students will welcome the departure from the plain black and white cover of last year's Magazine.

As to material the issue is not only creditable in itself, but shows promise for a splendid 1908-09 volume. The reading matter covers fifty odd pages—just five more than were contained in last year's initial number. The typographical get-up is praiseworthy; there are few errors in printing and the arrangement is excellent.

The editorial pages, of course, are first sought in a first number, and the impression gained from their perusal is certainly pleasing. The editor's greeting is refreshing in degree as she departs from the traditional "apology" of the public speaker and the new editor. Necessarily, the first lines extend the usual welcome to the universe, then, after a short and pleasing paragraph promising, on behalf of the staff, their best efforts, the editor branches into an earnest and logical appeal for student support, not only by subscription, but by literary contribution. The remainder of the editorials by staff members deal, in an able manner, with the English courses in the University, with the Freshmen, and discuss the need of an athletic field for women. As usual, the welcome to the Freshmen is written by a Sophomore and contains well meant advice.

The contributions are, on the whole, excellent for a first number.

The frontispiece, "The Promise of Autumn," is a good piece of verse appropriate to the season and the reader. Some of the closing lines express the thought of the poem.

"There's a promise in the autumn, as sublime as that of spring,
A promise of the wonders to be done by toil of men."

The same writer has contributed the final poem, a sympathetic discussion of a modern condition, entitled "Labor."

The first prose selection is a comprehensive and detailed study of the development of lyric poetry in Germany, possessing more interest than is usually attached to an essay of the kind. Fiction in the shape of short stories is usually abundant, five of the selections being in this class, although they differ widely in style. "The Were-Hounds," (Continued on Page 3.)

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WHO WILL START IT?

All the old students are fully aware of the pressing need at the University of a gymnasium, a heating plant, a large fire proof library, a science building, more adequate laboratories, law library, and so on. We expect to talk to the legislature about these things later. Just now it is something within the power of the student to create that we wish to call attention. Why not organize a Dramatic Club at the University. Is there not an ample supply of elaborate costumes seen on the campus, such as sheath skirts and peg-tops, and do not enough "made-up" faces appear in the corridors each day, not to speak of the "masques" worn?

All the would-be villains, soubrettes, chori, comedians, prima donnas, and shining stars are shamefully stunted in their development at the University without a Dramatic Club. 'Tis true that the Ashbel Societl "puts on a show" each year, but the event creates the greatest interest among the girls. And in the dim past ages there was an annual minstrel show that gave great opportunities to the end-men material. But what we need is a real live Drama Society that will have high class shows several times each session.

Let us all talk and boost up a real Masque and Wig Club for this year, right now. Who's the angel?

In the Universities of France there are no glee clubs, no papers, no athletics, no fraternities, and no commencement exercises.—Ex.

MATRICULATION.

The "hello - how - are - you - old - man - fine - thank - you - glad - to - see - you - back" days are almost past again. Very little longer will the verdant Freshie permit himself to be duped into subscribing one dollar to the Permanent Campus Improvement Fund, or seeking board at the Woman's Building; his days of illiteracy are over. With the closing of the week all matriculating manifestations are supposed to be at an end, and everything in readiness for the beginning of class-work Monday next. What a relief! Not only are the different members of the Faculty eager to finish up matriculation days, but all the students look upon the time as a very dark spot on the bright side of a college opening.

Oh thrice unhappy is the matriculating student, no matter of what year he be! The Freshman, because the place, people, and entrance system are strange, because he knows not what courses he wants to register for, but the Advisory

Committee feel this and are all the more eager to force their own suggestions; and thirdly, because he must be constantly on his guard lest some one discover that he is a Freshman! The Sophs and Juniors' three-fold source of trouble is that the past Fs and Es make it harder to get the courses they want; second, they can not decide just how many subjects to carry; and they fear that some first year man will take them for Freshmen. The reason why Seniors and Grads are thrice unhappy at registration time is that they are compelled to stand so long in a line waiting to see the Dean; second, that they are compelled to stand longer in line waiting to see the Dean; and lastly, that they are still compelled to stand in line a little longer! But how tame would be the first days of college life were it not for such unhappinesses.

BRACKENRIDGE HALL.

Manager Quaid Says Everything is in Full Running Order.

B. Hall, the dormitory for men, was filled to overflowing as early as Wednesday. Never before has there been so many applications for rooms so soon in the session. Boarding house keepers on all sides have raised in their price—and their service has not been elevated accordingly; the Hall has improved in many ways, and is at the same old rate; hence the great popularity of Quaid's establishment.

During the summer numerous overhauls and remodelings have taken place. The greatest improvements are to be seen in the kitchen and dining room, though plastering, varnishing, painting and such repairs have been attended to in all parts of the house. The manager announces that two hundred men are taking their meals at the Hall, and the rooms have all been engaged since Wednesday, the 23rd.

A canvass shows that, excepting those who took degrees at last commencement, most of B. Hall's old men are back. These are supplemented by other old men who have not previously roomed in the Hall, and enough Freshmen have come in to keep O. B. B., B. S. U. and other judicial organizations busy for some time.

The various local clubs are looking forward to a banner year. Though each has lost one or more men, there is abundant material to recruit from. Already a little quiet rushing is going on, and it is not difficult to place at least a few of those who will in a few days be taken "across the burning sands of Bagdad," or introduced to the mysteries of "rustic agriculture," or be called upon to "walk the line," in military fashion, after putting away the "requisite number" of steins.

With its goodly bunch of Lawyers to keep up the high standard of its courts of justice, with its husky Engineers to haul criminals before said courts, with its Sophomores to teach the sacred customs and traditions, and with an extraordinary number of extraordinary verdant Freshmen to "work on," the Hall is entering upon the banner year of its existence.

Oh, you sick-eyed, anxious-faced Freshman! Hold your head up, sign for the Texas, write mamma a long letter, and cheer up! All the homesickness will be gone in two weeks.

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The Most Important Change is the One Concerning the Forward Pass.

Changes in the football rules are not as many as in previous years, but they are important. A change in the forward pass rule which will likely have a decided bearing on the game has been made. When a forward pass is legally touched only the man of the passer's side who first touched it shall be entitled to recover the ball until it is touched by an opponent.

If a forward pass is thus legally touched, fumbled and touched by another player of the passer's side before the ball is touched by an opponent the ball shall go to the opponents on the side where it was illegally touched.

This rule will make it more dangerous for the side in possession of the ball to try a forward pass. If a man misses the ball it practically means that the other side will get the pig-skin. The forward pass will, therefore, probably not be used so extensively this season.

While the ball is in the air for a forward pass, players on the defensive side may not use their arms or hands on opponents except to push them out of the way in order to get the ball themselves. Players of the side making the pass who are ineligible to receive the pass may use their hands and arms as in the case of players going down the field under a run.

Neither side may, however, "hold" or "tackle" an opponent who has not the ball. If the ball is illegally touched outside of these provisions the penalty provides that the ball will go to the opponents on the spot where the pass was made.

Time will be taken out during the enforcement of penalty for incomplete pass. If a ball on a forward pass or kick strikes the uprights or the cross bar of the goal posts the ball shall be considered as having crossed the goal line.

COME TOMORROW.

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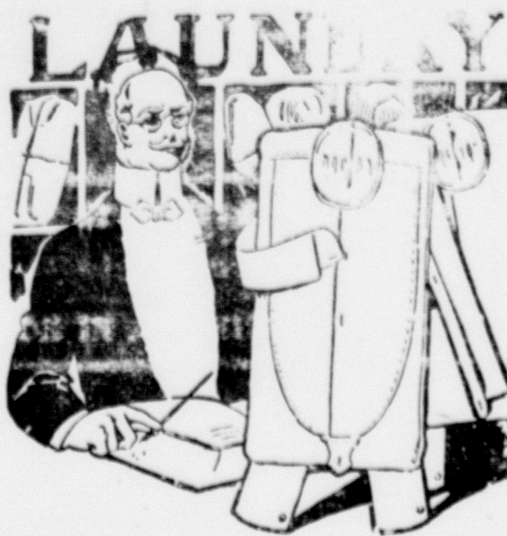
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LITERARY SOCIETIES

THE OLD RIVALS HARD AT WORK
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THE RUSK.

As other departments of the University prepare for their regular session by receiving students and outlining plans for the year's work, the literary societies are doing likewise. The Rusk, in particular, has the brightest of prospects as it enters into its new quarters in the Law Building, and that it will this year sustain its past high record and achieve further laurels, its members have no doubt.

To new students of the University who wish information as to this old established literary society we would say that nowhere in the institution can one gain such experience along lines of public speaking as here. Able men have charge of the regular parliamentary drills, qualified and earnest men have charge of the debating programs, officers, etc., and President Holliday, skilled in all of these things, has charge of the society.

To prospective members the Rusk puts forth its last year's record as proof of its superiority. In the debating contest it placed two men on the team, while in the field of oratory it made a clean sweep of everything in sight. With Parrish, Boone and Phipps as debaters, old victors in oratorical contests, to again represent it in the same, the Rusk can not fail of a good record the incoming year.

The Rusk is anxious to gain new members this year, for out of such comes its strength of the future. The Athenaeum—its veteran rival—is still in the ring, but members of the former society respectfully invite new students to attend its first meeting, weigh its merits and stand for admittance to its body. Programs announcing the date of the first meeting night will be put out at once and as good men are to be on the same an enjoyable and instructive evening is promised.

ATHENAEUM.

The Athenaeum Literary Society will hold its first regular meeting Saturday, October 3.

A large and well furnished room in the new Law Building will be the home of the Athenaeum this year. It is a hall of which all the old members feel justly proud, and which is a credit to our great University. Old members are returning daily, full of enthusiasm and eager to begin the work. With such pleasant surroundings, and such faithful members, the outlook for a successful year seems brighter than ever.

All first year men are hereby given a special invitation to come out Saturday night, October 3, as a special program will be carried out.

body, a comment certainly founded on facts.

FOOTBALL GERMAN.

There will be a dance tonight at Eighth street hall for the benefit of the football banquet fund. Thanksgiving night the team and coaches will break training in good style at the spread. An unusually large crowd is expected to be present at the dance. Nice refreshments will be served, and with the aid of Besserer's orchestra a good time is in store for all who attend.

THE LATEST REPORTS FROM GREEKDOM.

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two weeks ago have not had attention, owing to the fact that a great many orders were then on file which, of course, have first attention. We only wonder why the phones are taken out of the chapter houses during the summer! One answer is obvious—ask the treasurer of each frat.

However, things promise to right themselves in a few days when all courses are arranged, and the prospective has received a letter from "the folks" saying yes and inclosing a check for initiation fees. The end of the rushing season always comes as a relief; the older brothers and sisters get time to write home and matriculate, the "visiting friends" members have a chance to visit; and the smoke is cleared away in the topsy-turvy rotunda ready for the janitor.

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a rather sinister title, is the contribution of the assistant editor, and possesses unusual merit. The plot is laid in Little Russia and depicts the death of a tyrannical lord who is killed by his own bloodhounds.

"A Strange Experience" is the title of a ghost story with a rather ordinary plot, but relieved by its good style. The next short story, "The White Rose," has an atmosphere strongly suggesting Munsey's Magazine; the description is to be commended and the ending is pleasing. "The Anniversary" is a short story describing the terrible emotion of a wife who thinks her hitherto devoted husband has forgotten his wedding anniversary. The last selection of this kind, entitled "When Love Meets Logis," is a rather good story illustrating the old, old fact that love is all.

There are two descriptive essays, the first presenting a cordially sympathetic picture of the missions near San Antonio and the second dealing with Canadian Toronto in the style which makes Stoddard's "Lectures" so readable.

There are two beautifully imaginative verses by the same author, "The Land of Dreams" and "The Leaf"—both are the Sad Fate of the Moonlady" describes humorously the fate of the goddess who discovered that she had a heart and "nearly croaked," conveying in the end a word to young campus well worth studying. "The Ballad of swains to be careful in their wooing.

The new exchange editor has some interesting reading in her department, and she also takes occasion to comment on the insufficient interest of the student

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Fred Weeks stopped over a couple of days the early part of the week on his way to Yale, where he will enter this session.

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Louis Jacoby, '07, last year in Boston Tech., was in the corridors Wednesday and Thursday. "Jake" said all the registering jam made him homesick. Since he played baseball the allotted time here, he had to content himself with acting as assistant coach at Boston Tech.

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Since Wednesday last the association has conducted an information bureau which has been of great use to all new students and some others who are not new. The secretary in charge was compelled to be one well upon all things, otherwise he would have proven unequal to some of the questions asked by the Squeedunk natives. "Where do mosquitoes go in winter" and "What does it cost to join the Elevator Syndicate" are typical inquiries.

All plans are thoroughly completed for the annual Stag Reception, or "College Night," as it is called, scheduled for Saturday night. This year there will be a speech from some prominent professor, setting forth the general attitude of the faculty to the student body and what is expected in return, so that the session's work may be harmonious to the smallest detail.

New members of the association will not be solicited until after college night. However, several join each day voluntarily. The new secretary, Mr. C. C. McNeill, feels confident that this will be a very successful year in Y. M. C. A. circles.

Y. W. C. A.

From 4:30 to 6:30 this afternoon, in the Girls' Study Hall, a reception is to be given in order that the old girls of the University may be given the opportunity of meeting the new girls just coming in. The faculty ladies and the wives of the professors will also be glad to know and to welcome these new girls—and every woman student in the University is urged to come. There will be music and other features, as well as refreshments. The reception is under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian Association.

Remember that it is this afternoon, instead of next Saturday, as previously stated in the Texan, and be sure to come.

IN THE SCHOOL OF CHEMISTRY.

Dr. H. M. Harper, Professor of Chemistry, returned Tuesday from his old home in Virginia where he has been spending the summer months. Dr. J. R. Bailey, Associate Professor, will return this week from a tour of Europe. Dr. E. P. Schoch, Adjunct Professor, has spent a delightful vacation in Madison, Wisconsin. Mr. A. M. McAfee has been promoted to tutor, succeeding Mr. W. B. Hicks, resigned. Mr. C. P. Randolph has been appointed fellow in Chemistry. The addition of a storekeeper will greatly facilitate the distribution of apparatus and chemicals to the students. This place is filled by Mr. W. B. Duncan.

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