

The Social Week

The much looked forward to and anxiously awaited pan-hellenic barbecue was given Thursday afternoon at Cushman park. About eighty of the fraternity men in and around the city attended the affair, and report one of the best times of the season. Promptly at 2:15 a special train over the Burlington started the barbecuers on their journey, and it took only a few minutes' ride to reach the park. A ball game between the frats north and south of O street was the principal attraction in the afternoon, and resulted in a victory for the north side. The foot-races, pie-eating contest, and other athletic events scheduled to follow the game were postponed because the boys were hungry for ox. Accordingly all repaired to the refreshment table, where the feast was served up whole, with the other ingredients that go to make a picnic meal enjoyable. After lunch the rain began to descend at a lively rate and the crowd assembled under shelter and enjoyed a speech by the Hon. Jess McNish. The gentleman's remarks were appropriate and were much enjoyed, his sentiment appealing very strongly to the audience. Other speeches and songs followed, and it was voted unanimously to make the affair an annual event. It was also decided to hold a smoker at the Sigma Alpha house Monday evening. The train bearing the picnickers arrived in the city about 9 o'clock. Representatives were present from all but one fraternity.

Mr. O. J. Fee entertained at a musicale Monday evening, given in honor of the Sigma Chi fraternity. The program consisted of instrumental numbers by Miss May Fee, of the Boston Conservatory, assisted by Miss Vera Upton, who rendered three vocal selections. The invitations were in the design of the Sigma Chi pin, handsomely done with pen and ink—a most beautiful piece of workmanship. The programs were adorned with the fraternity shield, done in oil colors, with the pin in the center. The first parlor of the Sawyer home was decorated with American beauties and palms. In the second parlor were snowballs, and in the hall was a fraternity bouquet made of iris and tulips. There were drapings in the fraternity colors, and many pennants. The refreshments were also served in the fraternity colors. Mr. Fee was assisted in receiving by Mr. De Witt Hansen, and visitors were introduced by Miss May Powers, while Miss Pearl Powers and Mr. Ewart seated the guests and furnished them with programs. About fifty were present.

The local chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma celebrated the twenty-eighth birthday of the national fraternity at the Lindell, Tuesday night. The table was decorated with one large candelabra, with white candles, in the center, and about a hundred smaller candles scattered over the table. At each place were cards in water colors, painted

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by Miss Mabel Bennett, and four carnations. Scattered at random over the table were several dozen American beauties. The banquet was in the Dolly Varden style, the ladies all appearing with powdered hair. Mrs. H. Marley presided as toastmistress and called for the following toasts: "The Golden Key," Inez Manrid; "Birds of a Feather," Bertha Shidler; "The Family Tree," Adelloy Whiting; "The Alumni," Edith Shedd; "The Greeks in War," Edith Butler; "When We Are Married," Mrs. E. C. Folsom. Those present from out of town were Misses Emily Jenkins and Constance Sarbach, Fairbury, and Miss Emerson, Omaha.

Mr. Fred Funke was given a pre-nuptial sock and tobacco shower at the Sigma Alpha house Tuesday evening. The guest was the recipient of enough pairs of half-hose to make darning an unnecessary labor for some time to come. A smoker followed the presentation. About thirty active and alumni members of the fraternity were present. Mr. Funke will be married to Miss Bessie Burruss, June 3d, at the First Baptist church.

A number of University and high school girls united in giving a very pleasant dancing party at Walsh hall, Wednesday night. A dance program of twenty-four numbers furnished entertainment for the evening. The covers of the programs were done in neat pen and ink drawings, each one different. About twenty couples were present.

Campus Cleanings.

University Calendar.

Friday-Saturday, May 29-30—Kansas-Nebraska tennis tournament.

Saturday, May 30—Decoration day excursion cadet encampment at Wahoo.

W. A. Yoder has been elected principal of the Florence high school.

Advanced chorus is holding special meetings to prepare for the spring recital, during commencement week.

Secretary Wild, of the board of education of Wilber, visited the University this week in quest of a man to fill the vacant principalship of the Wilber schools.

Norris Huse, ex-'04, now engaged in newspaper work at Norfolk, is spending a few days with the Delta Taus. He came down to take in the pan-hellenic.

C. C. McCune, formerly of The Nebraskan, was a visitor at the University yesterday. Mr. McCune has purchased the Stromsburg News, and will soon assume the responsibilities of editor of that paper.

Before Miss Laura Puffer's recital yesterday at convocation Chancellor Andrews announced that this was the last convocation period for the semester. He also expressed his "hope that the boys, however, would not stop praying, as some of them needed it."

During the latter part of last week Mr. E. E. Blackman of the Historical society explored the "Gray site," two miles north of Schuyler. This is an ancient powwow site, dating back certainly to 1800, and possibly to a much earlier time. A great number of curios were brought back, which will be exhibited in the Historical society rooms.

A party of Lincoln people, under the direction of Superintendent C. H. Gordon, are planning a trip to Boston to attend the N. E. A. The party will start July 1st. Stop-overs will be made along the routes going and coming. Tickets can be had at one fare plus \$2. All those who intend to join the company ought to see Mr. Gordon as soon as possible.

Professor Bessey has a letter of inquiry from an eastern manufacturing druggist asking for the names of persons who are willing to engage in the collection of the roots of one of the common wild prairie plants of the state, bearing the scientific name of Echinacea angustifolia, and sometimes known as the "Purple Cone-flower." Here is a chance for some of the botany boys to earn a bit of money during the summer vacation.

Monsieur Gerig.

Monsieur Gerig, savez vous—
Votre coeur, est-il heureux?
Bien des années et des jours
Belles filles ont chanté leurs amours
Vous en disant, "J'aime, nous aimons."
Vous les n'avez point demandé pardon;
Quelle est, donc, votre idée,
Vous en trouvant tant aime?
Est-ce que ça vous fait heureux?
Maitre Gerig, c'est a vous. —N.

Students in systematic botany are continuing their counting of the seeds of the dandelion heads. It appears that the numbers vary greatly, the smallest being about 150, while the largest exceed 300. Even the smaller number involves a reproductive capacity which is quite discouraging to the owners of large lawns. Experiments are now under way to determine what proportion of the seeds actually grow when they fall to the ground. It is suspected that a good many seeds are not fertile.

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