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DENNISON IS THE WINNER

Captures First Place in the University Oratorical Contest

WAS ALMOST A TIE WITH MEIER

Contest Decided by the Markings of One Judge—Productions of the Speakers Above the Average

The tenth annual oratorical contest of the University of Nebraska is a thing of the past.

Last Friday evening in the chapel, before a crowd of perhaps one hundred people, the three orators in the contest made their fight for the privilege of representing the University at Crete in the state contest.

When the markings of the judges had been figured up by the officers of the association it was found that J. D. Dennison of the Delian society had won first place with a total of 546, O. W. Meier second place with 528 and Henry Tucker third place with a total of 495.

The struggle for first place was much closer than the score might indicate for the figures of the five judges, whose returns were in at the close of the contest, tied Mr. Dennison and Mr. Meier for first place.

The markings of Dr. Long of York, one of the judges on manuscript, had not as yet been received and on his figures depended the result of the contest.

It was notified by telegraph that it was absolutely essential that his markings be sent in at once. It was not long before they were received and the decision announced, which made Mr. Dennison the official representative of the University.

All of the orations were of a high order and showed the most conscientious work in their preparation and training. It was freely commented that they were much above the usual productions rendered in similar contests in past years.

Much of the praise doubtless belongs to Mrs. Manning who had all three of the contestants in hand. Her hard work was plainly evident in the excellent delivery which characterized the three orations.

The evening's entertainment was opened by a mandolin solo by Claire Young, accompanied by Verne Hedge with the guitar, which was loudly applauded.

Mr. Dennison then spoke on "The Evolution of Government."

The main argument of the oration was to prove the ideal government to lie between despotism and anarchy.

Mr. Dennison's long practice and extensive training in public speaking made his appearance on the stage very easy and graceful. Sometimes there was a tendency towards rapidity and a lack of clear cut enunciation, but otherwise his delivery was all that could be desired.

The second oration, that of O. W. Meier, was on the subject, "The Principles Fought for by Our Forefathers."

His oration was naturally more of a historical sketch than either of the other two productions and showed deep study and insight into the causes leading up to the independence of the American colonies.

Although not so easy or polished as his predecessor Mr. Meier spoke with an intensity and earnestness which gave his delivery more force than that which characterized either of the other orations. His enunciation was very distinct and clear cut.

Mr. Tucker, the third of the contestants, had as his subject "The Coming Statesman."

His production was one of more public interest than either of the others on account of the treatment of existing conditions. His delivery was rapid and persuasive, carrying conviction with it.

Music for the program was rendered by Miss Ethel Galley, Miss Hollister, Miss Grace Reynolds and the Telyn male quartet, composed of Messrs. L. A. Bumstead, W. K. Tuttle, B. O. Williams and John Williams. The vocal solo by Miss Reynolds and the

songs of the quartet were especially delightful.

Both numbers of the Telyns being encored and even then the audience was not satisfied.

After the completion of the program and before the decision of the judges was announced the audience amused themselves by singing, talking and calling for remarks from the prominent persons present.

The judges on manuscript were H. W. Brown, G. M. Lambertson and Dr. Long; on delivery, A. G. Wolfenbarger, Dr. Hindman and J. A. Kirkpatrick.

Delta Gammas Go To Beatrice

The Delta Gamma girls celebrated their anniversary by a trip to Beatrice where they were entertained by Mrs. Deutsch. They left Lincoln in a private car over the U. P. at 8 in the morning. They enjoyed a breakfast at Mrs. Deutsch's at 9 o'clock. From this time until 2 o'clock they amused themselves in the various ways known to girls, when they met around a sumptuous banquet. This feast was followed by toasts, Miss Helen Harwood acting as toastmistress. The following responded:

"Us," Nelia Cochrane.
"Our Friends, the Enemy," Marion Smith.
"Our Ancestors," Edna Polk.
"Capia," Daisy Miner.
"Les Enfants," Laura Bridge.
"Delta Gamma Air Castles," Ura Kelly.
"Familiar Hymns," Blanche Garten.

Those who applauded these witty responses were:

Laura Haggard, Carrie Dennis, Alice Wing, Bessie Wing, Mrs. Deutsch, Mrs. Woods, Grace Bridge, Helen Harwood, Lena Deweese, Stella Rice, Joy Webster, Blanche Garten, Ura Kelly, Mabel Ricketts, Edna Polk, Georgia Case, Nelia Cochrane, Selma Noren, Jessie Lansing, Helen Woods, Marian Smith, Clara Watkins, Katharine Woods, Laura Bridge, Clara Mullen, Helen Welch, May Prentiss, Mary Davis, Annie Miner, Daisy Miner, Fannie Cole, May McMenemy, Ethel Tuckey, Edith Lewis and Anna Day.

They came home after 6. The day was the more enjoyable because the five charter members of the fraternity were all present and letters were read from the absent girls.

Company D Banquet

On the invitation of Captain Morrison the members of Company D spent a delightful evening at the Alpha Tau Omega house, Fourteenth and M streets, last Tuesday.

The early part of the evening was spent in games of various sorts after which a business meeting was held. A civil organization was perfected. First Sergeant A. L. Brown was elected president and Sergeant G. K. Bartlett secretary of the company.

A committee was appointed to arrange for a company yell and insignia. A committee was also appointed to arrange for a company contest in a tag of war, bucket, egg race, etc.

Captain Morrison made a very earnest appeal to the company to come out and work to win the cup. He also laid great stress on the proposed camp at Omaha this spring and every man was asked to do his best to further the project. Phil Russell, formerly captain of company B, was present. As there are so many old company B men now in company D, Mr. Russell was made an honorary member of the company.

Lieut. Stotsenberg made a short address calling particular attention to the camp at Omaha. After this the members adjourned to the dining room and soon reduced the amount of refreshments which were piled up in great abundance.

After listening to speeches from every man in the company who had anything he wished to say, the cadets departed, having enjoyed one of the most successful company feasts in their experience.

Company B Banquet

Captain Hendy entertained Company B last Tuesday evening at the Beta Theta Pi. Refreshments were served and a general good time was enjoyed. The boys made considerable noise, but were not disturbed by the peace loving policemen.

OUR ATHLETIC PROSPECTS

Plenty of Material in the University if It is Only Trained

ATHLETES MUST REGISTER NOW

Rules of Athletic Board Require Them to Take Physical Training if They Expect to Enter Any Contest

Never before in the University have the prospects for field and track athletics been so promising. The organization of a state intercollegiate association has been perfected and the date set for the meet, which will be on the campus, is May 14. The colleges and universities who will be represented are Doane college, Wesleyan University, Hastings college and the U. of N. The outlook is encouraging also for the state intercollegiate meet at Omaha during the exposition. Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Colorado, Doane, Wesleyan and a half a dozen other institutions have already expressed themselves as favorable to this pan-western contest.

We have been champions in base ball and foot ball to our own heart's content, and the whole university is proud of our records and waxes enthusiastic in mass meetings, on the field and after the game, but it has seemed as if University spirit was dampened when track and field athletics become the topic of conversation and athletic countenances have fallen. We also have an inkling that even Kansas laughed in her sleeve when she heard us talking of track athletics.

But all this is now changed. Minnesota has challenged us this year to a dual track meet, and Kansas, Iowa and Missouri have offered to meet us in a quadrangular league. Other institutions throughout the west wish to try Nebraska's mettle. We have no lack of opportunity for competition worthy of name. We have no choice but to accept such opportunities. We have, therefore, no choice but to bring every available man into the field, no choice but to train regularly and steadily as winning teams are coached to train.

There is no lack of material with which to win. There is no lack of true University spirit among faculty and students. There is no lack of co-operation and consolidation of this athletic interest. The business men of Lincoln have shown their active and practical interest in University athletics by giving prizes and trophies this year to the amount of \$250. Business men, alumni, students and professors have formed a committee to solicit funds, work and material for the building of a cinder track because without such a track it is impossible for us to compete successfully with other institutions. Prominent athletes have already pledged themselves to give work and money.

The department of physical training has directed its efforts towards putting men in sound physical condition and giving them technical training in athletics as well as gymnastics during the whole year. The Sophomore-Freshman contest occurred in November, the indoor athletic contest on charter day, the indoor pentathlon comes the evening of March 25, and the outdoor pentathlon about the middle of April, University field day May 7 and the inter-collegiate field day on May 14.

At least half of the men who took part in the field day last year have been in training the whole of this year, two records have been broken in contests and others are being broken now in indoor practice. Many have entered for the second semester of training in harmony with the ruling of the athletic board in January. But there are still some good strong men in the University, who ought to get out and fight for our colors. The day has passed when men can run out to the field, jerk off hat and coat and shoes and make an exhibition of themselves at the expense of the University. We are in for solid training through and through and plenty of it. As will be seen from the recent athletic regulations adopted by the ath-

letic board, they mean to prevent accidents or injuries to contestants from lack of training and to raise our athletic records. The attention of all students is again called to the resolution of the athletic board, published in the Nebraskan of January 21, and in the Hesperian the week following. It may be in place to state to those who wish to enter track and field athletics this spring but who have for any reason delayed entering the physical training classes provided for athletic teams, will not be able to do so after the date of the indoor pentathlon. No student will be registered for the physical training in the athletic classes by the registrar after March 31 at 5 p. m., and no student who is not so registered and is not taking regular training in the athletic classes, will not be allowed to enter for any athletic event in any contest.

Entries for the outdoor pentathlon will begin March 26 and close March 31. No entries will be received after 6 p. m. on that date. A final appeal is made to the athlete men in the University to come out and win honor for themselves and the University. We do not lack friends of athletes among students or business men; we shall not lack proper track and apparatus with which to train, thanks to our friends in advance. We have lacked nothing but feeling the necessity of winning, and we shall win. Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas and others place that necessity upon us. We can and must win our share of the events.

Debates Postponed

The final preliminary debates have been postponed one week. They will take place in the chapel on Friday and Saturday evenings, March 25 and 26. This change was thought necessary because of the conflict with the Ladies minstrels entertainment and because of the illness of Maguire and Baker.

At the last meeting of the association a letter was read from Iowa, asking that we pay all expenses of a visiting team. This proposition was rejected and a counter one offered providing for a meeting at Omaha, each organization to bear its own expenses. A committee was also appointed to confer with the faculty and endeavor to secure the privilege of allowing the nine successful contestants the privilege of substituting their final preparation for the same regularly catalogued study. Each of the sixteen aspirants is working incessantly and poor lessons is the rule with them now and will be for another week. There seems to be no good reason for ignoring the extra efforts of all these workers and it is to be hoped that before next year arrangements may be completed whereby credit may be received for this special work. An earnest and enthusiastic contest is assured. Admission will be ten cents each evening.

The question for discussion Friday evening is "Resolved, That the Annexation of Hawaii Would Be Beneficial to the United States." The speakers on the affirmative are McNaughton, Maguire, Kinder and Deal; on the negative are Perry, Hawxby, Warner and O. W. Meier. The question Saturday evening is "Resolved, That the United States Should Construct the Nicaragua Canal." The speakers on the affirmative are Matson, Taylor, Kemp and Ewart; on the negative, Sackett, Hager, Miss Stull and R. S. Baker.

Cinder Track Progressing

The cinder track scheme promises to materialize into a first-class racing course. The plan is for the students to do most of the work necessary to the building of the track. The heavy work will be done by hired labor. The business men have contributed liberally to the fund and the hotels and factories will furnish cinders free of charge.

Attention Seniors!

Orders will soon be taken for senior programs and invitations. Their cost will be 9c apiece. Seniors should find out at once how many programs they will need as orders must be sent in advance.

GIRLS IN BURNT CORK

Lady Minstrels Will Appear in the Armory Tonight

TO BE A DARKTOWN JUBILEE

Lots of Jolly Coon Songs and Original Jokes—The Whole University Will Turn Out—The Program

Tonight in the University armory coons are to hold high carnival. The building will be given over to the colored belles in immaculate garbs and frizzled hair, and its veteran walls will re-echo with African melodies and clog dancing. There will be novel spectacles, inspiring music and a tropical time generally.

On the stage, erected at the west end of the armory will be seated the minstrel troupe, made up of all "dem high born ladies," while near at hand will be the patronesses to lend eclat to the occasion and to view the doings of their ebony proteges.

Among the features of the program will be the following:

PART I.

Overture, by the company.
End song, "I want a Real Coon,"—Miss Beauty Black.
Song, "Ma' Honey Lou,"—Miss Yellow Peach Yaw.
End song, "No Coons Allowed"—Miss Cinderella White.
Song, "Happy Birds"—Miss Pattie Brown.
End song, "Mamma's Little Pumpkin Colored Coon,"—Miss Ambolena Snow.
Song, Miss Lillian Mussel.
End song, "My Gal's a Red Headed Coon,"—Miss Paulina Bawl.
Finale, Tropical song—Misses Black and White.

PART II.

Song, "Little Cotton Dolly" banjo accompaniment—Misses Rosena York, Venus Green, Dinah Snowball, Lucy Chicken, Stella Fox.
Fancy dance, Miss Harris.
Banjo quartette—Ura Peach, Cleo Merode, Tropsey Jackson, May Uno.
Song—"Golden Poppies" Vanderpool Miss Treat.
Dance—Bella Bones, Marcia Malloy, Kinkey Kurls, Daisy Cutter, Juno Jones, Violet Pansy, Martha Washington.
Instrumental selections—The John-sing sisters.
Along with these speedy numbers, go coon steps and coon stuff on the part of the fair ones in burnt cork; and when the bones and banjos are quieted, there are spirited dialogues between Queen Lil, the interlocutrix and "various end men." All gags on tap for the evening are guaranteed new and fresh and highly seasoned. The fair ones making up the troupe have had the best of coaching and all indications point to a dark town jubilee tonight, a unique performance for the University and for the west.

Company Athletic Contests

Not content with the multiplicity of company hops and feasts which are at present all the style, Companies E and F have arranged for a company athletic contest, which will take place on the campus probably one week from today. The contest will consist of several events, including among others, a tag of war, spoon race, bucket race, sack race and accoutrement race.

The committee on arrangements of which Lieut. Wilkinson is chairman has not yet completed all the details of the contest, but the events will be practically the same as those above mentioned. Prizes have already been offered by business men for every event, which fact will arouse greater interest in the events and insure the success of the contest.

Students in Politics

University students have been taking an active interest in politics of the city recently. O. W. Meier, J. D. Dennison, C. J. Platt, J. Maguire, R. C. Roper, O. H. Allen and A. W. Rait were students elected to the city convention held on Tuesday of this week by the populists, democrats and free silver republicans for the nomination of a city ticket.