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MANY ATTEND FIRST MARDI GRAS STAGED ON COLLEGE CAMPUS

Eleven Short Acts Entertain Merry-makers During Evening.

With the successful staging last night of the first Mardi Gras ever held at Augustana, students inaugurated a form of entertainment that it is hoped will become an annual spring affair.

Students who attended the Mardi Gras were entertained by eleven short acts which included numbers by the college band and several short acts by Earl Wynn and Company presenting a novel "Kangaroo Court," Joe West and Company, and the Valkyries.

More than one unsuspecting victim was taken before the "Kangaroo Court" where he was fined for violating laws, which, if they were not on the statute books, should have been, according to Judge Wynn. Those who were sentenced had the privilege of paying their fine (which generally amounted to about one cent and costs or a nickel and costs for very grave offenses) or taking a certain amount of paddling administered by Les Stone. According to reports, all fines were promptly paid.

The entertainment was brought to a fitting close by a big snake dance on the campus, after which a pep meeting was held around a bonfire in the rear of the gym.

Proceeds from the sale of refreshments went to help defray the expenses with the surplus being put in the band treasury.

Ragnar Kastman headed the committee on arrangements for the affair.

SENIOR PLAY TO BE GIVEN TOMORROW

Hoffbauer and Nothstein Have Leads in "The Queen's Husband."

Marian Hoffbauer of Davenport and Stanley Nothstein of Rock Island, playing the difficult rôles of Princess Anne and King Eric VIII, respectively, will have the major roles in the senior class play, "The Queen's Husband," tomorrow evening in the college auditorium.

Miss Pauline Bloomquist of Des Moines, Iowa, will take the part of the Queen, and Karl Olander of Chicago that of the King's secretary.

Richard Johnson of Lake Forest as General Northrup, Max Clowers of Springfield as Lord Birten, Gordon Anderson of Wausa, Neb., as Prince William of Greck, Marcus Olson of Berwyn as Maj. Blent, and William Cederberg of Andover as Phipps will also be in the cast.

MAURITZSON DRAMA IS REPEATED BY REQUEST

The Servant in the House, the third annual Mauritzson Memorial presentation, was repeated by the Augustana School of Oral Expression for the Rock Island Woman's club Saturday, May 21, and before the Young People's organization of St. Paul's English Lutheran church, Davenport, yesterday. The production was given at Augustana Friday, April 15, and was exceptionally well received.

Commencement Speakers



DR. H. M. GAGE



CARL MILLES

Guest speakers who will be present at the convocation exercises of Augustana College and Theological Seminary, Sunday through Tuesday, May 29-31.

MEN'S DEBATE SQUAD TAKES FIRST HONORS IN ILLINOIS LEAGUE

Women Place Third; Augie Debaters Receive Awards.

Augustana's men's debate squad placed first in the Illinois Collegiate Debate League during the past season. This championship is the second within three years for Augustana, the women debaters of the college having led the league in 1930.

Augustana co-ed debaters also ended a successful season, winning three out of four league meets, and two out of three non-league contests, placing third in the Women's Debate League.

The men's teams won five out of six conference debates and four out of five non-league contests. The affirmative team lost two debates, and the negative won every encounter.

At the national Tau Kappa Alpha convention this spring, Miriam Lorimer and George Steele, Augie debaters, won first places in the women's and men's extemporaneous speaking contests. Florence Lippens, another Augie debater, took third place in the women's division.

THREE PROFESSORS ADDED TO FACULTY

Changes Noted in Philosophy, Christianity and Speech Departments

Three new faculty members will greet Augustana students next September. Dr. Hjalmar W. Johnson of Gustavus Adolphus college will become professor of Philosophy and Christianity, Martin J. Holcomb, A.M., now of Bethany college, will come as associate professor of speech, and Oscar V. Anderson, who will receive the B.D. degree from Augustana seminary May 31, will be a new instructor in Christianity.

Dr. Johnson, received his A.B. degree at Gustavus Adolphus in 1917, his B.D. degree at Yale in 1921, and his Ph.D. degree at Yale in 1931. He has also studied at Chicago university.

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Dr. H. M. Gage and Carl Milles Will Speak at Commencement

CAMPUS SOCIAL GROUPS ADD 157 TO MEMBERSHIP

Membership of Augustana college sororities and fraternities has been increased to 251 through the admission to active membership of 99 pledges this spring. The six sororities, Sigma Pi Delta, Kappa Tau, Kappa Epsilon, Phi Rho, Chi Omega Gamma, and Kappa Epsilon Nu, now have 99 co-eds wearing their pins, while the eight fraternities—Phi Omega Phi, Pi Upsilon Gamma, Gamma Alpha Beta, Omega Nu Omega, Omicron Sigma Omicron, Phi Alpha Rho, Rho Nu Delta, and Beta Omega Sigma—have a combined membership of 152, having admitted 58 pledges.

ADDITIONS TO AUGIE CURRICULUM OFFER MANY ADVANTAGES

Majors Offered in Seventeen Subjects; Journalism Added.

Additions and revisions in the curriculum made during the last year will make the courses of instruction to be offered at Augustana next fall unusually comprehensive. For the first semester, the catalog describes 146 courses under thirty different subject headings within the college of liberal arts and, for the spring semester, 152 courses—of which ninety are continuation courses and sixty-two deal with new phases of the various subjects. To take all courses in the college alone would require twenty-five years of a good student's time.

Majors are now offered in seventeen different fields of study, due to the introduction of majors in physics, psychology, and music. Two years ago a sociology major was added.

Students interested in teaching and coaching following their graduation will appreciate the introduction of theory courses in the department of physical education, including Anatomy; Physiology and Hygiene; the History, Theory and Methods of Physical Education; the Theory of Coaching; and the Organization and Administration of Physical Education.

Three courses in journalism will be offered for the first time, the enrollment being limited to those who have a special interest in newspaper or magazine writing or who expect to supervise school or church publications upon graduation.

CLASS RIVALRY BREAKS OUT ON AUGIE CAMPUS

Traditional class rivalry between the juniors and seniors at Augustana, which broke out recently, resulted in the disappearance of the senior caps and gowns, and in the placing of the senior bench in a prominent position in the hall of Old Main. Close organization on the part of the juniors made it possible for them to resist all efforts of the seniors to prevent usurpation of their property. Heads of the two classes finally came to an agreement, and it was not until then that the caps and gowns were returned to their rightful owners.

Exercises Will Begin May 29, With Baccalaureate Service.

Dr. H. M. Gage, president of Coe college, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and president of the Liberal Arts College Movement, together with Carl Milles, Swedish sculptor of international renown, will be the guest speakers at the Augustana convocation May 31, which will include the conferring of degrees for all departments of the college and seminary.

Baccalaureate services in the college auditorium Sunday morning, May 29, at 10:45, will open the three days of commencement activity. Dr. G. A. Andreen will deliver the baccalaureate address to the graduates, having as his theme, "Life's Aim."

Monday, May 30, is alumni day, with a full program of events planned for the entire day. The alumni business meeting will be held in the college chapel at 10:00 a. m., this being preceded by an organ recital starting at 9:30. At noon the various classes will hold reunion luncheons.

Alumni who have returned to Augustana for commencement this spring will hold their annual banquet Monday evening at 6:30. Plans are being made for a bigger and peppier banquet than ever, and following this gala event the alumni as well as the general public will have the rare opportunity of attending an illustrated lecture by Dr. Carl Milles, the noted Swedish sculptor. This will be held in the college chapel at 8:00 p. m.

Culmination of the commencement exercises will take place with the general convocation exercises Tuesday morning at 10

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AUGIE YEAR-BOOK TO APPEAR NEXT WEEK

Unusual Features Characterize Rockety-I of Student Life.

Augustana's year-book, the *Rockety-I of 1933*, will be distributed on the campus next week. Advance reports indicate that the publication will be one of the most interesting annuals ever published at Augie.

Among the new features of the book is a complete index which enables one to find any of its hundreds of pictures instantly. Also, each section of the book has been dedicated to some prominent campus personality, thus dividing an honor that has gone to one individual in previous years. The cover is beautifully worked out in blue and gold with an artistic "A" as the principal motif, following the theme of the book.

SECRETARIAL SCIENCE CLASSES PLAN CONTEST

The secretarial science department of Augustana college will meet at dinner in the college cafeteria at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, May 24. Following the dinner, shorthand and typing contests will be held between students of the day and the evening school sections of the department. A gold pin will be awarded the winner of each contest.

FAMOUS LECTURERS TO SPEAK AT AUGIE

Sherwood Eddy, author and world traveler; Norman Thomas, student of social movements; and Dudley C. Watson, official lecturer for the Chicago Art Institute are three of the nationally renowned speakers scheduled for addresses at Augustana the next school year, according to an announcement made yesterday by the Board of Control of Student Activities. Negotiations with Dr. Robert Millikan, world-famous physicist, and Donald McMillan, scientist and arctic explorer, are being made and it is believed that these men will also appear here.

All the men scheduled for appearances at Augustana are leaders in their respective fields and are unusually successful lecturers. This program of speakers will take the place of the regular Lyceum presentations of the past few years.

AUGUSTANA HOLDS MOCK CONVENTION

Democratic Delegates Name New York Governor for Presidency.

When students of Augustana college and seminary held a mock Democratic political convention on Thursday night, May 5, in the college gymnasium, Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York was nominated for president on the second ballot.

The results of the first ballot were as follows: Roosevelt, 284; Smith, 171; Murray, 144; Garner, 13; Heflin, 96; Lewis, 76; Ritchie, 68; Bryan, 16; Rogers, 14; Baker, 10. The delegation then swayed to the support of Roosevelt, and on the second ballot he received the required majority. The final results of the vote were as follows: Roosevelt, 783; Murray, 148; Garner, 86; Smith, 6.

The convention was called to order by Roy Anderson, junior of Iron Mountain, Mich., secretary of the executive committee. Earl Wynn, senior of Coal Valley, gave the keynote address, then turning over the chair to Henry Stanley, alumnus of Rock Island, who presided over the convention.

The convention was planned and organized by Dr. A. F. Schersten and Prof. O. L. Nordstrom of the political science and economics departments of the college.