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A GREAT SUCCESS

THE CLASS OF '03 PROM SURPASSED ALL OTHERS

So Pronounced by the Many Guests who Took Part in the Happy Event Last Night

The seventh annual Junior Prom which took place last night at Smith's armory was certainly one of the most successful social events of the year. It was the unanimous assent that it surpassed every event of its kind ever given at the university. It was a party which, to the class giving it, was both a credit and an honor.

The decorations, the music and everything about the party spoke the fact that no effort had been spared which would add to the true interests of the party. The committee who were intrusted with the honor and responsibility of giving this, the class' greatest social function, were: H. E. Spangler, A. C. Clapp, A. W. Van Vleck, W. C. Henry, E. H. Mulock.

The patronesses of the party were: The Mesdames Geo. E. MacLean, Max Mayer, T. H. Macbride and Geo. R. Burnett.

The decorations which turned the old shell of an armory into a beautiful hall were magnificent. In color and effect and in brilliancy they surpassed any former attempt in transforming the old building. The canopy overhead composed as it was of the colors of the class together with those of the different departments and also with those of the University, completely cut from view the old rafters and roof of the building. At the center of the canopy around the centerpiece was an arrangement of many colored incandescent electric lights in a cluster forming the center. The effect of these soft lights reflected upon the happy scene below added much to the beauty of the scene.

Around the sides of the armory on the floor were booths separated by curtains. In each one of them was suspended a small red incandiscent light. Around the hall at various places were jars with burning incense in them. The music which was rendered by Myers Orchestra of Cedar Rapids was of the very best.

The dancing began at nine o'clock and from that time until four this morning the party was a most enjoyable affair. The Grand March was led by Mrs. Max Mayer, one of the patronesses, and Mr. H. E. Spangler, chairman of the committee. The scene of handsome gowns and smiling faces was a very pretty one indeed. During the evening refreshments were served.

The guests from out of town were the Misses Alice Mullen, of Waterloo, Iowa; Winnifred Jones, of Grinnell, Iowa; Alice Brockway, of Letts, Iowa, the Messrs. Murphy, of Des Moines, Iowa; Abernethy, of Osage, Iowa; Bradley, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Dewie, of Washington, Iowa, and Tom Grissell, of Guthrie Center, Iowa.

IOWA'S STAR IN THE ASCENDANT

MEN ALL HARD AT WORK TO WIN

Athletics are on the Boom—Most Successful Spring Football Practice in Years Now Assured

As the days go by, the athletic atmosphere is gradually clearing up until Iowa's horizon is actually becoming bright after her serious spell of bad weather. The IOWAN reporter meandered down to the park yesterday afternoon, and in spite of the tornado-like wind blowing, found a goodly number of men hard at work. Even a few enthusiastic spectators had braved the weather and had gone down to cheer up the faithful.

Over on the diamond the youngest of the "incorrigible terribles," the freshman medics, were wielding the ash and making "grounders" bite the dust. They informed us that the sophomore medics were to suffer defeat on the diamond in the near future in full compensation for former treatment received in the near vicinity of the "pit."

Some of Iowa's hardy sprinters were revolving around the orbit, and a modern Greek was hurling the discus with good effect. In another spot the cannon ball was being shot in a way that looked serious for the university battery next Friday.

Quite a number of the football men were out passing the leather on the gridiron and a more husky lot of fellows is not often seen together. Iowa's football prospects are assuming more pleasing hues daily. A large percentage of the old men will be back and the spring practice has given courage to many who feared to appear on the field last fall simply because they thought they were not foot ball players and let it go at that.

When seen today, Captain Hollenbeck wore a broad smile and confided to us that everybody is purchasing foot ball suits, and according to his astrological guide-book, this is the most favorable sign in the zodiac. Said the captain, "I know that there are any number of men in the university today who are just as capable as any of us who went onto the field last fall. In fact, there are possible foot ball stars by the dozen to be seen on the campus every day. They think there is no chance for them and won't try."

This has been the state of affairs in all athletic work. Come, come men, there are no dragons in the athletic park. The old Iowa river is too nearly dry to sustain the life of even a bug-a-boo lizard. The old men will be glad to see you for every one of them has the interests of his university at heart rather than his own. Now is the time for us to show ourselves not only leaders in debate, oratory and high scholarship, but also as rivals of the old Grecian athletes.

HEREDITY PREDOMINANT

Professor Veblen Shows that It Rules Us in Most Minute Details of Physical Structure

Before the Baconian last evening, Prof. A. A. Veblen gave an interesting paper on "Finger Prints in Heredity." Stereoptican views assisted greatly in elucidating the peculiarities in this strange but seemingly fascinating study. Some of the leading points of the paper follow:

By a "finger print" is meant the pattern made by the papillary ridges on the tips of the digits, obtained by impressions with printer's ink upon glass or paper. These are then studied at leisure by the aid of a magnifying glass. In any one individual the form of the print remains permanent throughout life, except where marred by scars. As the variety of patterns is infinite and no two have yet been found alike, they become of great use in personal identification. They are not a means of determining character as some criminologists have held, but only serve as a means of identifying a criminal through comparison of a new print with one formerly taken and registered as his. The main lines of the hand and foot as a whole are quite persistent, but the other markings are not permanent, hence such patterns are not so individualistic as are those of the finger tips.

The apparent general direction of the ridges are transverse down as far as the first joint, but this system is broken up by areas in which the direction is changed. Finger prints are divided into three great classes—the arch, or simple transverse pattern; the whirl or area in which the lines take the form of spirals, ellipses, or circles; and the loop, in which the ridges form a kind of a loop opening to one side of the finger. As above named these appear in about the proportion of one, four and ten. A strange coincidence is that the most delicate patterns of the loop variety are to be found upon the largest hand.

The patterns on the thumbs and fingers of any individual are not all of the same variety, and this fact presents nothing strange when over one hundred thousand combinations are possible. By long study and research it has been conclusively proven that there is a decided tendency to transmit finger prints, the influence of the mother upon the son being in about the proportion of ninety-four to eighty and upon the daughter of about ninety-two to sixty-nine. The influence of the father is materially less. As a result of personal investigation in one family, Professor Veblen has found that through parental influence in the cases of thirty grandchildren, the excess of loops over and above the general average was fully thirteen per cent. From this estimate we are enabled to see something of the marvelous control heredity has upon us.

Erodelphian Program

The Erodelphians will give the following program this evening in Irving hall:

Oration - Mabel Smith
Declamation - Esther Cooper

DEBATE

Affirmative - Negative
Caryolyn Jarvis - Helen Brainard
Bertha Sunier - Edna Boerner

Music

Declamation - Elanor Hossfeld
Oration - Ellen Geyer

Music

In the article on the '03 Hawk-eye in Thursday's issue of the Iowan, surprise was expressed that a production entitled "A Freshman's Farewell to his Pipe" ever gained a place in the literary department. The literary editor, Miss Leila Kemmerer informs us that she is even more surprised as no such article was ever handed to her or entered in the department. We are sorry to have made the error, but glad to make the correction.

The committee chosen by the debating league to select medals for the inter-state debaters, reported last night. They have selected as a suitable token a watch fob. It is a circular gold locket, bearing on one side an Iowa pennant; on the other are engraved the words, "Iowa-Minnesota," or "Iowa-Wisconsin." "Iowa" being at the top and the other institution at the bottom. In the center is the word "Debate" and the date.

The Sophomore debate has at last reached a settlement. R. M. Fagan has been compelled to resign on account of ill health. The Irvings have elected Walker in his place. On the other side H. M. Ivans and L. D. Bedford have refused to debate and the Zetagathians have chosen in their place W. H. Lewis and H. W. Brackney.

At the Sophomore meeting held yesterday noon for the purpose of discussing class athletics, H. P. Burgum was elected manager; C. P. Schenck, track captain; H. L. Dye, baseball captain; Messrs. J. G. Berryhill and J. W. Coggsweil will have charge of golf and tennis.

A union meeting of all the churches will be held in the Congregational church tomorrow evening at 7:30 under the auspices of the Young People's Union of the city. Rev. Marsh, of Burlington, who is at the head of the Bible Study department, will give the address.

Professor Chase will deliver a paper before the Whitney society Monday evening at 7:30 in the liberal arts building. His subject is "Some Peculiarities of Colloquial and Late Latin with Illustrations from the Terentian of Saneta Silvia."

The Zet-Living Freshman debate will be held May 16.

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Simply because the university's fair co-eds judiciously refrained from purchasing season tickets to the ball games, the Ames student jumps to the conclusion that Iowa girls don't give a snap for athletics. We'll admit that we are deficient in detective ability when it comes to the thoughts of a woman's mind, but we'll wager that in this case they didn't pass by a bargain sale for nothing. They knew the chivalry of Iowa's men and that, when the days for the games shall come, few there will be of Iowa's girls without the pales of the athletic park—much to the enhancement of the financial status of Iowa athletics. The boys may go down a back alley and kick themselves for not having bought two season tickets on the spot, but the girls will nevertheless be out to the games with Iowa pennants and Iowa horns.

Another junior prom has come and gone, but the memory of the joyous event will live in the minds of those present, after the thoughts of the hard daily grind have long since gone to their happy hunting grounds. No one will ever regret that he took the time for a bit of social enjoyment when the notorious spring fever was demanding at least a moment

of mental relaxation. The one thing for us all to do is to look forward with pleasant anticipation to the time when the present sophomores shall strive to surpass all former proms with their own.

It appears to be an unwritten law in all legislatures always to cut down the amount of appropriations asked for, no matter how closely, honestly, and reasonably the estimates are made. The next time the university authorities should ask for nothing less than a million. We could use that to good advantage.

The Boers may surrender and the Filipinos fly to the hills, but we won't give peace to anyone till he has shown by his deeds in a thorough try-out that he either cannot or that he can make the track team, enter the football eleven, or become one of the nine fanners of the horse-hide.

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Professor Macbride will address the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow afternoon on "The Best Book for the Student."

Thomas Grissell, of Guthrie Center, came down yesterday to attend the junior prom and will remain over Sunday, the guest of his friend, C. E. Wolfe, M '03.

All Souls Church.—"The drama of Christianity: its five great acts or transformations; what have they meant, especially the 5th, in whose opening scenes we are the players." Sermon topic at 10:45; Sunday school at 9:30; adult class at 10:00; Y. P. R. U. at 6:15—Mr. Hadley, leader.

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The Edda society will hold its last meeting of the year at 7:30 this evening. The program will consist of some short papers and voluntary reports. Officers will be elected.

The lady who left her rings in in the dressing room of the armory at the prom can get the same by calling on W. C. Henry, 222 Fairchild St.

Dr. J. F. Brown is at Spenser, Ia., attending the Northwestern Iowa State Teachers' Association. Next week he will inspect a number of high schools in the northwestern part of the state.

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