

GIRLS' HONORARY ORGANIZATIONS

COMPARATIVELY SMALL NUMBER SELECTED EACH YEAR.

EACH CLASS HAS A SOCIETY

Senior Black Masques, Junior Silver Serpents, Sophomore Xi Deltas and Freshman Mystic Fish comprise the list—Members prominent in school activities.

Black Masque.

The order of the Black Masque was founded at the University of Nebraska in 1905 as an avenue for the expression of class spirit among the girls. Thirteen girls who had shown ability in leadership during their first three years in college got together and drew up the constitution and by-laws. Especially active in this work were Alice Towne, Susan Barhart, Mary Harris, and Minnie Petrashek. Membership was limited to thirteen, the color of the order was black, the pin decided on was a small black mask. In spite of all the gloomy omens centering about the number and the color, the Black Masque had a very brilliant and effective future ahead of it, far beyond the dreams of its founders.

Throughout the last ten years the original ideals of Black Masque have been carried out and broadened. It has become a working basis through which reforms have been instituted and effected. The individual members are kept in the background "behind the masques," as it were, while the power lies in the society as a whole.

Reforms in social life have always been one of the chief aims of these senior girls. They have endeavored to take exemplary attitudes toward amusements, school activities, and scholarship. They have tried to encourage public spirit and co-ordination in the lower classes by suggestions of united actions. Not only, then, has Black Masque increased senior class spirit as the founders had planned, but it has also reached out into the other classes and stimulated spirit there.

Xi Delta Sophomore Society.

Xi Delta, the sophomore honorary society, was organized in 1907, to promote good-fellowship among its members and to strengthen by organization their individual efforts in school and class affairs. It is made up of one girl from each society and two who are not members of a sorority.

The Xi Deltas have had two meetings this fall and are working out a definite plan that will make Xi Delta mean more to the University than ever before.

Mystic Fish.

The Mystic Fish society was organized in 1908 to represent the interests of freshman girls and to promote good-fellowship among its own members. The associate members are:

- Hazel Perrin, Delta Delta Delta.
- Clare Scriber, Pi Beta Phi.
- Jessie Beghtol, Kappa Kappa Gamma.
- Nettie Hill, Alpha Chi Omega.
- Evelyn Johnson, Chi Omega.
- Mary Cook, Delta Gamma.
- Jeanette Lawrence, Alpha Phi.
- Martha Bell, Alpha Omicron Pi.
- Grace Cooley, Kappa Alpha Theta.
- Grace Bennet.

At present there are sixteen Mystic Fish, one freshman from each sorority and two non-sorority girls. The organization accomplishes much in freshman activities.

Ralph Scoville, '15, is practicing law at Geddes, S. D.

FOUNDING OF SILVER SERPENT

Organized by Dr. Louise Pound in 1905—Purpose and Traditions of the Society.

Silver Serpents, the junior girls' honorary society, was founded in the year 1905-6 by a number of junior girls, assisted by Dr. Louise Pound and a few seniors chosen as honorary members. Its purpose was to promote school activities and to help the members of the class to know one another. One girl from each sorority and three non-sorority girls constituted the first active chapter. The pin design is a small coiled serpent of silver with green eyes.

A formal constitution was drawn up and adopted, much to the disgust of the Black Masques, who had organized only a few years before. A strong rivalry sprang up at once between these two societies representing the junior and senior classes. The announcement of the organization of Silver Serpent occasioned a great deal of surprise and amusement and the following day a large number of mock societies sprang up, and students were seen everywhere on the campus

LIVE FEATURES OF GIRLS' ATHLETICS

MUCH ENTHUSIASM IS SHOWN OVER HOCKEY AT PRESENT.

GIRLS PLAY INDOOR BASEBALL

Basketball and Swimming Are Other Sports Attractive to Many—The Main Sport for This Time of the Year is Hockey.

Gymnasium for girls under Miss Ina Gettings' supervision is accomplishing great things. Hockey is at present right in its glory.

Along about the first of school a chance observer would notice that at 11 o'clock every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, twenty or more girls, chaperoned by Miss Gettings, all dressed in gymnasium regalia, make

HOLD CANDLE LIGHTING PARTY

National Student Secretary of Y. W. C. A. is Entertained at the Governor's Mansion—Miss Finney Introduces Guests

A "Candle Lighting" party in honor of Miss Oolooah Burner, of New York, National Student Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., was held at the Governor's Mansion Saturday evening.

In the receiving line were Mrs. Morehead, Mrs. Avery, Mrs. J. Frank Barr, Dean Mary Graham, Miss Oolooah Burner, and Miss Fannie Drake. The guests were introduced by Jeannette Finney. After passing along the receiving line, the girls were conducted upstairs, where each one was given a small taper, which she lighted from a large candle. Emily Cox sang and Miss Burner gave an informal talk on "What the Association Means." Jeannette Finney spoke of the significance of the "Candle Lighting" as the passing on of helpfulness and joy of living. A girls' quartet then sang the association benediction.

Refreshments were served down-

SORORITIES ACTIVE IN SOCIAL SERVICE

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS URGE SOME FORM OF BENEVOLENT WORK.

EACH SORORITY HAS ITS FIELD

This Article Gives a Resume of the Work Being Carried on by the Fourteen Different Sororities—Pan-Hellenic Council Explained.

Nebraska has fourteen sororities now. The most recent sorority to enter the university is Alpha Delta Pi, which was granted a charter last summer.

A large number of the national conventions were held last summer and have been a source of inspiration and renewed spirit among sorority women. A number of these sororities are engaged in social service work, both nationally and locally. The national organization of Pi Beta Phi maintains a school in the mountain districts of Tennessee, at Gatlinburg. Delta Gamma has a scholarship fund to which each chapter contributes, and which constitutes a loan fund.

The local chapter of Chi Omega offers an annual prize of twenty-five dollars to the woman student who does the best work in sociology, both in class room and in its practical application. This prize was awarded last year to Norma Carson, '15, Lincoln.

Gamma Phi Beta has just recently taken up social service work in Lincoln. On Saturday mornings a number do secretarial work at the office of the Charity Organization. Throughout the week visits are paid to needy families in the city, whenever recommended by the charity organization. Some of their members also go out to the Orthopedic Hospital to read to the children or to take them riding. Alpha Omicron Pi is also particularly interested in the little lame children. Its members are planning to give a play there in November. Gifts are sent to the children at Christmas time.

Alpha Xi Delta helps to support a needy boy who is attending the city schools. It also distributes food and gifts at Thanksgiving and Christmas time. A number of the other sororities distribute gifts during the holiday season. Among these is Delta Delta Delta.

Alpha Chi Omega have a special day in March set aside for social service work. "It is known as "Hera" day.

The Pan-hellenic council is the inter-sorority governing body. Its membership consists of one alumna and one active member from each sorority. The work of the Council last year was largely the formulation of rules, and the instillation of the spirit of the rules. This year the council is considering taking up some new form of work, such as leading the local organizations in social service. The National Pan-Hellenic Congress met in Berkeley, California, this summer. Mrs. Shugart, Delta Zeta, and Miss Edna Perrin, Delta Delta Delta, attended and have given interesting reports to the council. The Congress went on record as being opposed to sophomore pledging.

Carlton C. Young, ex-'17, who entered Hamilton College in the junior class, is a member of the Alpha Delta Chi fraternity. He took part in the first tryouts for the glee club, was successful, and is now preparing for the second tryout.



PLAYING HOCKEY.

pledged to the "Pink Kangaroo," the "White Elephant," the "Yellow Cat" and others. This mischief was attributed chiefly to the rival seniors.

Soon after there was a big University parade, in which the Silver Serpents carried a huge green serpent, and the Black Masques carried an equally large black cat. A sharp struggle ensued between the two societies when the Silver Serpents stole the black cat, but lost their serpent, which the Black Masques seized, tore to shreds and scattered over the campus.

This was not, however, symbolic of the breaking up of Silver Serpent, for from that time it has become stronger and more zealous each year. As time went on also the antagonism between the two organizations has given place to a warm friendship with the common motive—a "bigger and better Nebraska."

It is customary for the Silver Serpents to decorate the athletic field for at least one of the big football games each year, and the gymnasium for the interclass basketball games. The last two years they have also sold "Merry Christmas" tags on the campus, to give Christmas cheer to poor families of Lincoln.

A reception to sophomore girls is given each spring, when the active members of the order elect their successors.

Alpha Theta Chi entertained at a picnic Wednesday night at the Farm Grove. About twenty-five couples were present.

their way across the campus toward the athletic field. They are all armed with heavy clubs as if they were going on the warpath; but they are not, they are going to play hockey.

Hockey is one of the greatest outdoor sports for girls. The game requires about twenty-two girls, the various positions being—forwards, wings, halfbacks, fullbacks and goalkeeper. A great amount of skill and judgment is needed for one team to get the ball down the field and across the goal line, which is the main point of the game.

Any student that has had any gymnasium work is allowed to practice hockey. Every year two teams are chosen, one from the lower and the other from upper classmen. After a few weeks of practice those who have acquired a good knowledge of the game are chosen for the team. This is an honor which every girl in the University should be very proud of. Hockey not only calls for a great deal of mental activity but also for physical ability, in fact some of the girls become so agile and quick that the teams often think they have a second Chamberlain in their midst.

The game is very beautiful, and in most respects as complicated and spectacular a game as football. It is only once in a long while that it will be necessary for an opponent to wear shin guards or be carried off the field wounded but undaunted.

Every year at the close of the hockey season a matched game is played. This game is a battle royal from start

stairs, while a short musical program was rendered.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS

Mr. Brewster Addressed the University Cadets—On Tour of the Middle West

National Preparedness was the subject of Mr. W. B. Brewster's address to the University cadets, Wednesday at 5 o'clock.

Mr. Brewster is touring the middle west in the interest of a nation-wide propaganda for national preparedness. Many influential men throughout the country are behind this movement, which makes every effort to bring the public to a realization of the necessity for complete preparedness for war, not only in times of war, but also in times of peace.

Mr. Brewster says the nation is like the individual—as long as there are individuals who are not to be trusted, they have to be placed in confinement. In the same way, other nations cannot be trusted and must be watched. Nations must be strong. It is the weak and puny boy that always gets the worst of a scrap. In like manner, the weak nation is always imposed upon. Mr. Brewster cited Belgium as an example.

Mrs. Sluyter has been teaching in the state for the past two years. She is a member of Delta Zeta sorority. Mr. Sluyter is in business in Hastings. They will be at home there after December 1.

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