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## OUTDOOR PENTATHLON.

**Date Fixed and Many Entries Are Reported—Arrangements for Swimming Contest.**

The outdoor pentathlon, will occur on April 14. The events to be participated in are the 100 yard dash, the mile run, the shot put, the running high jump, and the pole vault. P. O'Mahoney, who has been very generous in his offer to university athletics will present a \$20 gold medal to the man winning the highest number of points. The man must win 400 points or more out of the possible 500. W. E. Andreson, R. D. Andreson, I. P. Hewitt, May, Mantz, Hearn, Pearse, Plowhead and Wallace will be the strong men in the contest.

The first annual championship swimming races of the University of Nebraska will be held this year at the sulpho saline bath-house. There will be a series of three programs. The first to be Thursday April 12, with these events; twenty-five yards straightway for class championship; long diving twenty-five yards or more, for class championship; water polo or base-ball, freshmen vs. sophomores; fancy diving, free for all open competition, high, deep, long, stand, running plunge, trapeze and somersault; 100 yards two turns, for class championship. The remaining two contests will be held on April 20 and 28 respectively. The programs will be varied, longer distances will be used and several events will be open to free competition. The proceeds of these contests will be used to send the track team to Chicago to take part in the western intercollegiate track meet. In these contests also the state inter-collegiate championship races will be held. Prizes will be given as follows: University class championship, silver cup; water base-ball, souvenir ball; fancy diving, silver medal. P. O'Mahoney formerly of the New York athletic association has been secured as starter. F. B. Barnes of Omaha, referee; Dr. W. W. Hastings, of the university, clerk of course. Attention is called to those students who wish to enter the races, that they can practice any afternoon or evening except Monday and Wednesday evening. Chef tickets at the office of the physical director. Class practice will have a special time. Dr. Hastings will give starts. Two men are to be chosen for each event from each class. Entries will close Tuesday, April 10. These contests should receive the support of every student. It not only being something new and entertaining but the purpose should appeal to everyone who is interested in the advancement of the university. The university this year has the prospects of a running track team, many aspirants are at work and with the able training of Prof. W. E. Allen a strong team is expected. The university has never before been represented at Chicago with a track team and now that the material is at hand the students should assist in the financial part.

### BASE BALL NOTES.

Base ball at the university is being pushed forward with much energy. Jack O'Connell, the captain and second baseman of the Omaha league team is doing fine work as coach. He is a gentlemanly fellow, plays his position exceedingly well and is much liked by

the men. He intends, from now on, to give all his time to the fifteen men, who are the most promising candidates for the team. Practice in bunting, in base running, in batting, and in working with a system of signals will now be given special attention. Mr. O'Connell is certain that he will have a very strong team to meet the Omaha league team here on April 9.

Ringer, Koehler, and Doane have about equal chances behind the bat. The infield will be very strong this year. Rhodes will cover first. Second base will be held down by Beeder or by "Stub" Crandall, while Gordon will play third. When Gordon is in the box, Captain Bliss will probably cover the third bag. Bolen appears to be a "find" at short. In the practice he has played brilliantly. He is fast on his feet and gets into the spirit of the game. Cuscaden is doing good work in left, or the other out field position DePutron, Bell, Luckie, Farnsworth, and Dew are in advance of the others.

The high school team will be played Thursday afternoon, and Manager Howard would like to see a large number spectators out to watch the first game of the season. This game costs nothing but the effort to arouse a sufficient amount of latent enthusiasm.

Virgil Ryan is showing up well as a third pitcher. He has good speed and good curves but is slightly lacking in control.

The athletic board has determined the time for the election of student members of the board for next year, to be May 4.

### Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Will E. Reed, a missionary from Ecuador is visiting friends about the university this week. Mr. Reed is a Nebraska man but a graduate of Dartmouth college and several years ago spent considerable time in the student work in Nebraska. Mr. Reed meets with the volunteer band and the several missionary committees of the university.

Thursday night will occur the annual election for officers of the association. The nomination committee will report the following names: President, L. J. Marsh; vice-president, J. V. Cortelyou; corresponding secretary, C. C. North; recording secretary, A. W. Gilbert. Dr. H. B. Ward and B. L. Paine will be elected as directors.

The last effort is now being made on the financial canvass of the Y. M. C. A. budget. All are helping but considerable money is still needed before the bills for the year can all be paid. The work this year has been of such a nature as to merit the support of all who are interested in the university.

### AN AGREEABLE SURPRISE.

Miss Adelloy Whiting has recently received from Chautauqua, New York, a certificate from the normal course in the school of physical training. Miss Whiting entered the junior course last July expecting to return the coming summer to complete the work for the senior certificate. She was agreeably surprised when she discovered that the work which she had done in the University of Nebraska entitled her to such credit as would enable her to complete the course in one session. This speaks well for the work which is being done in our university by Miss Barr, and the standing which the department has elsewhere.

## TRICK FULL OF FUN.

**Reuben Sampson Takes a Trip to Omaha and Students Have a Turn.**

It was learned Friday morning that Reuben Sampson a senior in the university had disappeared the night before in a very mysterious manner. The police had been called in about 1 o'clock in the morning by Hall, the roommate of Sampson. Blood was found on the bed, floor and window sill, together with a quantity of hair on the last mentioned. Sampson's clothes were on a chair, but a blanket was gone from the bed.

The police announced immediately that the blood had evidently been put on for effect and with a brush. They were of the opinion that it was a ruse of some kind and that Sampson would turn up in a short time. This theory was supported by the recent troubles between the juniors and seniors.

Sampson failed to appear Friday and by Saturday morning everybody in the university and a large number of residents of the city were stirred up about the affair. Juniors and seniors were brought in to the police station and one after another given an opportunity to tell what they knew of the matter. No satisfactory results were obtained and it was not until late in the afternoon that word was received from Sampson's home in Western that he was safe in Omaha.

During the two days, rumors of all kinds were riot about his disappearance. He was reported to have been found dead in several different places at the same time. Some thought he had been foully dealt with on account of \$200 which it was reported had been in his possession. The story told by Hall was to the effect that he had gone out about 10 o'clock in the evening to see a student some blocks distant. At the same time Sampson said he thought he would go over to the library. When Hall returned nearly three hours later, he found the room in the condition above mentioned. No evidences of a struggle were to be found, and it was later decided that the hair had probably been removed from a cat.

Evidence the next day, brought out the fact that certain persons had attempted to purchase a live chicken at a restaurant the night before, but were unable to find one.

Sampson returned home Sunday evening. He stated that he had been called to Omaha on business and knew nothing of the notoriety which his departure had played upon him. He claimed to have left a note for his room mate, pinned on the door when he went away, but did not attempt to explain why it had not been received.

Chancellor Bessey expresses himself as very much opposed to affairs of this kind. Attempts are being made to locate ring leaders and harsh measures may be taken if any are found.

### ENTERTAIN FOR CITY Y. W. C. A.

The entertainment for the city Y. W. C. A. given by Miss Barr and her assistants at the armory, on last Friday evening, was in every way an enjoyable success. A number of gymnastic exercises were performed by a large class of girls, after which eight girls in costume went through some of

the quaint old Swedish folk-dances, which have recently become so popular as recreative work in the schools of Sweden and Norway. The program closed with a lively game of basket ball. This was played by two teams picked at random from the various classes, and was therefore, more exciting perhaps than scientific, though judging by the shrieks of the participants and the applause of the spectators, it proved to be quite as enjoyable as thought a more scientific contest had been on.

### SUBJECTS FOR ORATORY.

All contestants for the local extemporaneous oratorical contest should see R. C. Roper or C. W. Jones at once and register with them. It is possible that the number will have to be limited. The following is a list of subjects for extemporaneous speeches:

1. The Porto Rican Tariff Bill.
2. William Pitt, the Younger.
3. Lafcadio Hearn.
4. Municipal Reform.
5. The Need for More Freedom in Religious Thought.
6. The Effects of the Invention of Machinery upon the Workingman.
7. The "Trust" Problem. (Its Solution).
8. Imperialism.
9. The Reformation of Criminals.
10. Socialism.
11. Competitive Examinations as an Aid in Education.
12. Does College Education Pay?
13. The Higher Education of Women.
14. The Politician. (Is he a Necessity?)
15. The Future of China.
16. Joseph Addison.
17. Michael Angelo.
18. The Transvaal.
19. Evils of Advertising.

### BETA PARTY.

Beta Theta Pi gave a dancing party Friday night at Walsh hall, which had been decorated for the occasion with palms and roses. A cooling punch was provided all evening for the dancers and at 10 o'clock a supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Hershey and Mr. and Mrs. Cornell chaperoned the following: Misses Hammond, Holbrook, Bennett, Ricketts, Gaben, Whiting, Jenkins, Richards, Honeywell, Post, Wirt, Morgan, McFarland, Bonnell, Robinson, McPheely, Woodward, Andrews, Thomas, Burrus, Haskell, Nance, Wilkins of Omaha; Messrs. Broady, Williams, Paine, Price, McKillup, Anderson, Ricketts, Blackman, Sims, Selick, Musser, Rehlaender, Buckstaff, Webster, Folsom, Adams, Everett, Barker, Groff, Roth, Ball, Ames, and Dr. White.

### PHI PSI BANQUET.

On Saturday evening at their chapter house at 1630 G street Nebraska Alpha chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity held their fifth annual banquet in commemoration of the establishment of the chapter in the University of Nebraska. Besides the members of the active chapter a number of alumni were present. Toasts were responded to after a sumptuous dinner. The alumni present were Geo. Shedd, Ernest Wiggenhorn, Ashland; William D. Reed, Burton U. Christie, Charles U. Engel, Fritz Korameyer, Omaha; Carl Fricke, Plattsmouth; Clark N. Oberlies, and Dr. C. F. Ladd, Lincoln.