

Home Coming

Arrangements Being Perfected for Entertainment of Visitors.

The 1912 commencement is fast approaching and already the numerous friends and alumni of the college are looking forward to the time when they will join in the festivities of this glorious occasion and help to make the three final days a big success. The present session has been a gloomy one; it seems as if every dire calamity in the catalogue has been visited upon the institution. Starting with the Mess Hall fire, and continuing through various disasters of greater or less importance, finally winding up with the burning of the Main Building, matters have reached a crisis. That at least the campus and Gathright Hall may survive until the middle of June is the fond hope of everyone.

Naturally at such a time and in the face of such disasters the alumni should turn toward their alma mater, and by their presence, faithfulness and friendship strive to dispel the spirit of gloom that is now hovering over the institution. There is no doubt but that a large number of the alumni will respond to the cordial invitation issued by Prof. Mitchell, secretary of the association. Among other things, the circular which is being mailed to every alumnus contains the following:

"The exercises this year will be of the usual character with a few special features. The laying of the cornerstone of the new alumni memorial Y. M. C. A. Building will be of special interest, since the funds for the building are being contributed by the alumni and other friends. When this building is completed the members of the association can feel that they have a comfortable home whose doors are open to them when they come back to the college. Until such quarters are ready for occupancy we may not be able to entertain you so royally, but your welcome is just as cordial and your entertainment will be the very best we can give you."

"Comfortable rooms in the C. E. Building will be provided for you and the occasion made as pleasant for you as is possible for the officers of the college and Alumni Association to do. The attendance this year is the largest in the history of the college, the enrollment for the year being 1160. The Senior class numbers 110.

"The executive committee is endeavoring to make the alumni entertainment especially attractive; it is determined to make the banquet Monday night more informal and enjoyable. Col. E. B. Cushing of Houston will serve as toastmaster and he promises to introduce some unusually attractive features. The attendance of some old-timers is assured and they are certain to start something—you will see more fun and hear less oratory.

"You are urged to dismiss business from your mind for three days and spend the time with your old friends and among the familiar scenes of your alma mater. You will return to your home with new zeal, better prepared for business and leave the college improved by the manifestation of loyalty from her noble son."

The above is only a hint of what might be expected of Monday night during commencement. Heretofore the smokers, round tables, etc., have been as so many old maids' conventions, sewing circles or faculty meetings. This year it was thought best to make things more attractive for the visiting brethren, since many who have come from a great distance demand some-

thing more enjoyable than a coroners' rally. So it goes without saying that those who have tears to shed let them stay at home. There is to be a swell banquet at the Mess Hall, with decorations, an orchestra, less oratory, and more what-not. Several novel events will be featured, but it is not for us to let the cat out of the bag. It is safe to say, however, that Alumni Day will be the biggest thing yet.

At the meeting of the local alumni Monday night Mr. Neff was appointed chairman of the committee on alumni quarters, Mr. R. J. Windrow chairman of the reception committee, and Mr. J. W. Carson chairman of the banquet committee. The freehand drawing room will be the alumni headquarters. The plan of printing alumni cards with the year of graduation thereon was also talked over. By this means it will be possible for the casual observer to discern who's who during the gala commencement days.

Owing to the fact that there seems to be some doubt as to just what part the present Senior class plays in the Alumni Association, and the celebration, Prof. Mitchell begs to state that the class as a whole is requested to make application to the secretary before commencement for membership in the association. Moreover, every Senior is invited to the business meeting Monday afternoon, and will be expected to attend the banquet Monday night. It might not be inopportune at this juncture to state that the alumni fees are \$1 per year.

GERMAN CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS.

R. R. Schroeter, President; J. F. Brown, Vice President.

Last Sunday President von Rosenberg called a meeting of the German Verein for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year.

R. R. Schroeter was chosen president and J. F. Brown unanimously elected vice president. Because of his enviable command of the German language, Mr. Hoffman was chosen secretary. J. F. Runge was elected treasurer, and F. A. Homann chairman of the program committee.

The club presented Mrs. Giesecke a set of gold ice cream spoons as a slight token of their appreciation of the generous hospitality extended during the year to the members of the Verein.

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