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SOCIETY COMMITTEE REPORT.

Agreement of the Conferees on a Transposition of Junior and Sophomore Societies and Enlarged Membership in Latter—Recommendations of Petitioners—Probable Acceptance of Report by all Concerned.

The Joint Committee, representing the Sophomore Societies and the members of the Senior Class who signed the petition for the abolishment of these societies, (which petition was subsequently withdrawn temporarily, pending action on the whole matter), have finally reached an agreement which promises to work a complete change in Yale's social system.

A report goes before the petitioners and the Junior fraternities for consideration this week, and a report, with similar recommendations, from the members of the separate Sophomore Societies Committee, appointed by their societies to suggest changes last Fall, has been presented to the Sophomore societies.

The report, agreed upon jointly by the committee appointed from the Sophomore societies and the petitioners' committee, with whom they were appointed to confer, is embodied in the following circular, which goes before the petitioners on Wednesday, May 2:

Report of the Petitioners' Committee.

Your Committee, elected on February 26 to confer with the committee from the three Sophomore societies in regard to a change in the present society system, reports as follows:

We have met the Sophomore Societies Committee as often as circumstances would permit, and after considering many plans for the revision of the society system a pyramid system of class societies was unanimously agreed upon. This system is based upon the principle of elimination, the idea being to have a large number of society men in Sophomore year, and a smaller number in Junior year.

THE JOINT REPORT.

The report of the Joint Committee follows:

"The Joint Committee elected by the Sophomore societies and petitioners of the Senior Class agree in recommending to the Sophomore societies, the Junior fraternities and petitioners of the Senior Class the following changes in the society system:

That the present Junior fraternities be extended over Sophomore year and that the present Sophomore societies be placed in Junior year; and

That the numbers of the Sophomore fraternities be 114 in all—38 in each,—and

That the Junior societies shall each take in from 20 to 25 men—not less than 20, nor more than 25 in all.

The fraternities and Junior societies are to be placed on a competitive basis and there is to be no joint campaign, as exemplified in the present Junior societies, in either year: Each fraternity and society shall stand on its own merits

It is expressly stipulated that the Junior societies are not to restrict their elections to members of the fraternities.

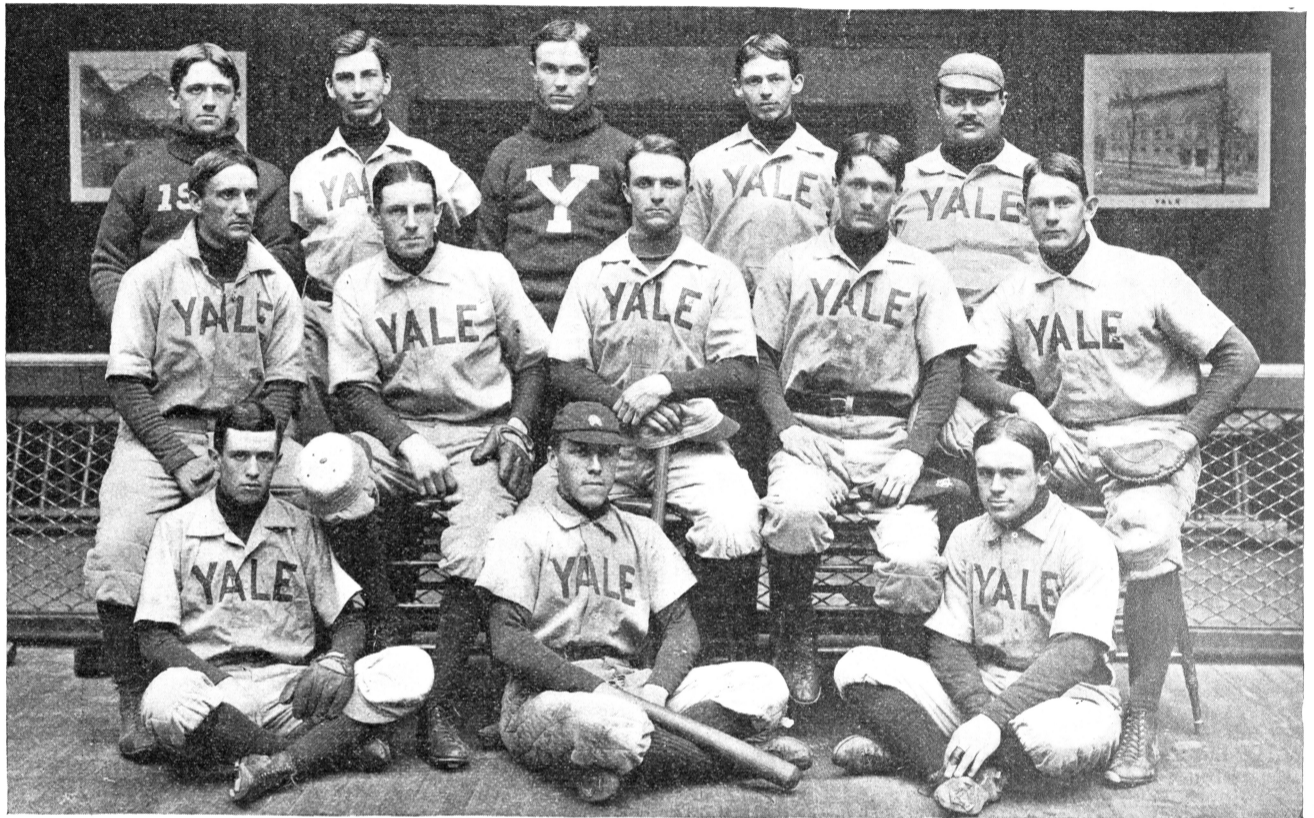
"R. J. SCHWEPPE, *Chairman*,
For Sophomore Societies Committee.

"J. D. DANA, *Chairman*,
For Petitioners' Committee."

The Sophomore Societies Committee, holding that the details as to elections,

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McKelvy, p. Waddell, l.b. Garvan, p. Lyon, r.f. Robertson, p. Camp, s.s. (capt.) Guernsey, l.f. Barnwell, c.f. Cunha, c. Sharpe, l.b.



Brown, 3 b.

Quinby, 2 b.

Sullivan, r. f.

times and numbers, should properly be left to the societies, were unwilling to join us in recommending a system of elections. As a separate petitioners' committee we would suggest the following scheme of elections for the adoption of the fraternities and societies.

FOR THE FRATERNITIES.

Spring Freshman year.....	25	25	25-75
Fall Sophomore year.....	5	5	5-15
Spring Sophomore year.....	5	5	5-15
Fall Junior year.....	2	2	2-6
Spring Junior year.....	1	1	1-3
	38	38	38-114

FOR THE JUNIOR SOCIETIES.

Spring of Sophomore year..	20	20	20-60
Fall of Junior year	}	Numbers to be decided upon annually by the different societies acting independently.	
Spring Junior year			

Legal agreement should be entered into by the fraternities and the societies in regard to the time for giving hold-offs and pledges, and such intervening time between hold-offs and elections should be as short as possible.

Your Committee is of the opinion that the classes in Yale to-day are of sufficient size to warrant the presence of another fraternity in Sophomore year. We therefore recommend that Zeta Psi extend her membership over Sophomore year, thus placing herself on the same independent competitive basis with the three other fraternities, Psi Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon and Alpha Delta Phi.

The following are the reasons which led your Committee to adopt the pyramid system:

REASON FOR PYRAMID SYSTEM.

We consider a pyramid system of societies as most compatible with the tradition of class societies peculiar to
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DUAL GAMES FORECAST.

The Contest Will Be Close—Chances Slightly in Yale's Favor.

Yale's track athletes will meet their Harvard competitors, Saturday May 12, on the track at Soldiers' Field, Cambridge, in the first contest for the new cup presented by graduates of Yale and Harvard through their representatives, Walter Camp, Yale '80, H. S. Brooks, Yale '86, and E. J. Wendell, and George Morrison, Harvard.

Both universities have been weakened by the graduation of several of last year's point winners, but Harvard's losses promise to be more severely felt than Yale's. The large number of new and untried men whose names appear in the entry lists, makes it very difficult to attempt a forecast of the result, but a review of the performances in Yale's inter-class games April 28 and in the trial meets held at Harvard last month, indicate that the contest will be very close, with the chances slightly in favor of Yale.

Yale's strongest men in the hundred-yards dash will be Blount, Dupee and Richards. Blount, who showed himself a consistent performer last season, at a 10½ mark, should win the event, although Butler, Harris, Sprague and Haigh are expected to secure at least one point for Harvard. Sprague's injured leg and the possibility that Haigh will be saved for the quarter, make the placing of the men a very difficult task.

It is safe to count on Boardman to win the 220-yards dash for Yale, but Clerk or Butler of Harvard, will probably secure one of the other places over Gleason and Dupee of Yale. The quar-

ter-mile should also go to Yale, through Boardman's speed. The other likely men in this event are Haigh and Clerk of Harvard, and Luce, Johnson, Thomas and Brennan of Yale, though it may be decided to put the last named man in the half.

The Yale half-milers, Smith, Poynter, Richardson, Ferry, and possibly Brennan and Thomas, will have Swan, Blakemore, Applegate, Ledyard and Walsh as their opponents. On form, Smith should be an easy winner. At this writing the other places are uncertain.

Clark, Knowles and Williams, of Harvard, and Speer and Weston, of Yale, are the probabilities in the mile. Clark should win the race.

The recent performances of Foote and Richardson of Harvard indicate that they will finish first and second respectively in the two-mile run. Teel or Waldron of Yale may land third place from Blakemore of Harvard. Were it not for complications with the College authorities, which have rendered Strong and Chittenden unavailable, Yale's chances in this event would be much brighter.

Fincke, Yale, and Hollowell, Harvard, ran over the high hurdles within inches of each other, in New Haven and later, in England, last year. An equally close race may be expected at Cambridge, with Willis, Harvard, and Thomas, Yale, well up.

Hollowell will, in all probability, win the 220-yard hurdles. The race between Willis and Thomas for second place promises to be a close one, though Webb, Hubbard or Ristine of Harvard may score.

THE FIELD EVENTS.

Daly, Ristine, Shirk, Harris and Murphy of Harvard, have all covered distances in the broad-jump greater than any recorded in New Haven this