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BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON

## TWO ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUMMER SESSION

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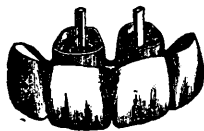
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## BASKET-BALL SCHEDULE—1906-07.

The girls' basket-ball schedule, though rather long, was finished in good season this year, in contrast to the long drawn-out affair of last year. This was done by playing some of the games Friday afternoons, no admission being charged to these games.

It has been suggested that more interest would be shown if the schedule was shortened. As it stands now the preliminary games do not draw the crowds that they should.

The Fourth Year team, which is the pennant winner this year, undoubtedly won by team work. Every girl on the team is a good player, though none could lay claims to being stars, and there was evidence in every game which they played of the utmost harmony among the players by imitating which some other teams would profit.

### PRELIMINARY GAMES.

#### Third Years vs. First Years.

Third Years—8 baskets, 3 fouls, 19.

First Years—8 baskets, 1 foul, 17.

#### Seniors vs. Second Years.

Seniors—4 baskets, 11 fouls, 19.

Second Years—3 baskets, 4 fouls, 10.

#### Seniors vs. First Years.

Seniors—11 baskets, 6 fouls, 28.

First Years—8 baskets, 3 fouls, 19.

#### Juniors vs. Fourth Years.

Juniors—5 fouls, 5.

Fourth Years—5 baskets, 6 fouls, 16.

#### Seniors vs. Juniors.

Seniors—3 baskets, 4 fouls, 10.

Juniors—4 baskets, 3 fouls, 11.

#### Fourth Years vs. Third Years.

Fourth Years—Won by default, 2.

Third Years—0.

#### Seniors vs. Fourth Years.

Seniors—0.

Fourth Years—Won by default, 2.

**Second Years vs. First Years.**

Second Years—Won by default, 2.

First Years—0.

**Seniors vs. Third Years.**

Seniors—Won by default, 2.

Third Years—0.

**Juniors vs. Second Years.**

Juniors—13 baskets, 3 fouls, 29.

Second Years—2 baskets, 3 fouls, 7.

**Fourth Years vs. Second Years.**

Fourth Years—Won by default, 2.

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**Juniors vs. First Years.**

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**Fourth Years vs. First Years.**

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**Third Years vs. Second Years.**

Third Years—4 baskets, 8.

Second Years—7 baskets, 3 fouls, 17.

	Played	Won	Lost	
Fourth Yrs.	2	6 (4 by Default)	0	1000 per Ct.
Juniors	4	3 (1 " " )	3	500 "
Seniors	4	3 (1 " " )	3 (1 by Default)	500 "
Second Yrs.	3	2 (1 " " )	4 (1 " " )	333 "
Third Yrs.	2	1	3 (2 " " )	250 "
First Yrs.	2	0	5 (3 " " )	000 "

**SEMI-FINAL GAME.****Seniors vs. Juniors.**

Seniors—11. Juniors—13.

**FINAL GAME.****Juniors vs. Fourth Years.**

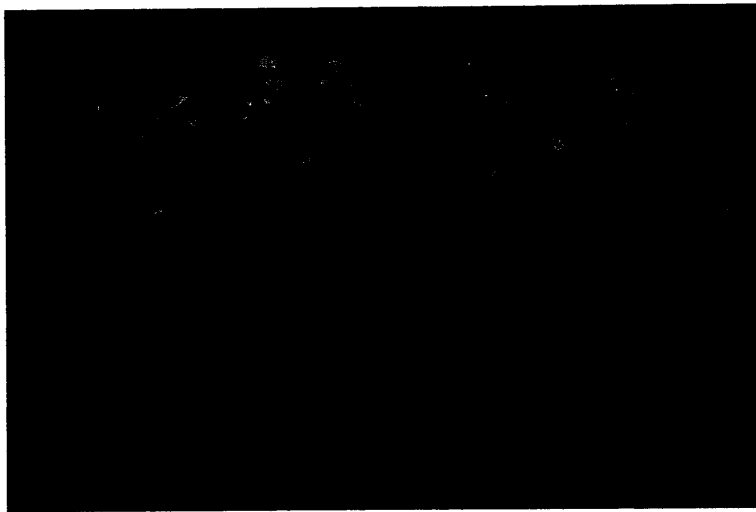
Juniors—7. Fourth Years—17.

**BOYS' BASKET-BALL.**

Schedule played last season—

Date of Game	Normal Score	Opponents	Score	Played at
Jan. 19	27	Bellingham Y.M.C.A.	17	Normal
Feb. 1	33	" H. School	15	Y.M.C.A. Gym
Feb. 15	14	Seattle Y.M.C.A.	41	Normal
Feb. 23	16	Bellingham Y.M.C.A.	29	Y.M.C.A. Gym
March 2	9	S. A. C.	33	Normal
March 15	21	Seattle Y.M.C.A.	23	Seattle
March 16	16	S. A. C.	36	Seattle

This schedule has been played with the strongest teams the Normal ever encountered, and although the percentage of games won was not large, we are justly proud of the showing



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**A TOAST.**

(With Apologies to Miss Alma Whittier.)  
We wish to drink to the Fourth Years,  
Short and lean,  
And we surely drink most deeply  
To the Fourth Year Basket Team.

Here's to Carrie Schuh,  
Our brave guard and Capt'n,  
Who made Mabel Dargon  
Wonder what had happened.

Here's to Hazel Horn,  
The Fourth Year brave but small.  
Who made VanCuren mourn  
And wonder, "Where's my ball."

Here's to our little center,  
Brave Margaret, jumping high,  
Whene'er a ball came near her  
She caught it on the fly.

Here's to Dolly Jennings  
Who has our love and praise,  
She calmly made her innings  
While Ruby stood and gazed.

Here's to little Tartie,  
Who didn't do so bad,  
For she made the valiant Arke  
Feel most awfully sad.

So we drink to all the Fourth Years,  
We drink their glory up,  
And we DRANK again most deeply  
From out that Silver Cup.

(Moral: He who laughs last. laughs best.)

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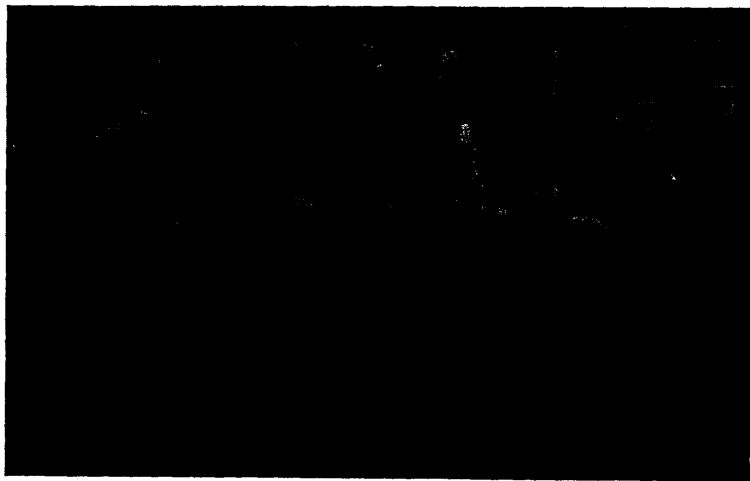
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**EDITORIAL.**

In an institution of this kind where students remain only a year or two at a time, they are prone to lose themselves in their studies and give as little time as possible to athletic sports. Such has been the record during the past year. It is true that the basket-ball season had its share of games, but the spring out-of-door sports have been lacking. Why? For several reasons. The constant demands upon the time of the students does not give them the opportunity. It is a rush from morning till night. Whether this is due to the spirit of the times or constant pressure from the teachers is a question which only the student himself can answer.

Another reason and one which I believe to be more potent, is due to lack of interest on the part of the faculty. There seems to be every reason in the world why they should be interested. Every institution of prominence, and we include this one among the number, has its athletic field, tennis and handball courts.



***JUNIOR TEAM***

**FROM LEFT TO RIGHT—LULU SHIRCLIFFE, GRACE WILLEY, VIOLA VAN CUREN, (CAPTAIN),  
LILLIAN ARKE, RUBY BERGMAN, MABEL DARGON**

The reasons for such are quite obvious. The drain upon the vitality when studying is replaced by the strength gained from exercise upon the track or court.

With a small amount of expenditure several tennis courts could be made, a baseball diamond cleared, and as a consequence we believe that the school-room results would be better. It is not the intention of the writer to be dictatorial, but observation, we believe, justifies our position. It is hoped that before long our school shall add to its environment as the means whereby the student shall have plenty of pleasant and healthful sports.

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### **A DIVINE TRAGEDY.**

The early morning sunlight was slowly creeping through the wide windows of the biology laboratory, trying to dispel the gloom which pervaded every corner of the room, and, in fact, the whole building, for it was the end of the quarter when the students wore upon their faces the expression of a tumult that raged within.

Some of them could be heard to utter dire vengeance upon the heads of their unfortunate instructors, who were so unappreciative of their intellectual capacity and so devoid of the courtesies of polite life as to fail to give them a passing mark, while other more self-conscious ones were heard to give expression to some such thought as this:

“Tell me not in idle numbers

Normal life's a happy dream,

For the girl will flunk that slumbers

And the Profs are not what they seem.”

To return to the biology laboratory. There was seated in one corner of the room alone, a dejected youth. He seemed to be the center of all the gloom of the Normal school. Very strikingly, indeed, was this settled melancholy in contrast with the usual sunny smiles of Rob Wilson, for Rob's happy disposition had made him a favorite in the school, especially among the girls.

Was he brooding over a failure? Ah, no, a failure was never known to affect Rob so deeply. Was it a secret conspiring against the Juniors (Rob was a Fourth Year). We think not, for the Fourth Years had long since learned the wisdom of diplomacy.

The gloomy silence was broken by the voice of Fred Ross (a tall slender youth, also a Fourth Year).

“Hello, old man, what’s up; flunked in anything?”

The groan which followed this remark only fanned the flame of Fred’s curiosity.

“Say; you sick?”

This time he was answered by a grunt of contempt, accompanied by a look of mingled pity and despair (despair for himself and pity for his friend’s lack of intuition).

Suddenly there flashed over Fred’s face a look of understanding and sympathy. Whether it came from some past experience in his life, I know not, but he remarked with some concern in his voice:

“Got the mitten, Hey?”

“Thunder and lightning! Tom fool! Blundering idiot!” came in spasmodic screams from Rob.

“I haven’t flunked! I haven’t got the mitten! I’m not sick! I’m dead broke, that’s what I am.”

The look of relief which overspread Fred’s countenance did not re-establish Rob’s confidence in the brotherhood of man; much less his next remark.

“O, better than the meat pie feast,  
O, better for to be  
The man who neither owes a debt,  
Or spends his money free.”

Fred was given to an untimely quoting of morals and scripture.

Fortunate, indeed, for him that there burst through the door a half dozen frantic Junior girls, and Rob’s attention was directed into other channels.



The girls had just handed in their final examination papers, in biology.

“Do you suppose we’ll ever get through?” said Martha, despairingly.

“Let’s hope so,” replied Minnie Anderson.

“Say, could you give examples of all the proofs of evolution?” asked Ida Crooks. “I couldn’t think of any proof by artificial breathing, except the Fourth Years.”

“Artificial breathing!” came in exclamation from all the girls. “You mean artificial breeding, don’t you?”

When the laugh subsided Ida had fled. Alas, she had failed to follow up the lecture with a perusal of the text. The mistake was due either to Ida’s deficient hearing or the instructor’s articulation (most likely the latter).

“What did she mean by saying the Fourth Years are a proof by artificial breathing,” inquired Gertrude, the English girl.

“Well, you see,” began Lulu Shircliff, in the tone of a professor, “We have in our midst a very evident proof of evolution by artificial breathing. By this method the Fourth Years have passed through three cycles of their evolution and are now rapidly evolving, by this artificial breathing, generation of hot air, etc., through the fourth cycle into the family of higher animals, known as advanced students, Species, Juniors and Seniors.

This evolution has been increased and intensified by playing basket-ball, and especially by winning the Cline cup from the Juniors.”

“Hold on, Jess; where are you going?” cried Grace Hedger, as Jessie Bryant jumped over the table in her haste to reach the door, knocking over a bottle of nitric acid and a jar of paramecium.

“I’m going to tell the engineer to utilize some of this artificial breathing, hot air, etc., in heating the building.”

There is no predicting what marvelous improvements might have resulted in our heating plant if Jessie had not been caught by the

Language Professor and sent home for disturbing the hall.

“By George, those Junior girls aren’t so slow,” remarked Fred as they passed up to assembly.

“Well, I guess not,” replied Rob. “Sometimes even I cannot keep even with them.”

We can pardon Fred’s somewhat tardy perception when we realize how his attentions had been monopolized by the winning grace of a fair-haired Fourth Year maid.

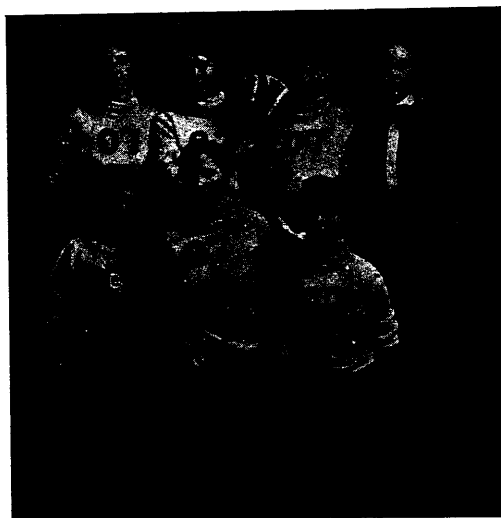
All day Rob chilled the atmosphere of the school room with his desperate countenance and struck terror to the hearts of the girls when he returned their merry smiles with a stony stare. “What could be the matter with Rob?”

How little did they realize that Rob’s board bill had not been paid for two months and his room rent for twice that long! How little did they dream that unless a rainbow dropped a pot of gold, or Mida’s golden truck was given him, Rob’s songs and laughter would no longer be heard on Normal hill.

Alas, Rob had little faith in miracles; much less in his prospects of living without eating or sleeping, especially the former, for his appetite had occasioned some comment at the dining hall.

As to how Rob became broke I do not know. Perhaps he was not sufficiently economical; perhaps his guardian was a stingy old aunt (a retired Normal student), or, perhaps, he had no guardian and was working his own way up the stony path of knowledge. I only know that he was short of cash and very despondent at the thought of leaving school and the girls.

That evening Rob was seen walking down Happy Valley. He seemed lost in thought. To a distant observer he might have been steeping his soul in the beauty of the sunset, in the wonderful, ever-changing glory of the sky and landscape. But to a more careful observer it was evident that his communion was not with Nature. I doubt that he was conscious of her



*SENIOR TEAM*

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT--(UPPER ROW), ADA MYERS, ALICE McCULLOUGH (CAPTAIN), BERTH EDNA PAYNE, LOLA RECORDS;  
(LOWER ROW), HELEN GOLDTHWAITE, ELLEN O'FARRELL, FRANCES MONCRIEF

visible forms. He did, however, speak a various language, which sounded something like this:

“I am busted; yes, I’m busted!  
Ebbs the jingling pennies fast  
And the dark Plutonic shadows  
The landlady’s face overcast.  
Ah, no more across the campus  
Shall my voice exulting swell.  
Louise, Lulu, Grace and Jennie,  
Jessie Bryant, Dorm, farewell.”

Suddenly he stopped with his eye riveted on the walk in front of him, for there, as sure as Romine’s Jokes, lay a pocketbook. He picked it up, opened it and, Lo, there lay revealed a roll of bills—three hundred dollars.

For some moments Rob struggled with a problem of ethics, but as he turned away with the bills in his pocket he quoted: “Let no man seek his own, but every man another’s wealth.” I doubt if a minister would have considered his interpretation of the scripture altogether Theological.

At dinner the girls were delighted to see Rob’s smiles return and the matron’s face wore an apologetic smile as he handed her his delinquent board bill.

The next morning, in assembly, Doctor Mathes read an announcement like this:

“Lost—Near the Normal school, a pocketbook containing three hundred dollars in bills. Finder return to John Simpson, room 31, Sunset block, and receive \$50 reward.”

Fred was troubled to see the desperate look return to his friend’s countenance and wondered to whom he referred in his mutterings about fools and blockheads. From former experience he deemed it wise not to inquire.

As Rob passed out of the door at noon with a determined look in his eye, he read upon the bulletin board these importune lines:

“It’s a sin to steal a pin.

“It’s a greater to steal a tater.

“It’s a whopper to steal a copper.”

Where was the adjective expressive of the

sin it was to steal all the pennies contained in \$300? Webster did not contain one.

When Fred returned to his room in the afternoon he passed Rob's door and walked in. The room was strewn with a litter that spoke of a hasty departure.

Upon the stand were these lines written in Rob's familiar scroll:

“There's a land that is warmer than this,  
In my dreams I can see it afar,  
And if I don't soon mend my way  
I'll go to my dwelling place there.”

Fred pondered over the note for some time, but could not solve the unsolvable. He decided that Rob's mind must have been the receptacle of too much moonshine and that he had better not speak of the note.

Rob's departure was the subject of conversation for some time, and as a great question cannot be settled until it is settled right, it was never settled.

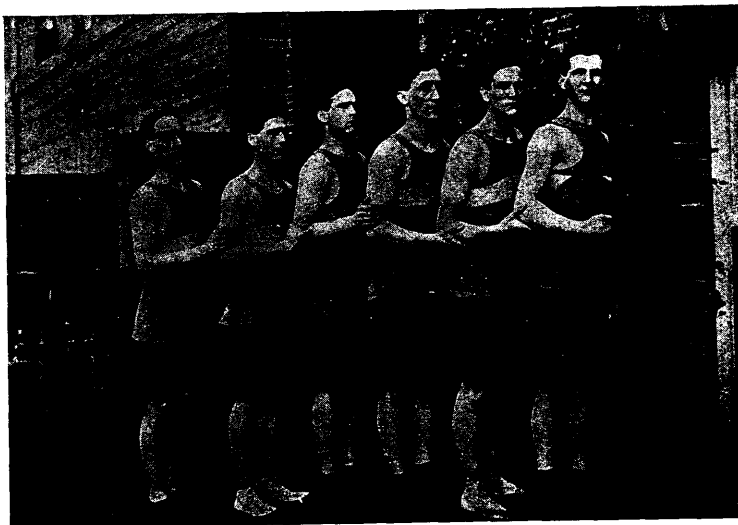
No one ever dreamed of connecting it with an anonymous letter received by Mr. Simpson a few months later, as follows:

“Enclosed find \$300 due your account.”

The man was a real estate agent and did not question the source of the money, nor the psychological erudition that brought these lines into his mind:

“So nigh is grandeur to our dust,  
So near is God to man,  
When duty whispers, Lo, thou must,  
The youth replies, ‘I can.’ ”

—Alma Whittier.



**BOYS' TEAM**

**FROM RIGHT TO LEFT—NOAH DAVENPORT, ROY GOODELL (CAPTAIN), ROGER WILLIAMS,  
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