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SENIOR CLASS GRAND SNEAK

A Unique Event in University History Inaugurated by the Class of '98.

OTHER CLASSES TAKE A HAND

Day Marked by Many Amusing and Ludicrous Incidents—Story Told from two Standpoints.

The marked absence of class spirit in the University was emphasized Wednesday in the breaking forth of a regular old time "class scrap." The Seniors chose Wednesday for a "sneak day" and instituted what proved to be, and bid fair to become a novel feature with graduating classes. The grave and reverend Seniors skipped all classes and "lat" periods and devoted themselves to childish occupations—kindergarten plays—such as kite flying, top spinning, marbles and whistles of various kinds.

The affair began at chapel time, when the Seniors marched into chapel and took seats on the "fair" side. Some of the paraphernalia carried was gorgeous in the extreme. The whistles were called into requisition and chapel became the centre of interest among the students. Prof. Davis, who conducted chapel exercises, sought to impress the Seniors with the folly of their escapade by bearing down hard on the passage which reads: "But now that I am become a man, I have put away childish things," and the emphasis laid upon these words would have done credit to a Cicero. The application intended was readily noted. After chapel the Seniors marched out waving their parasols and hats and blowing the "squeakers."

Then the fun began. The Freshmen, Sophs, and Juniors were evidently not aware of the code of class ethics adopted universally and men of all three classes attempted to make it interesting for the Seniors. A few hats were grabbed by the lower classmen during the exit from chapel. The line of march was then taken up and a tour through the library was made, Burgess capping the climax by spinning his top on the library floor. The whistles, cow bells, etc., kept up a continual din. Humphrey helped celebrate by sending up a couple of rockets from the front step of the University Hall. An adjournment was taken to the athletic field, where the Seniors congregated in small groups calmly discussing the proper mode of holding a top, the color of dolls shoes, the differential theory of (rope) skipping the proper amount of tail for a certain brand of kite, the general complexions of broad straw hats, tied on with red and blue tape, and dainty red and blue parasols of the 13 cent variety. The foraging expeditions made by Juniors, Sophs, and Freshmen upon the groups of Seniors, resulted in the former capturing a few of the hats and all of the parasols; most of one of the latter was recovered by the Seniors later in the day.

On the campus green the Seniors accompanied by Burlleigh on a tvaang tvaang, sang all the late popular airs, "My Brownie," "Red Head Coon," "My, Oh My," "Porter's Class Song," "Little Pumpkin Colored Coon," and "Cinderella White," were among the number.

The scrap for hats, ties, etc., had by this time become so hot that all the Seniors were embroiled. McKay kept his Senior cap through the entire conflict, losing only the '98 insignia. One straw hat caused quiet a pile up and the unlucky senior emerged with only a handful of straw to tell the tale. Perhaps the climax of the morning was in an event which occurred after nearly all the Seniors had left the field. Four stray Seniors, namely Reedy, Kinton, Warren and Morrison were captured by a horde of underclassmen, thirsting for blood. They took the Seniors, after a fight, and threw them in the hole recently excavated back of the armory and retained them there, much to the seniors chagrin, for a half hour or so. The Seniors resumed their part of the celebration by going to Lincoln Park in the afternoon and having a good old fashioned picnic. They remained at

the Park, unmolested by the lower classmen till 8 o'clock. A number went to the home of Miss Gere where dancing was the feature. Did any one make a remark about fours left?

Among the costumes and appurtenances the following were noted: Miss Carscadden, one old doll, one toy cart, one cow bell; Miss Lytle, one pop gun, one toy pistol, one squeaking rubber baby; Miss Schwartz, one Jack in the Pulpit, one whistle, two squeakers and so they might be continued. Among the boys, Martin carried a little red parasol, a little hatchet and abutter-nut smile. Burgert carried a blue parasol, two tops without strings, his usual smile and a pocket full of candy. Cutter a red parasol, a jumping rope and a straw hat. Humphrey, two sky rockets. Barber carried himself well. Bischoff held a ladies pug dog and watched the show, loss only nominal. Cooley was not to be seen. Reedy Pearson, Sutton, Hager, et al., wore straw hats and carried girls' lunch baskets. In general the girls wore pink mousselaire de-sois over blue. The effect was stunning. The boys were mostly dressed in jeans of the jay-eyes-variety. The following is a partial list of the trophies lost and gained: Sawyer, lost hat, gained two caps; Hager lost one yard of skin, Reedy lost two bunches of hair, gained three caps; McKay lost two figures, gained a lock of hair; Cutter lost one parasol, one cap; Burgert lost one parasol, one top, gained two new swear words.

The Seniors felt amply able to care for themselves and needed no police, although the Juniors had the impudence to hint that they did. The day closed peacefully and the Seniors dreamed of pieces of straw, cap, a fight and "Doth not be have itself unseemly."

HOW A SOPH. SAW IT.

At a meeting of the senior class Tuesday afternoon it was decided to proclaim Wednesday a legal sneak day for the class. The idea was certainly an unique one, and seniors were conspicuous by their absence Wednesday morning. The first real demonstration was started in chapel most of the girls' seats being reserved for girls in black gowns and boys with 5 cent hats. Each senior had a toy of some sort. The spectacle made one think that the class had been turned loose in a 99 cent store. The straw hats were too much for the under classmen, and a junior grabbed one and started for the door. Immediately several seniors started in pursuit, but Turner blocked their way. Excitement was at a high pitch and a pitched battle seemed imminent when Professor Davis appeared on the scene and calm was restored. A scripture lesson was taken from Corinthians-13, which was very appropriate for the dignified seniors.

After chapel the seniors most marched through the halls of the different buildings in search of seniors. Bischoff, with his tin horn, trotted along with as much pride as if he were playing the leading cornet in some country town band. Hyde had a cow bell tied around his neck for fear of being lost, and judging from the way it rang, he had strayed far from the fold. Sawyer and Pearson each carried a pistol. Misses Wilkinson and Wheeler were flourishing whistles trying to break Burlleigh's band. Many of the other seniors carried instruments and toys, that would be hard to name.

After the parade ended, the seniors had succeeded in drawing a large crowd from the other classes who were out for a good time as well. As the paraders were grouped around on the campus the stealing of '98 caps began. A lower classman would grab a cap and start off. Then four or five seniors would jump on him, if they could get him before he started to run. If he got a start, every man, not of the graduating class, would happen to be right in the way of the pursuer.

In several rounds the heavy seniors proved themselves to be good wrestlers. Cushman and Kinder made their records as heavy weight men. Reedy and Moore are good runners and good on the tackle, but their wind gave out when they tried to run with sophomore foot racers. Will McKay,

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MANY RECORDS ARE BROKEN

The Annual Field Day Meet Finds the Athletes in Great Form.

EVERYBODY ENTHUSIASTIC

Andresen, Benedict, Pillsbury, Hansen and Turner Lower University Records.

The annual field day, held on the campus last Saturday, was a day that will go down in the history of athletics in the University of Nebraska as a record breaker. The records in the running and jumping were placed along with leading eastern colleges. The University need not stand back and take second place when it comes to athletics. The program opened by the 100 yard dash which was badly broken. Andresen won first place in 10 seconds, which is a half second faster than any previous University record. Troyer, Gerrard and Tefft made the previous record in '95 and not until this year was it touched. La Salle won second place, making it in 10 1-5 seconds. Heartt third, time 10 2-5 seconds. Even Heartt's place as third was better than the previous record.

The second event, the running jump, was also a record breaker. Benedict jumping 20 feet, 3 1-2 inches, Lepeon second, 18 feet 1 inch, and La Mar third, 16 feet 3 inches. This broke last year's record almost a foot.

The 220 yard dash was made in the same time as last year. Andresen running in 23 2-5 seconds, La Salle second, in 23 4-5 seconds.

The running high jump also smashed a record. Pillsbury jumping 5 feet 5 1-8 inches. The former record was 5 feet 4 3-4 inches. La Salle second, 5 feet 3 inches and Waterman third, 5 feet 2 inches.

The most exciting event of the day was the 440 yard run by Andresen, Benedict and Story. The first two were well matched. Benedict started the pace hard from the first and at the end of the first 100 yards was leading Andresen and Story at least thirty feet. By the time Benedict struck the stretch he had a good lead, but Andresen had a spurt in him and within 30 yards of the string, passed in and took the lead, finishing first and reducing the previous record of 54 seconds to 52 4-5 seconds. Benedict was second in 53 2-5 seconds and Story third in 61 2-5 seconds.

The mile run had four entries, which made it interesting. While the race was not as fast as expected it was fair time. Sawyer winning in 5 minutes 6 and 2-5 seconds. Waterman second in 5 10 2-5. Sawyer ran the mile 12 seconds faster in a trial last week, which is below the previous University record. If he is pushed in the intercollegiate, he is confident of doing it again.

Turner won the 16 pound shot put at 32 feet 1 1-8 inches, Hansen second, 30 feet 9 1-2 inches, and Stall third, 29 feet 7 1-4 inches. This is the record for a 16 pound shot.

The half mile run was run by Sawyer in 2:26, which can be reduced if he is pushed harder. Clinton won second place in 2:27 2-5.

The hammer throw was easily taken by Hansen at 87 feet 2 1-2 inches. Though La Mar is a smaller man he threw 82 feet 1-2 inches. Turner threw 76 feet 1-2 inch.

Benedict won the pole vault easily at 9 feet 3 inches, which is nine inches below his record. Pillsbury vaulted 8 feet 9 inches, Story, who is a very small man, made 8 feet.

The hurdle races were exciting. A record on the 120 yards was made by Heartt in 20 1-5 seconds, against 20 1-2 seconds of last year. La Salle was second with 20 2-5 seconds. This was practically a dead heat.

Throwing the discus was more than surprising. It was a new event, and has been practiced but little. Pillsbury threw 93 feet, which is but 2 feet 8 inches less than the record made in 1896 at the Olympic contest. Andresen threw it 74 feet 9 inches, Hansen-73 feet 6 inches.

The 220 yard hurdle was a pretty race. On the start, the first hurdle, Waterman, caught the hurdle and fell.

This was not enough to stop him and he got up and ran like an English steeple chaser, winning first place in 32 4-5 seconds, which is the record in the University.

The results in Saturday's events has made all interested in athletics, feel glorious ever since. Dr. Hastings stated that he was more than pleased with what the boys did in record breaking.

In comparison with the latest list of intercollegiate records available, we are able to see our standing with eastern colleges. The record held by Cary, Princeton, for 100 yards is 10 seconds, the same as our record. The intercollegiate record for the 220 dash is 21 4-5 seconds. The record made by Andresen is 23 3-5 seconds. This record would have been lowered had it not been for the fact that the races were run so close together last Saturday, that the contestants were unable to get over one race before the next was called.

The 40 yard record is held by Harvard at 47 3-4 seconds. University record, 52 4-5 seconds. N. C. Dahn of Princeton holds the 880 yard record at 1:57 1-5, Nebraska record, 2:10.

The mile run was made in 4:23 2-5 by the University of Pennsylvania. The running high jump is held by Fearing of Harvard, at 6 feet 1-2 inch. Nebraska has reached 5 feet 5 1-2 inches. Victor Mapes of Columbia holds the running broad jump record at 22 feet 11 1-4 inches. Benedict's record is 20 feet 3 1-2 inches.

The hurdle races, shot put and hammer throw are still behind what they ought to be.

The pole vault record, held by Buckholz of Pennsylvania and Hoyt of Harvard, is 11 feet 2 3-4 inches, while Benedict's indoor record is 10 feet.

By these comparisons we find the University of Nebraska able to turn out a track team that could meet any school in the country.

NO GUARDS FROM THE UNI

There will be no University students among the Exposition guards. This has been finally settled by a letter to the Chancellor. It is the same old story—politics and official influence has proved too much for true merit and the authorities have thrown over a company of well drilled cadets who have passed a strict physical examination, for the friends and relatives of the powers that be.

The news will prove a great disappointment to many students who were anxious to spend the summer in Omaha. This has been looked forward to during the greater part of the year. Chancellor MacLean went up to Omaha the first of the year and secured an ordinance from the executive committee looking towards accepting a company of sixty cadets and the matter was left in the hands of Mr. Kirkendall of the department of grounds and buildings who gave every assurance that the students would be taken care of. On this assurance, Lieutenant Stotsenberg picked out a number of cadets who passed a physical examination. Then a Mr. Llewellyn was given charge of the matter. Pressure from directors and stock holders increased with the result mentioned above. A final letter was received announcing that no cadets could be received. Chancellor MacLean, Lieutenant Stotsenberg and later Major True have done every thing possible but the odds were too great.

SENIOR BOOK MONDAY.

The Senior Book about which there has been so much talk of late, is to be out Monday according to the committee having the matter in hand. The book will contain pictures of all the members of the class, with their biographies. The drawings are said to be the best, unsurpassed by any University publications. Nor have the jokes been neglected. No one famous or infamous have been forgotten and this department is packed full of good things that are guaranteed to drive away the disappointments of extra work. As the book is to be put on sale at only 25 cents it is certain to go like wild fire. The copies have been strictly limited, so be on hand.

The athletic annual has been given up. Oury was made business manager on terms already published in the Nebraskan, so that when he left there was no one left to go on with the work.

EXAMINATIONS POSTPONED

Chancellor and Deans Decide at the Last Moment to Add Three Days More.

STUDENTS ARE DISGUSTED

By the Change Examinations Run Through Two Holidays and Upset All Plans.

The announcement of the chancellor in chapel Tuesday that the examinations have been postponed until May 30, stirred up such a tempest as this school has not experienced in a long time. The reason for the change as stated in the announcement was the fact that there would be no encampment this year. It proved as much a surprise to many members of the faculty as to the students, and with about the same result. Several professors were not loath to express their dissatisfaction with the change which will cause a disarrangement with plans already made. As it is, at least two professors have announced that all work in their departments would cease at the time previously set. The reason for surprise on the part of some professors is that the matter was not brought up at a faculty meeting, but seems to have been done by the chancellor, after consulting with the deans.

Among the students feeling was most intense and the greatest indignation prevailed. Everything has united during the last few weeks to make school work difficult and tiresome. All have been counting the days, almost the hours that still remain of the college year, and at the last minute, to learn that the agony must be prolonged half a week longer, was well calculated to produce disgust.

Another point that it is thought should have been given more consideration is the fact that many students had made definite arrangements based on the dates given in the calendar and will be compelled to go to the greatest inconvenience, not to say expense, by reason of the change. Already students have begun to try to make arrangements for special examinations and under the circumstances professors do not feel justified in refusing. They appreciate what it means to many students to be compelled to stay around here spending money when they hoped to be earning it, with practically no equivalent for the expense.

Perhaps the general indignation finds most tangible form among the Omaha contingent and the large number of other students who have been counting on attending the celebration at the opening of the trans-Mississippi exposition.

June 1st has been declared a holiday by the governor, the railroads have reduced the fare on that day to practically nothing and it is sure to be a red-letter day in the history of Nebraska, of which all loyal Nebraskans will be proud. That on this day of days the students of the State University will be kept here in the midst of examinations, will doubtless cause not a little unfavorable comment.

But the matter has not been dropped. The students are circulating a petition setting forth these facts and it is hoped that the justice of their contentions will be recognized on further consideration.

COLLEGE NOTES.

The editors of all student publications at Chicago University will be limited to students who have no conditions. The same regulations governing them as now govern athletics will take effect July 1.

An Easter gift of \$320,000 has been made to Chicago University. The donor of almost one-half the gift is unknown except to President Harper and the board of trustees. Miss Katherine Bruce has also given \$1,500 outright and \$15,000 conditionally to the astronomical department, and other amounts, making a total of \$160,000, have been turned over to the university.

Charles Weeks is now sergeant and La Rue Brown corporal of Company F.