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## Y. M. C. A. ELECTS

MANY NEW FEATURES ON PROGRAM FOR SATURDAY.

This is to be the Greatest Gymnasium Entertainment of the Present Year.

Everybody is talking about the coming gymnastic exhibition, to be given next Saturday evening. Why shouldn't the "Rag" do likewise, especially when it is to be so representative of the institution and be filled with so many interesting stunts.

The interclass relay teams are working hard and the Sophomore-Freshman teams will virtually be the same as those which competed in their interclass athletic meet on February 2. The Freshmen have called another meeting of the squad for four o'clock today, March 29, and anticipate a victory next Saturday night. They claim that if one of their team hadn't made a slip that the Sophs would never have won out and neither seems to consider the upperclassmen in the least. It's up to them to get busy if such enthusiasm prevails among the underclassmen.

The semi-finals will be run off in the middle of the program and the finals of this interclass relay race will wind up the evening's entertainment.

Following the first heat will come the long horse work, which will be carried on by eight men of the second year class. There will be long vaults and long dives of a very spectacular nature and now being arranged for the occasion.

And again the management wishes to call attention to the fancy torch-swinging which will be the spectacular feature of the evening. During this "turn" the lights will be extinguished and Dr. Clapp will give a fancy club-swinging exhibition with lighted torches.

### Will Serve Dinners.

The second year girls in the Domestic Science Department are getting ready to serve their regular course dinners. Each young lady is required during the year to serve breakfast, dinner and supper. She must first calculate the entire cost of the meal, and the food value of the different articles served, and must also work out a time schedule for each article. She must do her own shopping, cook the meal and serve it a la carte to her guests. Cognizance is also taken of the table decorations and arrangement of the meal, so that each student receives a practical idea of the real household economic problems. At the dinners which the young ladies will serve they are entitled to have five guests, and this year they have decided to serve exclusively to the members of the faculty of the University. This decision will perhaps bring disappointment to

## Senior Prom

F O R M A L  
LINCOLN HOTEL  
APRIL 20

Walt's full orchestra.

Tickets \$2.50

some of the young men of the University who have been looking toward the Domestic Science Department with hungry looks.

### ESPERANTO.

The International Language and its Value.

Dr. Zamenhof, a German-Russian, has, like many others, attempted the making of an international language—a language through the medium of which every educated inhabitant of the earth shall, without great trouble, be able to make himself understood by every other person possessing even a limited education. His system—called Esperanto—seems to the writer to be far less complicated than any other scheme of the kind he has examined. It is so easy to obtain a working knowledge of the grammar that most persons will find one hour's study sufficient for this purpose. The character of the vocabulary is such that another hour suffices for many to make a fair start at reading. Of course, a few grammatical difficulties will present themselves in the progress of farther study, but these are insignificant.

Tolstoy says: "The sacrifices any speaker of a European tongue would make, in devoting some time to the study of Esperanto, are so small and the results which would thereby be achieved so enormous, if all, at least Europeans and Americans—all Christians—should comprehend this tongue, that the attempt, at least, should be made."

It is said that the study of this system has now spread to India, China, and Japan. Mr. Edward Gauntlett, a member in Japan of the Central Language Committee, stated, some time ago, that a grammar in Japanese was then ready for the press. An Englishman has recently received an Esperanto letter written by a Chinese, an official of the Chinese Imperial Post Office in Lungehow.

Esperantists claim that their language is useful for various purposes:

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### DR. M'DOUGAL AT CONVOCATION.

Interesting Address on Vegetative Life in American Deserts.

Convocation goers were agreeably surprised yesterday with an illustrated lecture on the vegetation of American deserts by Dr. McDougal. The address which was to have been given by Dr. Luckey on "The Making of a Teacher" was postponed until a later date.

In introducing his subject, Dr. McDougal gave a brief survey of the aim of the research work now being conducted by the Carnegie Institute in the deserts of North America. Heretofore, said he, botany has been studied almost entirely in the laboratory. Specimens of vegetation have been brought from different parts of the continent to our botanical laboratories and there studied and classified, but not until within the past few years has a systematic attempt been made to get a scientific knowledge of the general vegetative life of America.

It was with this aim in view, to study plant life at first hand, that the Carnegie Institute established experiment stations in various parts of America's deserts, in charge of which it appointed Dr. McDougal. During his years of study and research at these desert laboratories Dr. McDougal has gained a wonderful knowledge of the life and habits of desert plants, some of which he illustrated with lantern slides and amusing anecdotes.

Dr. McDougal delivered an address on "Desert Vegetation" before the Botanical Society Tuesday evening.

The Department of Applied Mechanics has just received a new Henning Test Recorder, which makes an autographic record of tests made in the laboratory. A new Riehle Cement Testing machine has been added to the equipment in the cement testing department. It is of the latest model and will be a helpful addition to the apparatus in the laboratory.

Have you seen that set of 24 pen-nants at the University Book Store?

## GYMNASTS BUSY

JORGENSEN ELECTED PRESIDENT FOR THE COMING YEAR.

R. R. Hill to Fill the Unexpired Term of President Borg—Yoder is Elected Secretary.

At a business meeting of the members of the University Y. M. C. A., held last night in Union Hall, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Arthur Jorgensen.  
Vice-president, Fred Wolf.  
Recording secretary, B. E. Yoder.  
Treasurer, H. W. Craig.

To fill the unexpired term of Mr. Borg for the presidency for the remainder of the present year, Mr. R. R. Hill was elected.

Mr. Jorgensen has notified the advisory board that he could not accept the position of student secretary for another year, and as he has signified his intention of remaining in the University as a student the coming year, the association lost no time in putting him into the harness as president of the association. The association has prospered and grown in a remarkable degree under the secretaryship of Mr. Jorgensen and counts itself fortunate in having him for president the coming year.

At the meeting it was announced that an endeavor will be made to obtain a full time secretary for the coming year. Heretofore the secretary has been hired for half-time only.

The men who retire from office have filled their places well and in leaving they have a record that will make those who follow work hard to equal. Not only have the officers worked hard but their committeemen have endeavored to make the present year the best in Y. M. C. A. history. The men have all worked together for the advancement of the cause, and never has there been the slightest word of contention among them. President Borg, who left school, and whose term was incomplete, had done much to bring the association to a higher standing, and to what extent he succeeded we will never know only as we see the good results of his work.

Joe Sargent, another graduate in this department, who has been holding a position in the government reclamation service, has resigned his position with the government to take a position with the Sub-way company of New York City. It is his first experience in working under compressed air pressure, and Mr. Sargent states that he is getting accustomed to it, although it was very uncomfortable at first. He obtained his position through Mr. Carter, who is also a graduate of the University, and is also holding a responsible position with the same company.

# GYMNASTIC EXHIBITION, ARMORY, MARCH 31, '06