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FRESHMEN ARE WINNER

CROWD HEARS THE FIRST AND FOURTH YEAR MEN DEBATE.

ALL CLASSES ARE DISMISSED

DEAN ANNOUNCES NEW MEMBERS OF THETA.

Four Men in the College of Law Are Chosen From the Senior Class for Membership in Honorary Fraternity.

The freshman team won from the seniors in the final interclass debate, held in Memorial hall at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, receiving the unanimous decision of the three judges, Professors Wilson, Fling and Caldwell.

As all 10 o'clock classes were dismissed, the crowd began pouring in early and by the time of the opening of the debate the floor was packed and both galleries were filled. The two center sections were reserved for the members of the senior class.

Dr. Avery presided at the debate and, when he arose to speak, he was greeted with cheering and applause which lasted for several minutes. He spoke of his interest in interclass debating and declared that student sentiment seemed to be squarely behind the proposition of holding each year interclass debates. He spoke briefly before introducing the first speaker of the importance of the question to be debated, which was the congressional guarantee of national bank deposits.

To Insure Confidence.

The first speaker on the affirmative, Mr. Searle Davis, of the senior team explained the question, pointing out the losses sustained by depositors in the United States as causing mistrust in the banks. He attributed the cause of bank failures to inefficient regulations, tracing the attempts at legislation along this line. The purpose of the affirmative, he said, would be to advocate a system which would insure the confidence of the depositors in the banks and which should be brought about so as not to jeopardize the present banking system. To bring this about he advocated an assessment to be levied on the banks of 1-10 of 1 per cent of the deposits each year to create a fund for the guarantee of deposits. Stricter bank regulation, regulation of securities and stricter non-partisan inspection, were the other points which, he said, the affirmative were to advocate.

Mr. Clarence Clark, the first speaker on the negative, spoke of the inefficiency of the proposed guarantee, saying that it is not enough to show the need of reform but that the affirmative must show that the bank guarantee is the right method of reform. He claimed that the guarantee of deposits had failed where tried, and that it was wrong in principle and that it would keep the best class of men out of the banking business.

In reply to this, Mr. Frank Reinsch, the second speaker on the affirmative, attributed the failure of the plan in New York to inefficient regulation. He pointed out the result of the increased confidence resulting from the guarantee of deposits; and declared that it would increase the circulation, prevent insolvency and protect the honest banker against the dishonest ones.

Wrong in Principle.

Mr. D. M. Rogers, second speaker on the negative, claimed the proposed plan to be wrong in principle; that it would weaken the strong as well as strengthen the weak, thereby establishing a means which would tend to

remove all competition from the banking business. He spoke of the danger in decreased individual security if the banks and the increase of deposits and also of the conflict which would result from the adoption of such a measure between state and national banking laws.

To avoid the evils attributed to the proposed plan by his opponents, Mr. G. A. Preston, the third speaker for the affirmative, insisted that it was only necessary for success to secure non-partisan banking commissioners, and to place a premium on honesty in the banking system.

The third speaker for the negative, Mr. Vern Bates, agreed with the affirmative that there should be some form of security for bank deposits, but he pointed out that the proposed plan of securing them would contribute more to the cause of panics instead of preventing them, as claimed by the affirmative. He said that the failure of a New York bank would wipe out the proposed guarantee fund twice over.

After the six brief speeches in rebuttal, Chancellor Avery called for the decisions of the three judges, which were immediately collected. They were unanimous in favor of the negative, thus giving the freshmen the interclass championship for this year.

Announce New Members.

Dean Costigan then announced the names of the newly elected members to the Theta Kappa Nu fraternity, four seniors in the college of law receiving this honor. They were Roy Caribarg, with an average of 92.33+ per cent; Robert W. Devoe, with 91.93+ per cent; Arthur B. Bouton, with 90.76+ per cent, and Carl P. Peterson, with 90.53 per cent.

The Theta Nu Epsilon fraternity has had a chapter at Nebraska for three or four years. It is a national fraternity, and corresponds closely to Phi Beta Kappa, having the same scholarship requirements. An average of 90 or more in all required work is necessary for eligibility, and not less than one-tenth nor more than one-sixth of the senior laws may be chosen from the graduating class each year. This year, under the rules, seven seniors could have been chosen but the faculty decided to give the honor to only four.

CADETS ATTEND THE FUNERAL

Second Battalion Honored Deceased Ex-Governor.

In consideration of the valuable work done by former Governor Poynter for the state agricultural school the state farm cadets yesterday attended the funeral of the distinguished citizen in a body. The farm battalion uniformed and marched in regular formation to St. Paul's church, where the obsequies were held. At the church they occupied a reserved section of seats among the hundreds present.

The death of ex-Governor Poynter on Monday morning called to mind to old university men many acts of his which were beneficial to the university. Unfortunately Governor Poynter was embarrassed during his term of office by having the legislature of an opposite political party and for this reason his influence on legislative matters was not great. Yet he always stood as the earnest champion of the state school and did all that he could for its advancement. Unofficially he has always lent a hand in aiding the agricultural college, in which he took a great interest.

NOTICE.

All track candidates for either the varsity or freshman teams are requested to take running suits home with them and try to get a little practice in each day during vacation. Those men of the team who expect to remain in Lincoln can arrange to do work at the farm grounds by seeing Dr. Clapp.

H. O. PERRY CAPTAIN

UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED TO LEAD 1909-10 BASKET-BALL FIVE.

LOOK TO GYMNASTIC CONTEST

Dr. Clapp and His Athletes Are Getting Ready for Big Meeting With Western Schools in Armory on April 16.

H. O. Perry was yesterday given a unanimous election to the position of captain of the Nebraska basket-ball five for the season of 1909-10. All of the seven letter men of last season's team were present, excepting Petrashek, and they cast their ballots for the popular guard.

For the past two seasons Perry played at left guard on the Nebraska basketball quintet and proved one of the best players on the team. His work brought the just reward which he received in the tribute paid him by his teammates yesterday afternoon in making him the leader of the five for next season.

The ballot was taken at a special meeting of the athletic board held in Dr. Clapp's office yesterday noon. After the announcement of the election Perry was congratulated by the six players.

At this same meeting the athletic board voted to allow Manager Eager to schedule a football game with Denver university, to be played in Denver on November 13. The scheduling of this game with Denver will mean that Ames will be dropped from the cornhusker schedule for next fall.

Ames Out of It.

Ames and Nebraska for the past two months have been trying to get together on a date for a game for next fall, but the efforts have been in vain. The aggies had been offered November 13 on the cornhusker schedule for a game in Ames and had accepted it over a month ago. But soon after that date was agreed to the aggies back gipped and refused to take the date, for Iowa forced them to keep that day open for the game with the Hawkeyes.

October 30 and November 20 are still open on the Nebraska schedule and Ames is willing to take the former date but has refused the latter. The cornhusker management will not schedule a contest with the aggies for October 30, for that date is only one week in advance of the game with Kansas, and none of the cornhuskers want to run any risk of losing to the jayhawkers by playing a hard game only a week before the meeting with the jayhawkers. October 30 will be kept open on the Nebraska schedule to allow the cornhusker eleven a rest.

Ames would not accept November 20, because that date is only five days before the meeting with Drake. The aggies feel the same about the Drake game as Nebraska does about the Kansas contest—they want to win that battle even if they lose to all the other teams on their schedule. They will keep November 20 open so as to give their eleven a rest.

No Breaking Up.

The failure of Nebraska and Ames to meet on the gridiron next fall does not mean that the two schools will not come together again. They will try to arrange a game for 1910. In the meantime they will meet in baseball, basket-ball and track contests.

Dr. Clapp is preparing for the western intercollegiate gymnastic contest, which will be held in the university armory on Friday, April 16. This will be one of the biggest contests ever held at a Missouri valley university,

and it is attracting a great deal of attention all over the state. Minnesota, Wisconsin, Chicago, Washington and Nebraska universities.

The meeting has especial interest for the cornhusker students this year because it is believed one of the Nebraska athletes, D. C. Mitchell, has an excellent chance of winning in the individual contest. During the Easter recess the gymnastic team will be kept in Lincoln training for the meet.

Team Leaves Tomorrow.

Tomorrow morning the baseball team will begin its annual southern tour, going from Lincoln to Tabor, Iowa, where Tabor college will be played Thursday afternoon. The last game of the trip will be played on April 16 and 17 with the University of Kansas at Kansas City.

The athletic board yesterday took no definite action on establishing a training table for track men except to ask the training table committee to investigate the matter of advisability and means of conducting a table in the basement of the Temple. The athletic board wishes, if possible, to run its own table. The sentiment of the board is in favor of the special grill for the track team and at the next meeting it will be voted to start the table.

MISS HAYDEN STARTS HER WORK

A Class in Newspaper Illustration Has Been Formed.

A class in newspaper illustration is now being taught by Miss Hayden. No university credit will be given for this work, the idea of the class being to assist those already working in this line. This class is open to all students without fees.

Assignments will be given each week from some story or newspaper article to be then worked out in pencil or pen and ink, according to the idea of the student. These sketches will be brought to class and will then be criticized. As few of the students have had technical instruction in this work the criticisms will be based chiefly on the choice of incident, its fidelity to the text and its pictorial arrangement. As several of the students are interested in this work an excellent opportunity is now given them to understand the work more thoroughly. Any student interested or wishing to join this class is requested to see Miss Hayden, Art Department, 305 Library Building. The class will be held at 5 o'clock on Tuesday or Wednesday.

S. M. RINKER IS HONORED

Elected President of American Students at Oxford.

S. M. Rinker, of Beatrice, Nebraska's Rhodes scholar at Oxford, was recently elected president of the American scholars in the English university. This is an honor much esteemed among the American students and Rinker's election is a matter of gratification to his friends.

Samuel Rinker came to the university in the fall of 1904 and remained in Lincoln two years. He was president of his class for two semesters and was otherwise prominent in class affairs. He represented the university in inter-collegiate debate during his second year, and was an excellent debater. He won the Rhodes scholarship in 1907 and has since resided in England.

Professor E. B. Nicholson, a former university graduate, is visiting friends here for a short time. Professor Nicholson, who is professor of chemistry at the University of Minnesota, is the son of Professor H. H. Nicholson, who was professor of chemistry at this school for a number of years.

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

SUGGEST NEW RULES

FRATERNITIES WILL REVISE THE RUSHING SYSTEM.

THE "YEAR-RULE" IS PROPOSED

NO MAN TO PLEDGE UNTIL HAS SOPHOMORE CREDITS.

System Prevailing Among Sororities Finds Favor With a Number of Fraternity Men, But Its Adoption by Council Unlikely.

In response to a request from Registrar Harrison, chairman of the committee appointed by the Inter-fraternity council, to revise the fraternity rushing rules, the eleven Greek letter organizations of the university are now submitting suggestions regarding the proposed regulations. Inasmuch as the old rules regarding the pledging of new students were suspended last fall by common consent of the fraternities and the faculty member of the board on account of their recognized inefficiency, the new suggestions are radically different from the former rules.

It is acknowledged that the system must be materially changed if justice is to be done each of the fraternities and if all are not to be submitted to unnecessary hardship. One fault of the old rules was the long rushing season, which necessitated strenuous efforts on the part of all the Greeks for a period of more than six weeks. This worked a hardship not only on the men who did the rushing but on the rushees as well, and it is said that the prolonged period was responsible directly for a considerable percent of the low standing made by first year men who looked good to the fraternities.

To Prevent Spiking.

On the other hand it is admitted that a considerable number of men were secretly pledged to one or another of the eleven fraternities before the date set by the council as pledge day. This "spiking" was resorted to in cases where the competition between two fraternities was keen and where one wished to make the most of a temporary advantage over the rushee. Once spiked, the new student was no longer a matter of concern to the fortunate fraternity, although the rejected organization frequently felt considerably aroused over the suspected violation of the rules.

It is these two evils that the majority of the suggestions from the fraternities seek to remedy. It is a matter of general tacit agreement that the rushing season will be shortened. This much is said to be assured and practically all the suggestions received call for such action in one form or another. The difference between the fraternity men seems rather to hinge on the question of when the rushing season shall be. There is a variance as to whether it should be placed at the beginning, middle, or end of the first semester, or even at a later date.

The Year Rule.

At least one fraternity has recommended the adoption of the "year rule," which prevails in a number of eastern colleges. By this regulation, no man could pledge a fraternity until he was a fully accredited sophomore. Men entering with advanced credits which ranked them as sophomores or above could be pledged at any time. Freshmen, however, could not pass their word to a fraternity. They would have to wait until they became sophomores. With such a rule in force, the rushing would be done either at the close of the second semester or at

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