

places add to the dignity and repose of this most inviting section of the building. There are long lines of reading desks stocked with the periodic literature of the day. There is an abundance of the easiest of easy chairs. There are plenty of quiet nooks where the reader may become a recluse for the time being.

On the western end of the main hall is found the billiard, pool, and chess rooms, and on the south front the business offices of the club, cloak room, and, opposite, news stand and toilet room. Two oaken stairways lead to the second floor where the first feature to attract is the immense fur of a grizzly, head intact, huge teeth and murderous claws much in evidence. The second-floor hallway is almost as spacious as the one below. Its walls are adorned with excellent prints and photographs from works of famous artists. The furniture is rich and sumptuous. At the eastern end a door opens into the auditorium, which seats six hundred people. It is entirely finished in quartered white oak, and has a high wainscoat and heavily timbered roof. At the north end is a proscenium arch and stage at the back of which is a large pipe organ!

On the western end of this second floor the athletic association, the Y. M. C. A., the guest chamber, and bookstore are clustered, and the main room in front is called the trophy room. Here are displayed in large, high-framed cases evidences of victories on "flood and field," won in early and recent date. The third floor is divided into numerous offices, society and committee rooms. The quarters of university's daily and monthly journals, a dark room for the camera club, a unique music room furnished with a piano, halls of the professional school societies, are on this floor. The basement of the club house contains a gymnasium, swimming pool, baths, barber shop, bowling alley, and cafe."

This description, with which I have taken some liberties, although a trifle pompous in style, is on the whole just. Perhaps the best feature of Houston club is that all these advantages may be enjoyed by any student of the university for dues amounting to only two dollars a year. Of course there is extra charge for special service, and charges for such of the privileges as demand, but these are always light.

It may be of interest that Penn's famous trainer—"Mike" Murphy—is a haunter of the chess tables at Houston hall. Another evidence that scholarship and athletics go hand in hand.

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SOCIETY NOTES.

The Palladians are planning to give a play in the near future.

The annual senior reception will be held in Walsh's hall, March 17.

A university dancing party will be given in the Lincoln Light Infantry hall, March 16.

The Delians' new members gave their annual program Friday evening which was a marked success.

Miss Hargreaves gave a small dinner party Wednesday evening at her home on Sixteenth and P streets.

Miss Whiting and Miss Kirker entertained Saturday afternoon for Miss San, whose wedding takes place March 19.

Miss Hallie Post, who has been visiting at the Kappa Alpha Theta house, left for her home in York, Nebraska, Monday evening.

Miss Janet Post gave an informal chafing-dish party at the Kappa Alpha Theta house Friday evening for Miss Hallie Post, of York.

The annual Company B hop will take place at Walsh hall on March 30. Tickets can be secured of the committee, which consists of Drain, Sherman, Cortchou, and Killian.

Saturday evening Miss Nora Miller entertained for Miss Beach of Hamburg, Iowa, at her home on Seventeenth and H streets.

Saturday afternoon the alumnae of Kappa Kappa Gamma will give a linen shower for Miss San at the home of Miss Griggs.

The Palladians gave a very unique program Friday evening. The main feature consisted of Greek stationary by Misses Alderman, Blinn, and Sterling.

Last Saturday evening, at the home of Miss Mamie Miller, Miss Claer Mackin of Omaha, and Miss Maude Brush of Ashland, were initiated into Delta Delta Delta.

Thursday evening Mrs. Kimball and Mrs. Eames entertained a large number of their friends with a musical at the school of music. The rooms were decorated with yellow and refreshments were served after the program given by Mr. Oscar Garcissen, the basso from Omaha. He was assisted by Mr. John Randolph.

Miss Blanche Garten and Miss Helen Welch gave a charming reception on Tuesday, from 5 to 7 at the home of Miss Garten, on Twelfth and H streets. The decorations throughout were unique and original, the sitting room and library walls being hung with oriental rugs and draperies. Mrs. San presided at the punch bowl in the library, and was assisted by Miss Woods and Miss Haecker in oriental costumes. Miss Jaynes told fortunes in the sittingroom. Refreshments were served in the dining room and were presided over by the Misses Jackson, Putnam, Watkins, Cole, Tukey, and Wilson, and Mrs. Edmiston. Mrs. Morrison and Miss Burr assisted in receiving.

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