BEST OF THE YEAR

JUNIOR PROM FROM A BRILLIANT IAN'T AFFAIR

Unravelling a mystery

Decorations Were Elaborate Arrangement Large Limited Out of Town Guests

The most successful part of the season was the general ver- dict of all who attended the 9th Annual Junior Prom, held at the armory last night. By reason of the decoration and detail, by the size of the attending crowd and the general spirit of festivity which surrounded the whole, the party might indeed serve a model for future functions of the same kind.

The decorations were unusually delicate and artistic in their general effect, and included blue and white. Against the white walls, blue bunting was draped in a pretty, conventional pattern, and the stage, fitted up for the purpose of the evening, was shut off from the wide steps leading up to it by broad, diagonal bands of blue. From the center of the white ceiling was suspended a huge "00" in blue and white, outlined by incandescent lights of different colors. This provided the half light for the dark dance which has proved so popular this season. Owing to the Athletic Brotherhood at the opera house, programs were not issued until eleven o'clock. Between ten and eleven informal dancing was indulged in, settling, for the evening, the keynote of the gaiety of the night. The program was rendered very satisfactory by Molesey's University Orchestra. Gentlemen cut the late opening hour few enclosures were made, and the dance was not concluded until midnight after some of the dance in almost breathless succession.

The number of out-of-town guests for the prom far exceeds any other party of the season. Of these the "fair sex" made up the great majority, largely owing to the house party at one of the frat houses this week.


The Kappa Sigma's will entertain the prom guests at a reception following. It will be followed by dancing.

Wisconsin has a freshman who is throwing the hammer 142 feet which beats the Wisconsin rec-ord by several feet. Another freshman threw discus 112 feet.

The following seniors have been appointed to class day committee' E. R. John- ston, H. E. Catlin, C. R. Savage, Mary Sporleder and J. O. Johnson.

IOWA'S CLAIM NOT SO GOOD

The general tendency to over-estimate the prospects of the track team seems to demand a more conservatory expression of opinion. In spite of the enthusiasm and good spirit shown by the men actually in training there is no reason for any great feeling of dependence on the part of the supporters of the Old Gold. While the loss of such point winners of last year's team as Anderson and Weirich and with the small number of promising men in the sprints and the hammer, the team does not look well rounded or capable of working regularly, but Iowa will have in these events practically only last year's material to count on. The discuss and the jumps will be helped by last year's season, but unless promising material appears at the home meet on April 23, there seems slight prospect for Iowa to exceed at most thirty points. Thirty points will not mean better than second place.

S. L. Huron, C. W. Eastman.

The above statement was given out by coaches Bush and Eastman to quiet the reports that have gone out indicating that Iowa will be unusually strong on the track this year. The coaches believe that the dope artists have rated Iowa too high.

WICKHAM ON SPIDERS

INTERESTING PAPER AT BACONIAN

Some Inside Facts Concerning The Insectary "The Habits of Spiders and Manners and Customs"

Last night's paper at Baconian was read by Prof. H. F. Wickham, who was introduced by his subject was: "Some Remark- able Habits of Spiders."

A synopsis follows:

In spite of the aversion with which they are usually regarded, almost all spiders are to be considered on the basis of the habits of the web. The latter is extremely small, and the distance of the silk is much exaggerated.

The webs of spiders are very interesting to anyone who care to study them. Each species spins a particular kind of web, and an expert can identify the spider alone, without seeing the animal itself. The silk of which the webs are constructed is secreted in the form of a liquid which hardens or exposure to the air and is of two sorts—a sticky kind and a kind which is in making snares for catching insects and a thread of another sort, not adhesive, which is used in constructing a framework or scaffold of the steps as a support for the sticky portion. In moving from place to place in the web, the spider steps on the smooth threads, while an insect, flying too near, is tangled in the other.

The various habits of the females, the courtship of the male is accompanied by much danger to the female. Various methods are found among spiders by which the male is more or less protected from the risk of death in this fashion, many species being adorned with beautiful plumes or colored patterns on conspicuous parts of the body, and in approaching the female these ornaments are dis-played in most advantageous way.

The paper was illustrated by a number of lantern slides showing the structures described and the methods of the various spiders.

At a recent meeting of the Wisconsin Agricultural Board, the Cornell Wisconsin crew race was called off. The crew which the Cornell coach intended to send west was the Sophomore two-mile crew and not the regular Cornell crew. The Cornell crew was combined with the fact that the athletic system of the university is $0,000. In fact, $0,000, I was more than double the money unanimously against adding the $0,000. In fact, the $0,000 was not the expense of the making crew, but the expense of the making crew, West.
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Iowa's Real Condition

The signed statement from Coaches Eastman and Bush printed in today's Iowan should quell any wild hope that Iowa is to have an unusually strong track team this year. The statement is not to be considered as a hard luck tale; it is rather a contradiction based on facts, to the wild stories that have gone throughout the state concerning the strength of the Iowa team. For the most part these rumors have started at places other than Iowa City.

The coaches are right in setting forth the exact condition of the Iowa team. Iowa alumni have been led to believe that we were to do wonders this year. Either disappointment would surely follow the state meet.

In addition to setting right the Iowa supporters from without, the statement from the coaches should bring the Iowa students to a realization that some hard work must be done in preparation for the state meet. Some of the men who are especially strong in certain events have shown a remarkable tendency toward carelessness in training.

The state meet cannot be won without much effort in the way of hard training. Everyone with athletic ability should get out and train.

EXCHANGE

Northwestern by defeating Michigan won the championship of the Central Debating League, composed of Minnesota, Chicago, Northwestern, and Chicago.

For the second time Stanford and California Universities tied in the inter-university chess match. Each side won three games and drew one in last week's contest.

Daily Nebraska: The custom practiced by many scholarly publications of devoting a special column to commenting upon and criticizing exchanges has certainly excelled its usefulness, if it ever had any, and ought to be allowed in a secret fastness with no chances of ever being brought to the light again. In the first place it is not in the sphere of any college editor to pass judgment on a variety of publications from a critical point of view, whether diluting upon deficiencies, or even undertaking to bestow praise unless prompted by the notice of some strikingly good feature.

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The Big Nine Track Meet

Representatives of nine western colleges, composing the conference committee of "Big Nine" universities, have decided that the annual track meet be held in Chicago on June 4.

The universities represented at the meeting in Chicago were Michigan, Indiana, Chicago, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Northwestern, Minnesota and Purdue.

The committee elected A. B. Fonger of Northwestern university, president, and Herman Holbrook of Michigan, secretary and treasurer. It was decided at the meeting that only members of the "Big Nine" would be allowed to compete. The applications of Nebraska university, Beloit and Notre Dame being refused.

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