

The Social Week

Calendar.

Saturday, May 2—Sophomore party.
Thursday, May 7—Sigma Chi party at Walsh hall.
Friday, May 8—Alpha Theta Chi banquet at the Lincoln.
Saturday, May 9—Junior party and senior reception at the armory.

The regular social events that characterize the school year are rapidly decreasing in number. With the exception of the sophomore party to be given tonight, and the senior reception next week, there is little to look forward to in the social line. However, as the number of parties and dances decreases we may expect a corresponding increase in the number of picnics and other events more suitable to the spring season.

The sophomore party will be given this evening at the armory. Unlike other class parties, this is intended for all who desire to attend. Dancing will be provided for those who indulge.

Phi Gamma Delta entertained their friends at Walsh hall Wednesday night. Dancing was the pleasure of the evening. Representatives were invited from every fraternity in school. The hall was fittingly decorated in the fraternity colors. Several visitors were present from out of town. About thirty-five couples were present.

The Vikings, an inter-fraternity organization, gave a dance last evening at Walsh hall. The parlors and dancing hall were ornamented with the Viking colors, and cut flowers were used in profusion. The Vikings were established last year, for the purpose of promoting good fellowship between the various fraternities, and thus far has been very successful. There are about twenty members.

The girls of the Delian society treated the boys to a novel program last night. Following a long-established custom, the young men entertain the ladies once during the year, and the ladies later return the favor. Last night the young men were given a surprise program. They were taken out to the state farm and given a royal good evening's entertainment that was appreciated by all who attended.

The band seemed to be on special duty yesterday, and made its appearance four times in the interest of University affairs. After giving a concert in the morning, they were called upon to furnish music for the Ivy day program, the ball game and the debate. Surely we should be grateful for the blessings showered upon us. Nothing livens up things more around a school than a band dispensing music freely on all occasions when called upon to do so.

Instead of a party, as has been customary in the past, company B will hold a banquet next Tuesday evening

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at the Lindell hotel. This is something new in the way of a company affair, and the members look forward to it with a great deal of pleasure. Company B is in the race for the cup to win this year, and will start the week with morning drills and a banquet. The committee in charge is C. A. Mohrman, L. C. Folts, and C. H. Bryan. R. I. Mansfield will preside as toastmaster. Commandant Chase will speak on "Army Life"; ex-Captain Wm. P. Wallace will tell the company about "The Old Guard"; Sergeant B. G. Lewis will describe the troubles of "The Non-Com," and Captain J. D. Ringer will speak on the pleasing subject of "Company B."

The New Senior Society.

During the past week the new senior society, "The Innocents," has mailed to a number of alumni a letter explaining the character and purpose of the organization, and notifying them of their election to the same. The letter says: "The entire chapter will aim to furnish leadership for those parts of college life which heretofore have largely failed in our University from lack of unity and co-operation in action." As stated in last Saturday's paper, the society has received from its beginning the hearty endorsement of the chancellor, to which has been added during the past week the approval of many local alumni. The alumni, of various years, elected to membership, are as follows:

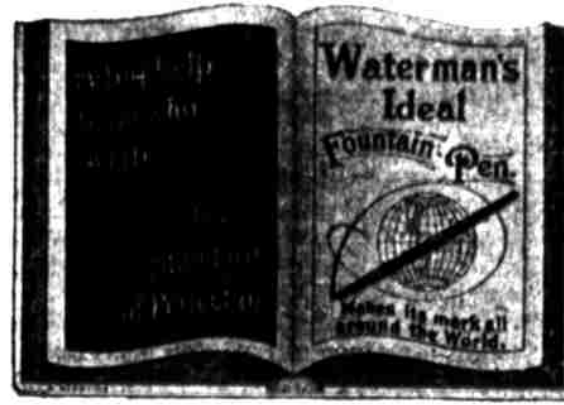
- '73—J. S. Dales.
- '76—G. E. Howard.
- '77—A. W. Field.
- '78—H. H. Wilson.
- '79—C. N. Little.
- '80—H. W. Caldwell, H. K. Wolfe, D. H. Mercer.
- '81—L. Fossler.
- '83—E. R. Rich.
- '84—E. B. Andrews.
- '85—E. G. Churchill.
- '86—W. O. Jones.
- '87—P. F. Clark.
- '88—J. A. Bassett, C. S. Lobingier, R. Pound, O. V. P. Stout.
- '90—C. F. Ansley.
- '91—C. B. Gregory, P. A. Rydberg.
- '93—E. J. Burkett, J. J. Pershing.
- '94—F. E. Clements, R. S. Hiltner, W. H. Sawyer.
- '95—D. W. Crabtree.
- '96—Chauncey D. Warner, J. W. Searson, H. M. Benedict, H. P. Leavitt, Chas. Schwartz.
- '97—E. F. Piper, E. A. Bessey, G. E. Condra, H. W. Donbrava, H. G. Shedd, B. Dales, R. Saxon, C. E. Crownover, Wm. Grant, H. Wilson.
- '98—W. S. Heltzman, I. S. Cutler, C. W. Weeks, S. M. Miller, Geo. Burgett.
- '99—Robt. Lansing, L. P. Sawyer, H. T. Beans, E. H. Clark, R. D. Elliott, F. G. Hawxby, J. S. Kind, C. M. Story, P. H. Thomson, J. Stibbins, P. Russell, A. O. Steele.
- '00—Geo. Shedd, J. J. Ledwith, A. S. Pearse, Paul Weeks, Fred Williams, Don Adams, Max Sieblen.
- '01—R. W. Bliss, H. A. Tukey, H. H. Roberts, H. B. Smith, L. H. McKillip, Bruce Benedict.
- '02—A. K. Barnes, G. M. Cowgill, H. E. Crandall, S. V. Cortelyou, J. P. Koehler, B. S. Doane, A. C. Horn, F. J. Kelly, Chas. B. Bracelen.

The names of the local members of the chapter, and of those selected for membership from next year's class, will be published some time during the coming week.

Class Day Exercises.

Ivy day was celebrated yesterday by the senior class in an appropriate manner. Following the custom of previous classes, the seniors presented a program that served for class day as well as May day. The program consisted of music by the cadet band, address and songs. C. P. Craft acted as class orator, Anna Maxwell class historian, and Ethel Griffith class poet. The University Glee club was to have sung, but the cadet band opened the exercises instead.

The address to the class was delivered by Dr. A. Ross Hill, who reviewed the history of May day and spoke upon the significance of Ivy day. The first of May has been celebrated, with justification and ceremony from ancient times, because it is the time that marks the end of cheerless days and the beginning of warm weather. This celebration probably had its origin in



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the days of ancient Rome or when the Druids were popular in England. The day was celebrated first at Nebraska by the seniors taking a sneak day and going out to the park for a picnic. "This," said the doctor, "was a most appropriate way of celebrating." "The planting of the ivy," said the speaker, "is a custom that I hope will be adhered to, for it will eventually be the means of beautifying our brown brick walls."

Mr. Craft did himself proud in the class oration. Although his voice was badly affected from a severe cold, his words rang through the hall with characteristic power. He chose as his theme the "Value of Personal Ideal," in which he discussed the value of the idealist to society and the function of the University in giving to the state men and women who, by their high ideals, become the aggressive and stable element. "The idealist," he declared, "will bow down to the spirit of virtue and truth, the spirit that underlies all good of life and every noble influence of earth."

At the close of the reading of the class history the seniors all joined in giving the class yell, "Sumus, sumus populi. We are the people of 1903." After the class poem was read, the class sang their song and then marched out to the northeast corner of the library building, where the ivy was planted and the trowel turned over to the junior class, to be handed down to succeeding classes as years pass. The May-pole dance that was entered into by sixteen senior girls was a pleasing feature of the day. A rush was made for the pole, after the dance was finished. So great was the demand for the colors that streamed from the top that the pole itself was pulled from the ground and stripped of its bunting. After these ceremonies the seniors took possession of the armory and spent the remainder of the afternoon in dancing and merrymaking.

The varsity baseball team sat for a picture last evening just after the game.

S. Rees of Omaha visited with his son and daughter in the University yesterday.

A. I. Myers is recovering from an attack of the mumps, after a week's confinement.

Miss Maud Smith visited over-night Friday with Miss Elsie Blandin, '02, at Pawnee City.

A number of engineering students go to Omaha today to investigate prospective situations with the U. P.

All young women in Dr. Swearingen's bible class are requested to bring their bibles with them at the next meeting.

Dr. Luckey is in receipt of an announcement of the annual conference of the National Congress of Mothers, to be held in Detroit May 5th to 8th.

Miss Edith Landis, of Waverly, who was obliged to leave school at the beginning of the semester on account of failing health, is visiting with University friends.

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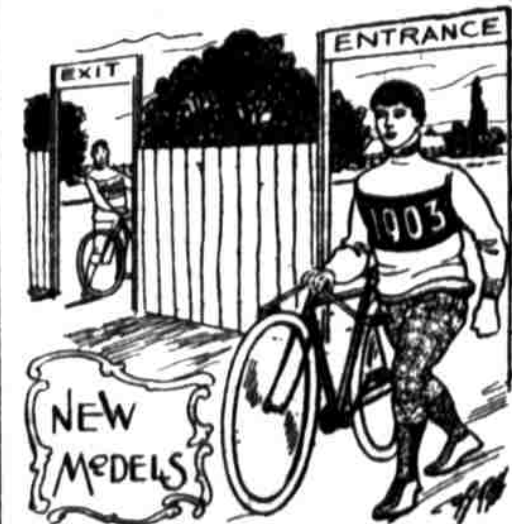
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