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LORIMER AT CHAPEL

NOTED ACTOR SPEAKS BEFORE LARGEST CROWD OF YEAR.

OFFERS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

DECLARES A COLLEGE EDUCATION VALUABLE TO ACTORS.

Emphasizes Need of More Romantic Spirit in Modern World, and Says That He Keeps it Prominent in His Work.

The interest which the stage has for the university student was strikingly shown when the largest crowd of the year turned out to hear Mr. Wright Lorimer, leading man of the Shepherd King company, at convocation yesterday morning. Mr. Lorimer spoke slowly and with a forceful manner that left a deep impression upon his hearers. He declared that he came with nothing definitely planned to say, but his talk was so filled with the practical wisdom that comes from a life of active experience that those who heard him were given a keen insight into what his life had been and what the life of an actor means.

Without any set speech Mr. Lorimer at first told briefly of his life and experiences and then declared that he would answer any questions that those in the audience cared to ask. Quite a number took advantage of this offer and several important questions were discussed by Mr. Lorimer.

From Different World.

"I come to you from a different world," declared Mr. Lorimer, "from a world as different from yours as two worlds can be, and so I feel rather like a stranger among you. The player is a stranger, a wanderer with no home. He lives in a world of the unreal and in his efforts to make it real he must be careful or he will lose his balance upon the practical, everyday world.

"I am feeling in a serious mood this morning. I feel that I can talk to you of the question in which we are all interested, the question of how to make a success of life. Life is really a very serious proposition; it was always so with me. At ten I was left an orphan with no one to care for me. I went to college with only fifty cents in my pockets to pay my expenses, and was forced to finish the regular four years' work in three years. Earning my own living during this time, I found that life was a serious proposition. I have found it so even on the stage, for I was forced to commence at the bottom."

Questions Are Asked.

At this point Mr. Lorimer gave an opportunity for any one in the audience to ask questions that desired to. "Do you like the stage?" was the first question. Quick as a flash came back the answer: "I love it. I love the work, for it is work. I would go into something else if I did not like it, for I believe that no one can do good work if he does not love it."

Mr. Lorimer was then asked, "Would you advise a person to go on the stage?" He replied, "Unless one has remarkable and exceptional ability I should say no. Unless he has such qualifications he can hardly expect to succeed in this work. To be a great actor one must have a wonderful and peculiar nature, and the nature of the profession makes the player almost unfit for anything else."

Value of College Education.

Mr. Lorimer was then asked whether or not he thought a college education desirable for an actor. He replied that to a great actor it would be

an advantage but even then it would not be so much a benefit in his public life as a benefit through the training and the discipline that it gives. He declared that the real benefit in a college education came not from what was learned but from the training that was acquired.

In concluding his talk Mr. Lorimer declared that the thing that was needed in life today was more of the romantic spirit. The world today, from one end to the other, is grasping after things to satisfy self, for wealth and honor, and all the romance of life is crowded out. We need more of the romantic element of life to make ourselves and the world better," declared Mr. Lorimer, "and in my work I seek to keep prominent and picture the romantic world."

MERCER GIVES LAST ADDRESS

Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. Will Give Big Banquet at St. Paul's.

In his last address at Nebraska on Wednesday evening in the Temple Theatre, Mr. Mercer will tell the story of his life. Mr. Mercer is a man who has sounded all the depths. After spending \$100,000 in various forms of dissipation his father disowned him. Later he descended so low that his old college chum and fraternity brother kicked him out of his New York office. Mr. Mercer's story will contain much of the life of the underworld on the Bowry, of which he formed a part in his early manhood. Mr. Mercer has been actively employed during his stay at the university. Before he leaves he will have visited all of the fraternities in the school. In his visits he speaks to the men on the evils to which the university man is prone. Last night he spoke at the State Farm. After leaving Nebraska he will go to Northwestern university.

The Y. M. C. A. in connection with the Y. W. C. A., will give a banquet at St. Paul's on April 3, to which everyone, whether a member of either organization or not are invited. The banquet is given to furnish a phase of university life which they believe has been lacking in the past. It is to begin about 6 o'clock and many speakers of interest have been secured as well as good music. Plates will be sold at 50 cents.

M. A. Mahood, president, and J. L. Der Knuden, general secretary, will go to Central City to attend the college Y. M. C. A. presidents and secretaries' conference to be held March 26 to 29.

CLOSE CONTEST FOR MEMBERS

Losing Side in Y. W. C. A. Contest Must Furnish a Banquet.

This is the last week of the Y. W. C. A. membership campaign and both sides are working hard to secure new members. The fact that at the end of the week the losing side must furnish a banquet for the winners adds considerable interest to the contest. During the early part of the campaign the "Cream" side had things all their own way but the members of the "Scarlet" have recently pushed the work so vigorously as to have a fair chance of surpassing their competitors. The standing at present is: "Scarlet" 26 and "Cream" 29. It is hoped to close the campaign with an enrollment of 140 new members.

Several out-of-town members of the Delta Gamma Sorority were in the city Saturday to attend the annual banquet of that organization. Among those attending was the Misses Lorraine Comstock of Omaha, Sarah Deutsch of Horton, Kan., Jane Bunt and Alice Kennedy of Fremont, and Able Stewart of Blair.

IVY DAY PROGRAM.

Ivy Day committee meeting in U. 106, Thursday, at 1 o'clock.

J. F. COUPE,
Chairman.

ACTS AGAINST T. N. E.

UNIVERSITY SENATE APPOINTS SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

DRASTIC MEASURES EXPECTED

SENTIMENT OF PROFESSORS IS AGAINST ORGANIZATION.

Recent Carousal and Subsequent Disclosures As to Activities of Pernicious Society Arouse Faculty to Consider Question.

Stung to action by the recent carousal of members of the organization in a Lincoln hotel, the university senate yesterday appointed a committee to consider what action shall be taken with regard to Theta Nu Epsilon. The committee, with Professor Howard as chairman, is composed of Professors Howard, Richards, Barbour, Emerson and Chancellor Avery. These professors will meet within the next few days and their report will be presented at an early date.

The faculty action was taken at a special meeting of the senate at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. At that time the story of the exhibition on the part of university students during the course of a Theta Nu Epsilon banquet on the evening of March 13 was related to the professors and other information as to the character of the organization was laid before them. Chancellor Avery asked that a committee be appointed to consider the entire matter and this was done with but little discussion. The committee was instructed to investigate Theta Nu Epsilon and the affair of March 13 in particular, and to also look into the status of student carousals in general.

Severe Action Likely.

The sentiment of the professors present at the meeting was strongly in favor of drastic action against the T. N. E. organization and especially against those members participating in the Saturday night orgy. It is expected that the report of the committee will be decisively against further tolerance of the secret society and it may even be retroactive in a part of its penalties. Members of the faculty ordinarily distinguished by conversation and dislike of drastic action in interfering with student affairs are disposed not to brook further assault upon the reputation of the university by a few students. Leaving the moral considerations entirely out of the question, these men believe that the practical injury to the university resulting from the action of certain students is fully sufficient to warrant severe restrictive measures.

It is entirely within the power of the chancellor and senate to expell from the university all the men who participated in the Lincoln hotel affair. This right is given under the general authority granted the regents and by them delegated to the chancellor of suspending students guilty of anything bringing dishonor upon the university. With this in mind, the senate committee will act fully within its rights if it recommends the dismissal of those men whose names are known. They will further have the right of declaring membership in Theta Nu Epsilon cause for expulsion, subject to the approval of the regents after the adoption of the report by the senate.

T. N. E. is Busy.

That the members of Theta Nu Epsilon are fully aware of the danger in which their organization stands is evidenced by their efforts during the past few days to end or abate the investigation into their conduct. This

attempt to frustrate the investigation has not been entirely confined to students of the university. Certain prominent alumni of the university, occupying responsible positions in the business world, have sought the ear of those back of the anti-T. N. E. movement with a view to stop the steps being taken against the organization. These gentlemen have used various subterfuges as cloaks for their interest in the society and have shown fine political sagacity in pulling strings leading to different sources of anti-T. N. E. sentiment.

EXHIBITION HELD ON FRIDAY

Western Inter-collegiate Meet is To Come to Nebraska.

Work is now rounding into shape for the gymnastic and athletic exhibition which is to be held in the armory, Friday evening. This exhibition is to be given for the benefit of the gymnasium team.

As the gymnasium team is the only one not financed by the board, it is necessary for it to raise funds by means of this exhibition. The proceeds from the exhibition will be used to secure regular suits for the team and any surplus will be devoted to making up the deficit, if there is any, from the Western Inter-collegiate meet which is to be held here April 17. Considerable expense will follow from having this meet at Nebraska, as it will be necessary for the university to furnish all of the prizes, consisting of medals and cups. Next year this meet will go to Minnesota and in successive years to Chicago, Wabash and Wisconsin. It will then return to Nebraska.

The exhibition to be held Friday evening is given by both the men and women and will consist primarily of gymnasium work although there will be a few athletic stunts. All of the work given will be entirely new, that is, it will be work never before given on the Nebraska floor. Reserved seats are on sale at Harry Porter's, the Uni. Book Store and the Co-op., 35 cents being charged for reserved seats and 25 for general admission. The exhibition in the past has proven to be a popular event at the university and all of the reserved section sold before the event was pulled off.

The program has undergone considerable revision since last published and is printed as corrected below:

Opening fancy march and wand drill by first year gymnasium class. Under direction of Mr. C. E. Hooper.

Boxing exhibition, six two-minute bouts by the following picked members of the boxing class: V. Rosenburg, Joe Burke, I. J. Nifley, Earl C. McKee, B. Barber, T. V. Taylor, D. M. Johnson, A. Freitag. Under the direction of Messrs. Hewitt and Best.

Contest on parallel bars by the gymnastic team.

a. Irish eight-band reel—by young women of the normal training class in physical education, under direction of Miss Towne. b. Sword dance, by Miss Hattie Rollings.

Apparatus work by the men's first-year gymnasium class, under the following leaders: C. E. Hooper, A. E. Unland, A. E. Ingersoll, J. F. McGogy, A. E. Schmidt.

Exhibition of class and fancy fencing, with short bouts by members of the second-year class, under the direction of Dr. Clapp.

Fancy wand drill—by young women of the normal training course in physical education, under the direction of Miss Gittings.

Advanced apparatus work—by members of the second year gymnasium class, under the direction of Dr. Clapp.

Relay Race—by teams from the first, second and third sections of the first year gymnasium class, under the direction of Mr. Hooper.

Exhibition of fancy heavy gymnastics—by members of the gymnastic team on horizontal bars and flying rings.

Fancy club swinging—by D. C. Mitchell, captain of the gymnastic team.

Championship inter-class relay race—between the freshmen and junior teams.

CHOICES FOR SOCIETY

INNOCENTS HAVE NEW METHOD OF ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CEREMONY OR IVY DAY AS USUAL

WILL TAKE PLACE AT 4 O'CLOCK, RAIN OR SHINE.

Juniors Who Have Been Elected Will Be Taken From Crowd to Platform, Where They Will Be Notified.

Innocents, the senior society of the University of Nebraska, will publicly announce its choices from the junior class on Ivy day this spring in a new way, a radical departure from the old custom being made.

This year the ceremony attending the announcement of the choices to the senior society will be started at 4:30 o'clock on the afternoon of Ivy day taking place at the state farm, where the annual games and program for the day will be carried out by the senior class. At that time the Innocents going among the crowd collected at the farm, will pick out the particular thirteen juniors who have been previously selected for the society and will collect them at the speaker's platform where they will receive the official notification of their election.

No Previous News.

No hint or word of any kind will be given until the official announcement is made on the platform at the state farm on Ivy day. In previous years the news of the elections has leaked out early on Ivy Day, and even weeks in advance of that day. This year no word will be conveyed to any of the juniors who have been selected and the matter will be kept a secret among the present Innocents until 4:30 o'clock on the afternoon of Ivy day.

During the time devoted to the Innocents' ceremony the other part of the program for the day will be stopped in order to allow the crowd to witness the notification of the thirteen juniors who have been elected to the fourth-year society.

The announcement of the elections will be made at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of Ivy Day no matter what kind of weather prevails. If there be rain it will go on just as though the weather were element.

The new custom is introduced to add dignity and impressiveness to the Innocents' election. Heretofore the public announcement has been made at a time of day which was not known to all the university public.

To Hold Each Year.

The membership in the Innocents numbers thirteen men, who are chosen from the junior class each spring. These thirteen students are not chosen because of any certain fraternity affiliations or class achievements. They may be selected because of some pre-eminent qualities—which may be triumph in athletics, executive ability, achievement as a scholar or leadership in other ways. No bound rules are laid down for the qualifications, but only the best men who stand out as leaders in their class—men who have proved their worth during the three years of the college career—are the ones who attain to Innocents.

The custom inaugurated this year will be followed out by the succeeding Innocents each year.

Baked beans, baked on the premises and served hot with delicious brown bread, 10c, at The Boston Lunch.