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PLAN NEW FEATURES

COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF FAIR EXPECTS GOOD CROWD.

ALL SORORITIES REPRESENTED

Booths Will Hold Entirely New Features This Year, With a Larger Number of Organizations Represented.

As the date of the county fair approaches indications are that all previous records in respect to attendance will be broken. Greater interest is being taken each year and it is expected that on Saturday night the armory will be thronged with bands of merry making for the fair is a time of fun. As a fair this year's exhibition should exceed any of those of recent times, and both rooms of the armory will be required to accommodate the numerous attractions. Private parties and other university functions have been put aside in order that all may attend the county fair and participate in the fun. Every sorority will be represented by booths or other stunts, while several other university organizations will also take part.

With total receipts exceeding \$368 and with a balance of \$17 after all expenses had been paid, the fair last year was a big success. The competition between the different sororities brought out large crowds. Pi Phi drew the largest crowd with the country store taking in \$28.11 and Alpha Omicron Pi was a close second with \$27.30. The Pi Phi's may put on the country store again this year, but it is probable that a musical program will be given instead. With all signs pointing for a record breaking attendance, the committee expects to clear considerably more than last year.

Proceeds to Y. W. C. A.

All of the proceeds goes towards meeting the expenses of the Y. W. C. A., which are quite heavy for the year. Rather than ask a personal contribution the association adopts this means of raising the yearly budget, when every student in school is given a chance to assist.

Scarcely any of the stunts which were pulled off last year will be duplicated again Saturday night, the only sorority which may again give the same program is Pi Phi. The country store of the Pi Phi's proved such a success last year that the committee requested them to give it again this year. Alpha Omicron Pi is planning a parody on the "Eternal Question." It is a clever one and should prove a splendid drawing card. Kappa Alpha Theta will have a freak show at which the fat lady, the slim lady and other freaks will be exhibited. In addition to Madame Brown the Chi Omegas will have a swing just large enough for two. The last attraction should prove a money-maker. Ching-Loo, the remarkable Chinaman, together with his two helpers, Anheuser and Busch, will be found at the booth operated by the Alpha Chi Omegas.

Decorative Scheme.

Both as a decorative scheme and a money-making proposition, the Union literary society will operate a "Town Well," a lemonade stand, quaintly and cleverly arranged. The stand will be covered with vines and should prove most attractive. One of the new main attractions is Wonderland, where twelve booths will contain new and original jokes. In the Ladies' Home Journal, the Delta Delta Delta sorority will present several pretty tableaux from pictures in the book. Last of all the Pike should not be forgotten, and Miss Watt, who is in charge of that feature, reports that a large number

have promised to appear in picturesque costumes.

There will not be a slow moment at the fair, but something doing all of the time. The booths, the Pike, and Wonderland will all contain new and clever attractions and no student should fail to take in the county fair on Saturday night at the armory.

SHOWN DARWIN TO BE BOTANIST

Great English Naturalist a Practical Student.

In his lectures before Botany I yesterday Dr. C. E. Bessey called attention to the lack of credit given the great Darwin for his efforts and accomplishments as a botanist. He declared that the world at large looked upon Darwin as the originator of a theory which cast insults upon our ancient ancestors by tracing their lineal descent to the monkey family and that but comparatively few people understood what a great work the English scientist did in botany.

While touring the world with the British scientific expedition, Darwin investigated plants as well as animals in all parts of the earth and it is to him we owe the germination of the idea that all plants are more or less variations of other plants. In some classes the bond of union is much closer than in others, but it is present everywhere. This was the work of Darwin and it is the work of a botanical observer and student as much as his other work is that of a theorist.

The one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Darwin will be appropriately celebrated all over the world on February 12, 1909. In America there will be a big observance of the occasion at which prominent scientists from all over the country will be present.

A STATE FARM BIBLE CLASS.

Over Seventy-one Members Have Just Been Enrolled There.

A number of men interested in Bible study went out to the state farm from the university Monday evening to assist the state farm association in enrolling men for bible-study. A thorough canvass was begun and over seventy-one men were enrolled.

On the following evening the party again went to the farm and assisted in the work. About 100 more students were enrolled. In this rapid canvass eighty per cent of the men interviewed signed for the work.

The classes will be started this week and the association expects to have 200 men taking Bible study before the end of the year.

The association at the farm is growing rapidly. Its members expect to buy some new furniture and pictures and to fit their rooms up in much better shape than they have been in the past.

TO OBSERVE GRAY ANNIVERSARY

Sem. Bot. Will Hold Special Program Tonight.

Yesterday was the ninety-eighth anniversary of the birth of Asa Gray, the greatest of American botanists. The date will be given fitting observance this evening when a special program will be rendered before Sem. Bot. The program consists of a talk on Gray's Manuals by Prof. Pool, "The Gray Herbarium and Harvard Botany" by Prof. Wilcox and "Personal Remembrances" by Dr. Bessey. Both Dr. Bessey and Prof. Wilcox studied at Harvard under Dr. Gray, Prof. Wilcox taking his doctor's degree there.

William Bradford, superintendent of manufacture for the Lincoln Gas and Electric Light company, will address the engineering society next Tuesday evening, November 24, in the Science hall of the Temple on the second floor. Everyone interested in engineering and especially the freshmen engineers are cordially asked to attend.

PRACTICE IS RESUMED

THE FOOTBALL SQUAD APPEARS AGAIN AT ANTELOPE.

PLAYERS IN GOOD CONDITION

After a Rest of Several Days 'Varsity Squad Assembled at Antelope Park Again Last Evening for Practice.

Last night was the first time since the disastrous contest with the Jayhawkers that the 'varsity squad was out for practice. Several men have been out each evening devoting their time primarily to tackling the dummy, but regular practice of all the players was resumed only yesterday afternoon.

The listlessness which has come over the players since the Ames game is gradually beginning to disappear and the actions of the team last evening showed that a revival of life and spirit had taken place in the Cornhusker camp. The effect of the many hard games which had to be played on consecutive Saturdays was extremely depressing upon the spirit and vitality of all the players and it only required such a game as the one with the Jayhawkers last Saturday to reveal the folly of continuing at such a pace.

Realizing the deplorable effect of the long stretch of wearing work to which the team has been subjected "King" Cole called a temporary halt in the program and as a consequence the players have enjoyed a good rest since last week. The fare at the training table has been improved upon this week and the men are now enjoying the best that may be had in the culinary line.

Princeton Custom.

Something which will doubtless be a very interesting revelation to a great many people, in connection with the subject of the training of football players, was told by Ralph Hoagland after the Kansas game. Mr. Hoagland is an ex-Princeton player of considerable reputation and he officiated as referee at the Kansas-Nebraska game last Saturday. He attributed the loss of the game by the Cornhuskers mainly to the fact that they were stale, having been in top form for so long that they had lost their spirit.

Mr. Hoagland said that during his football days at Princeton this particular feature, staleness, was guarded far more carefully and more precautions were taken to prevent it than almost any other evil which is liable to confront the trainer of a team. He said that, notwithstanding the careful arrangement of their schedule, staleness had often come upon the team about the time of the annual Yale-Princeton game, which was usually played about two weeks before Thanksgiving day. In seeking to remedy this the coach devised the scheme of giving the players a champagne dinner on the night of the Yale game. They were allowed to drink all they cared for, in some cases even to excess, and then after a day or two of rest and recuperation they would be in as good shape as ever.

Nebraska Table.

Although this was presented partially in the form of a recommendation yet Nebraska coaches and trainers have failed to see that the advantages of such a course would offset its disadvantages. However, they have adopted a course which is a compromise between the rigid diet and strict training doctrine which is practiced by some coaches, and the opposite system as recommended by Mr. Hoagland. Ale is now served to all of the players at the table in moderate quantities, and its invigorating effects are found to be extremely beneficial. The monotony of the strict training diet when kept up for a long period of

time is conducive to an irresistible ennui and the variety of a mild invigorator is almost an absolute necessity.

The important fare at the table and the rest which has been allowed the players has put them back in first-class condition and it is believed that the Cornhuskers will be in their old form again when they meet Wabash and Carleton.

WOULD STOP LIQUOR SALES.

Other Universities Protected by State Law.

The matter of ridding the university of the ill effects occasioned by the near presence of saloons and other liquor dispensaries has been called to the attention of several members of the faculty and an investigation is being made to see what could be accomplished in this line. In many other states the sale of intoxicating liquors within a certain distance of the campus is prohibited by state law. At Pennsylvania there is a two-mile prohibition limit. At Ames the distance is three miles; at Iowa City it is two miles, and at Berkeley, Cal., there is a similar statute in operation.

The state constitution of Nebraska is somewhat peculiar in its provisions regarding the making of special laws and this might effect the university prohibition question. It is pointed out, however, that a prohibition law might be enforced for a certain distance about all schools having an enrollment of over 2,500, which would obey the letter of the law and still make the desired restriction. Supporters of the measure say that if they had supposed that local option would have failed at the last election they would surely have prevailed upon the last legislature to pass some such law as other states have for the protection of their institutions of higher education.

PROF. HOWARD IS SELECTED.

He Will Read Paper at Atlantic City Meeting.

Dr. Howard has been invited to read the principal paper on divorce at the Christmas meeting of the American Sociological society in Atlantic City. The subject assigned is as follows: "Has the Freer Granting of Divorce Proved an Evil?" The paper will be discussed by Rev. Samuel W. Dike, Rabbi Joseph Kruskopf, Philadelphia; J. P. Lichtenberger, New York School of Philanthropy; Mrs. Ida Husted Harper, the biographer of Susan B. Anthony; Walter George Smith, Philadelphia; Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, Washington; Professor E. A. Ross, University of Wisconsin; Frank A. Fetter, Cornell university.

Dr. S. N. D. North, director of the U. S. census, is sending Dr. Howard proof sheets of his two-volume forthcoming "Report on Marriage and Divorce," which has been in preparation for three years.

LAW FRAT INITIATES FIFTEEN.

Phi Delta Phi Takes in Members at Delta Upsilon House.

Fifteen members of the freshman and junior classes of the law college were initiated into the Phi Delta Phi, the honorary law school fraternity, at the Delta Upsilon house last evening. The new members are: S. N. Weller, Arthur Jones, Walter Kenner, H. O. Bell, Dean Driscoll, C. E. Aylesworth, Max Beghtol, J. L. Rice, Leslie Syford, S. A. Peterson, Charles Campbell, Harry Doll, James Lawrence, Sturtz-negger.

The University of Louisiana has written one of the university professors announcing a vacancy in its staff. It wishes to secure an assistant in botany and zoology. There are excellent chances of promotion. Inquiry should be made of Deans Ward or Bessey.

REPORTS ARE NOW IN

MANY CONDITIONS ANNOUNCED AT THE OFFICE.

RHETORIC CLAIMS VICTIMS

Rushing Rules for Fraternities Prove Unsatisfactory and Inflict Hardships on First Year Men.

The mid-semester examinations, just passed, have caused more than the usual amount of stir that follows examinations in the university. The mid-semester examinations practically marked the close of the long fraternity rushing season, and on their results depends the pledging of first year men. More than this the mid-semester examinations are the first indication which many first year men have as to whether or not the problems of university life are being successfully met.

The reports as sent to the registrar's office are now being tabulated but as yet no figures can be given as to the number of students who have failed to successfully carry their work. Registrar Harrison declares that, so far as he can tell, the total number of students whose work is not satisfactory will not differ materially from the number at the same time last year, although there may be surprises in some places.

Rhetoric Claims Many.

The number of students whose work is not satisfactory in the rhetoric department is always large, but Professor Fogg declares that he knows of no special reason why a larger number should have failed this year than in the past. Nearly all of the unsatisfactory work has been done by the freshmen, and this is caused by their lack of familiarity with what is required of them. The classes in advanced rhetoric show a very small percentage of failures.

The effect of the rushing rules now in force among the fraternities is an added factor tending to keep freshmen from making as good a showing in scholarship as might otherwise be possible. The rushing season is long and often results in making rather heavy demands upon the time of the first year man. In the case of the sororities all rushing is done before school opens in the fall.

Dissatisfaction is Expressed.

This year the fraternity rushing rules have been subjected to an unusual amount of criticism by fraternities as well as by others. It is contended that the system not only is hard upon those who are being rushed but it makes it necessary for the fraternities to prepare a large number of stunts for the freshmen. More than this, it makes the fraternities act entirely in the dark as it is impossible to tell what freshmen are going to be unable to show a clear credit at the middle of the semester and thus makes it impossible for the fraternities to know whom they can pledge.

It is contended that there is a much larger percentage of unsatisfactory work done in the fall semester than during the winter. This is accounted for largely by the fact that there are many outside interests in the fall, such as football, and also by the fact that it is much harder to study in warm weather than in cold.

Notice.

A meeting of the Men's Faculty club will be held at 11:30 today in room 204 of the Administration building. It is desired that there be a large attendance, as important business will be considered.

The best oyster stew in the city is that served at The Boston Lunch. Try it.