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CHICAGO ALUMNUS OPENS DISCUSSION ON NEW BY-LAWS.

The first gun in the month of discussion which is to precede the balloting on the new by-laws was fired by J. W. Bolte, of the Chicago Association, in a letter received this week. Except for a few paragraphs pointing out errors in wording, which have been remedied in the copy, his letter follows in full. It should have as careful consideration as the by-laws themselves:

In looking over the by-laws on page 6, I desire to register an emphatic protest against clauses 7 and 11, as I believe that the possibilities embodied in these two clauses are reactionary and almost certain to destroy the greater part, if not all, of the good we had hoped to accomplish by the reorganization.

No. 7 is especially pernicious to my mind because it perpetuates the very thing that we sought to do away with, and that is the possibility, or even a suspicion of a possibility, of control of the organization by a few.

The strength of the new association, if there is any, is going to lie solely in the fact that every old student of the college is going to have just as much to say and just as good a chance to say it as every other member, whether he be a member of the faculty, state board, or a surveyor on the Panama canal. The moment it appears that a small number of the members, or less than a majority of the full executive board, has an opportunity to run the affairs of the association, our distant members will lose interest and we shall be no better off than we were before.

In the original plan, which had its inception in the Chicago association, and which was presented by the writer at the last triennial meeting, the idea was that the executive board should take a vote of every member of the board on every question of any moment, so that the distant members would have an opportunity to register their vote by mail, thus doing away with the dis-

advantage to which distant members and people they represent would be put. I think that this should be adhered to.

Personally, I cannot tolerate the possibility of say two nearby members of the executive board constituting a quorum at a meeting which they themselves call, passing such legislation as they may see fit, and then deciding that it is not necessary for the other members of the board to vote on the subject. The next-to-the-last paragraph in the amendments adopted June 25th provides specifically that members of the executive board shall be permitted to cast their ballot by mail on any question brought before the board, whereas clause 7 would deny them this privilege unless the self-constituted quorum sees fit to vote it to the absent members.

I believe that clause 11 is unconstitutional on the same ground, as the next-to-the-last paragraph in the amendments of June 25th provides that the entire membership of the association shall vote by mail on any and all questions that properly come before it. Constitutional amendments certainly should properly come before the entire membership, and our idea in phrasing these amendments in this way was to prevent constitutional changes and similar actions being taken by such nearby and fortunate members as can go to Lansing for the annual meeting. Every member, whether he goes to Lansing to this meeting or not, has a right to vote on such questions, and I, personally, shall do everything in my power to prevent clauses 7 and 11 from being passed in their present form.

Yours very truly,

J. WILLARD BOLTE, '05.

Ewin Smith, '12, who has a fine position with the government of British Columbia in horticultural lines, describes a recent convention of fruit raisers which he attended. He says they are very leisurely in all their proceedings, and one session of the convention was called off because of the presence of grand opera in the city. Smith has been doing good work, and is securing some results in the work of fruit storage.

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ANOTHER VIEW OF IT.

In consideration of the views expressed by Mr. J. W. Bolte, of the Chicago Association, we have the following ideas to offer:

Mr. Bolte's stand on paragraph 7 of the by-laws is well taken, in that wording of the clause is obscure. The last part of the last sentence should read, "Any question may be submitted for a ballot by mail to all the members of the association. All questions shall be submitted by mail to all members of the executive board."

We also call attention to the words "regularly summoned meeting," which appear in paragraph 7. This makes impossible any meetings of a secret nature, even were there any object for such meetings, which is so far unseen. The association has no property of value, with which bold and unscrupulous directors may make way for their own good. It must be remembered that the directors are giving their services voluntarily and without hope of remuneration, except as it may be had in the satisfaction of seeing the association grow and become powerful.

Regarding clause 11, it must be stated in self-defense that the entire membership of the association is, as yet, an uncertain matter. Were there any regular dues, or other means of determining the amount of active interest, the interested and actual members could be easily distinguished. At present there is no way of estimating the loyalty and

interest of distant members, except by their subscriptions to the RECORD. And we believe that members who are not interested enough to either subscribe to the RECORD or attend the annual meetings at the college are indeed lacking in solicitude for the future welfare of the association.

The issue containing the constitutional matter was sent to 2,000 alumni and ex-students, with a strong appeal to subscribe to the RECORD. This issue has been out two weeks. We are certain that it reached nearly every person to whom it was sent. And yet, the new subscriptions, or even plain comment on proposed acts, might be counted on the fingers of both hands.

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REVIVING AN OLD QUESTION.

Following the publication of an open letter regarding the matter of vocational guidance in the RECORD last fall, and the receipt of one or two letters commending the plan, nothing more has been heard of the matter. We think it is worthy of a broader discussion, and suggest it is a timely topic for the alumni banquets which will be held at frequent intervals for the next few weeks.

Such a matter as assisting young men to find their proper place in life, without becoming misfits, and without wasting the best years of their youth in a vain endeavor to know what they want, should have the support of every alumnus who takes pride in seeing the sons and daughters of M. A. C. succeed.

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YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW.

The attitude of Michigan's next legislature toward the Michigan Agricultural College will have an important bearing on the future of the institution. The past session was a critical one for the college, but present indications are that the session which convenes in 1915 will have an even greater responsibility, as far as the welfare of the Agricultural College is concerned.

Every legislative district in the state will soon begin to feel the activities of the men who wish to be representatives or senators. Petitions will be circulated, then will come the primary elections. Each one of these aspiring—and perspiring—candidates will be a power for good or evil, as he is favorable or antagonistic toward the college.

Before casting your ballot for any man you have a right to know his attitude on all questions concerning the growth and enlargement of M. A. C. Are you going to take the trouble to find out, or are you going to vote a straight ticket, and no questions asked?

JACKSON JOINS LIST OF LOCALS.

Last Friday evening Prof. W. O. Hedrick made a trip to Jackson, and assisted in forming a new local M. A. C. Association. This was the first step in a movement which it is hoped will extend throughout the state. A successful meeting is reported and the Jackson old grads are now planning for a regular affair to be held at an early date.

The meeting was absolutely informal, a number of former M. A. C. men being invited to meet Prof. Hedrick at the office of John I. Breck, a member of '84, and an enthusiastic alumnus. The time was largely spent in reminiscing and getting acquainted, after which a constitution was drawn up, and officers elected as follows: President, John I. Breck, '84; vice president, L. W. Watkins, '93, Manchester, Mich.; secretary, W. B. Allen, '07; treasurer, B. G. Campbell, '07; delegate-at-large, G. A. Sanford, '11; registrar, George A. White, '12.

Other cities in Michigan are urged to join in this movement. There are several cities where such an association is practicable, needing only a little initiative on the part of some local man. The central office will be only too glad to send a representative from the college to meet with any such group.

DETROIT ALUMNI TO THE FORE.

Within the past week, two members of the M. A. C. Association have had their names in the Detroit papers, one getting notice on the first page and the other getting his picture in a prominent place. Either of the two gentlemen, it is safe to say, would gladly have foregone the incidents which led to the publicity, as the circumstances in both cases are a trifle discomfiting, to say the least.

Harry C. Walker, '97, a member of the well-known advertising firm of Walker & Co., Detroit, was the recipient of threatening letters, demanding that he place a sum of money in an ash can. It was said that a failure to comply with the anonymous request would be followed by the destruction of the company's plant and personal injury to Mr. Walker. The Detroit police are working on the case.

J. Blaine Chaney, ex-'14, of 73 Highland avenue, Detroit, visited friends at East Lansing last Sunday, and in returning to Detroit was a passenger on the Michigan Central train which was wrecked near Rives Junction. His injuries were painful but not serious and Chaney expects to be up and at work in a short time.

ANNUAL STATE ROUND-UP TO ASSUME NEW FORM.

Following a plan which has been very successful in other states, the State Round-Up Institute, held at the College each year, will this time take the form of a Farmers' Week, or a five-day course in agriculture and home economics. Where the plan has been tried it has succeeded in bringing out several thousand farmers, their wives, sons, and daughters.

Eight distinct courses, similar to those in the regular short course, will be offered—Soils and Crops, Live Stock Husbandry, Dairying, Horticulture, Poultry, Farm Mechanics, Domestic Science and Domestic Art.

It is planned to give four or five hours each day to lectures, demonstrations and laboratory work in the various courses, which will be in charge of the local faculty, assisted by specialists from Michigan and other states. Arrangements are being made for one or more hours of general session each afternoon, while the evenings will be taken up with illustrated lectures. It is expected by those in charge that a large number of people who have not been able to take either of the short courses now given will avail themselves of this opportunity to receive some very practical help along agricultural lines.

M. A. C. TO HAVE BATTLE HYMN.

Alumni and former students who return to the scenes of former years may soon find it necessary to learn a new song when planning to witness contests in which M. A. C. participates. If plans now under way materialize, the college will have a real inspiring battle hymn.

Last fall, when it was necessary to exult mightily, the rooters found that "Alma Mater" was far too reverent a song to properly express their sentiments, and having beaten Michigan, they borrowed "The Victors" for temporary use. Now, however, comes word that a Detroit composer of considerable prominence has written a new march song purposely for M. A. C., and has offered the copyright to the student council at a reasonable price. If the song is accepted by the students it will become the official war song of the college, though not in any way displacing the good old strains of Alma Mater.

J. M. Rankin, '02a, is at the Plant Introduction field station of the Department of Agriculture, located at Rockville, Mo.

CORRESPONDENCE

M. A. C. GRADS SUP AT ROCHESTER.

BY M. G. KAINS, '95.

For having a good time, commend me to M. A. C. boys and girls. Just what it is at the college that develops the ability to enjoy themselves I don't know, but certain it is that they know how to make each other have a good time better than any other people with whom I come in contact. Thus my reflections the morning after.

January 28th a bunch of us had supper and spent the evening at the Hotel Seneca, in Rochester, N. Y. Besides having the notice in the RECORD, I wrote to every one whose address I could get, 31 in all, just saying there would be a Dutch treat supper at 6 o'clock, and asking to be notified so I could arrange for tables. When the returns were all in we had eight men, two wives, two guests, four who were attending the meeting of the Western New York Horticultural Society, myself making 17. Some of them came quite a distance to be present.

We met in the lobby of the hotel and chatted for half an hour before adjourning to the dining room. Supper over, the scene of jollity was transferred to the mezzanine floor until 10 o'clock. Was the football record of last fall touched upon? Did we recall incidents of college days? Or did we discuss the affairs of the day, or talk shop? Let any M. A. C. boy or girl answer for himself. We had what the southerners call a "right good time."

Those present were seated at the table in order of their class. At the head was A. G. Gulley, '68, horticulturist of the Connecticut experiment station at Storrs, Conn.; O. L. Hershiser, '84, came next. Mrs. Hershiser was present too. So far as he knows, Hershiser is the only M. A. C. man who is interested in bees from a business standpoint.

The class of '93 had two representatives, in U. P. Hedrick, of the New York experiment station, at Geneva, and W. F. Hopkins, vice-president of the Third National Bank of Buffalo. M. G. Kains, '95, came next, and was followed by O. D. Dales, '03, construction engineer with the Hydraulic Power Co., of Niagara Falls; Prof. W. J. Wright, '04, director of the New York State School of Agriculture at Alfred; Adrian Nagelvoort, '04, with the Thomsen Chemical Co., Baltimore, Md., and J. P. Haftenkamp, '05, of the Rochester Railway and Light Co. Mrs. Haftenkamp, *nee* Miss H. E. St. John,

who taught domestic art at M. A. C. in '04 and '05, was also present.

C. C. ("Chan") Taylor, '09; Norma Vedder Andrews, '10, of Rochester; C. B. Tubergen, '11, and J. J. Harris, '12, completed the list of classmen. The guests were August Nagelvoort, of Baltimore, and George Friday, of Coloma, Mich.

Many who could not attend sent remembrances, among these being Prof. C. D. Smith, former agriculturist at M. A. C.; F. W. Darling, '10; H. R. Allen, '95; F. W. Howe, M. S. '09, and H. P. Baker, '01, who had intended to be present but was called away. R. C. Carpenter, '73, and R. W. Powell, '11, could not leave their work at Cornell. Regrets were also sent by L. H. Bailey, '82, and F. H. Hall, '88, of Geneva. Elizabeth Frazer, of Buffalo, asked to have a "locomotive, or rat-a-ta-thrat," given for her, and J. C. Green, '01, wrote as follows: "Just say to those present I want to be remembered to any whom I knew in the early part of the century, and that I hope no one holds it against me if I slighted him with a pail of H₂O. I honestly tried to reach every one."

In renewing his subscription to the RECORD, Frank M. Paine, '89, a successful florist of Traverse City, writes as follows:

"I am very much pleased with the RECORD in its new form, and wish it a prosperous future. This is one of the few papers that I read from cover to cover with pleasure, usually as soon as received.

"Was much impressed with Mr. Burnham's article in an early issue, and believe it deserves further consideration."

Ray Stannard Baker, also of '89, associate editor of the *American Magazine*, and therefore a competent judge, says:

"Let me congratulate you on the new form of the RECORD. I like it much better than the old. We feel now as though we had a real alumni magazine."

"Am gratified that you have at last made the change."
CHAS. E. BESSEY, '69.

From Dr. W. J. Beal: "President K. L. Butterfield, of Massachusetts Agricultural College, M. A. C. '91, and his family are wintering in Florida. I. H. Butterfield, former secretary of the Michigan Board of Agriculture, with his wife and daughter, are spending the winter in Pittsburgh. Meantime, builders are erecting a bungalow for him just across the street from us. He and I are still mistaken, one for the other, as we were in Lansing."

What's Doing This Month

This department in the RECORD is designed to assist alumni who plan to visit the college in so timing their visits that they may attend the functions most interesting to them. We believe this will be of interest to former members of the various societies. The list of social functions for February is given below:

- Feb. 6—Recital, Women's Bldg.
- " 6—New York Club Party, Ag. Bldg.
- " 7—Senior Hop, Armory.
- " 13—Junior Hop, Masonic Temple, Lansing.
- " 14—Concert, Armory.
- " 20—Union Lit. Party, Armory.
- " 20—Columbia Party, Ag. Bldg.
- " 21—Sororian Party, Armory.
- " 21—Phylean Party, Ag. Bldg.
- " 27—Dramatic Club Party, Armory.
- " 28—Themian Party, Armory.
- " 28—Eunomian Party, Ag. Bldg.

DEBATING CLUB.

Following the general trend of the College, the debating team is about to go out after "big game." For the first time, M. A. C. is to hook forensic horns with Iowa State University, on the subject of "The Minimum Wage." Considerable interest is already being manifested on the part of the students and members of the English department.

Two strong teams will represent M. A. C. on this question. The local team on the negative side will journey to Ames on March 15, while the Iowa negative team will meet the M. A. C. affirmatives in East Lansing on the same date.

Those interested are endeavoring to enlist the general support of the alumni, as well as the student body, for it is believed that M. A. C. is capable of holding her own with other strong institutions in this line as well as in the more strenuous field of athletics.

Friends of Dean R. S. Shaw, of whom there are many, will regret to learn of the death of his eldest son, Thomas Travis Shaw, which occurred last Tuesday. Death was due to uramic poisoning. The entire faculty and many students attended the services, which were held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Charles E. Sumner, '79, is now practicing law in San Diego, Cal. In a recent letter he gives his address as 510 Union Bldg., in that city.

M. A. C. TEAM BESTS BURROUGHS IN ROUGH CONTEST.

In a game featured by rough play, and remarkable for the number of fouls committed, the college quintet defeated the five representing the Burroughs Adding Machine Company, of Detroit, last Friday night. The score at the close was 29 to 22, but is no indication of the comparative work of the two teams.

Hewitt Miller was the star of the game, and was also the principal offender against the rules, being put out of the game in the second half, when he attempted to land a right swing on Ullbrich, of the visitors. Goss and Gauthier were also much in evidence and the close guarding of O. Miller was a big factor in keeping the opposition from scoring. The comparative strength of the two teams is more nearly disclosed when it is known that the Burroughs men secured but one basket from the field, on a pretty shot from mid-floor by Ullbrich, in the second half.

Kinsel, at center for the Detroit team, was the bright light, he being the only one who outplayed his man. In addition to this he caged 20 tosses from the foul line, out of 28 attempts. His throwing was a big factor in keeping the visitors in the running.

The line-up and summary:

BURROUGHS.	M. A. C.
Walker.....L. F.....	H. Miller
Clark.....R. F.....	Gauthier
Kinsel.....C.....	Frimodig
Joy Miller.....L. G.....	Goss
Ullbrich.....R. G.....	O. Miller
Score, first half—Burroughs, 9; M. A. C., 16. Final score—M. A. C., 29; Burroughs, 22. Substitutions—Jack Miller for Walker; Vatz for Hewitt Miller. Referee—Bleamaster, Alma. Umpire—Bohnsack, Detroit. Baskets from field—H. Miller, 4; Gauthier, 4; Goss, 2; Frimodig; O. Miller; Ullbrich. Scores on fouls—Kinsel, 20 in 28; Goss, 5 in 8.	

Push-ball as a substitute for class football games will be one of the alternatives urged by the student body in the near future. Since the student council ruled out interclass grid-iron contests, there has been a deal of speculation as to what would take its place. F. D. Linkletter, '06a, being familiar with a similar situation at the University of Washington, has kindly forwarded some pictures of push-ball contests at that institution, with the statement that the game has become quite popular there. The students of M. A. C. will consider the proposition.

E. E. Kurtz, '10e, is assisting in the department of drawing and design this term.

R. C. Edwards, '10, and his brother are conducting a prosperous hardware business at Arcadia, Mich. Mrs. Edwards, who was Miss Anna C. Thompson, was also a member of this class.

"Andy" Sias, who moved from his old quarters in the bath house at the close of last term, has reopened a temporary shop on Grand River avenue, just east of the brick store.

The entomology department recently received a very fine collection of beetles from the Philippine Islands. They were sent by Jollie Tibbs, who graduated from M. A. C. with the class of 1912. Tibbs is teaching agriculture in the Islands at the present time.

M. J. Gearing, '12e, who recently went to Roanoke, Va., had no trouble in locating the only other M. A. C. man in the city, A. E. Falconer, '06. The two men work for the same company, in the same office. If you are going to a new location, ask the Alumni Secretary about the M. A. C. people there.

The subject of new uniforms is once more stirring the undergraduates. Action on the matter is expected in a short time. Olive drab uniforms, similar to those worn in the regular service, are desired by both students and the military department, and it is probable that the change will be made sooner or later.

The double tracking of the car line from Lansing to the college is again in spotlight. A conference was recently held between one of the chief officials of the M. U. T. and Pres. Snyder, but what the outcome will be is not definitely known. The company, however admits the need of such an improvement, and developments are expected within a few weeks.

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