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BIG ENGINEERS FOUND AMONG GRADUATE LIST

Michigan's Engineering Department Ranks With Highest; Surveying Course Supreme For Forty Years.

The Michigan Daily For Michigan

The engineering department of the University of Michigan has conferred nearly 2,200 degrees since its establishment in 1860.

"The keynote of the engineering department of the University of Michigan is practical experience," says Dean Mortimer E. Cooley.

To enumerate the positions held by Michigan graduates who have gained national reputations in their respective engineering branches and to even briefly mention their works would fill this column twice over.

Perhaps the most internationally famous graduate of the Michigan engineering department is Alfred Noble, '76E, who went from his graduating class to act as U. S. assistant engineer of the famous St. Mary's Fall Canal. When the canal was completed in 1882 he was general superintendent. In the following ten years he built seven bridges through the country. Later he acted as a member of the Nicaragua Canal Commission, the U. S. Board of Deep Waterways, and was twice a member of the board of constructing engineers of the Panama Canal.

In the same class graduated Henry C. Ripley, who, for 20 years was chief engineer of the vast improvements on the Great Lakes and the Gulf of Mexico. He was awarded a silver medal at the Paris exposition for his method of improving river and harbor entrances, and was a member of the board of three which planned the protection of Galveston after its inundation.

On the national roll of honor should come Rolla C. Carpenter, '76E, who officiated on the jury of awards at three international expositions; Joseph Ripley, '76E, former assistant chief engineer of the Panama canal and at present consulting engineer of the New York state canals; William M. Campbell, '86E, recipient of four gold medals from different national academies of science, leader of four eclipse expeditions and now director of Lick observatory; and George Y. Wisner, '55E, consulting engineer of the U. S. Reclamation service, whose plans entailed the expenditure of $30,000,000 and involved the construction of the highest dam and the largest artificial lake in the world.

Only the strict technological schools possess a wider range of equipment than Michigan's engineering department, but no school in America has a wider field of general learning than is afforded by Michigan's school of science. Eminent critics say that in electrical engineering, Michigan ranks far above Yale, Purdue, Chicago, and Minnesota. The Michigan wireless station which did such heroic service at the time of the Central Ohio flood, is far more powerful than those at Columbia, Princeton, Yale, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Ohio.

The naval tank of the department is the largest and best equipped indoor naval tank possessed by any university in the land. Cornell has an outdoor tank which is larger in size, but which is only available on from 30 to 40 days in the school year owing to the inclement weather. The only indoor naval tank in the country which is larger than Michigan's is owned by the government and is located at Washington, D. C.

In surveying, one of the fundamental engineering courses, Michigan has maintained a supremacy for 40 years. In 1873 Michigan set the example to all universities by founding a surveying camp for the use of its students, and for 15 years it was the only university in the country which maintained a camp of this nature. The Bogardus Engineering Camp, located on a tract of 1,700 virgin acres near Cheboygan, Michigan, is now the largest and most

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COUNCIL WILL ASSIST "CO-OP" STORE PROJECT

Representative Body Favors Plan and Will Help in Establishing Store.

Councilman, H. G. Tait, '15, was appointed by the student council, last night, to assist Werner W. Schroeder, '14-'16L, in his efforts to start a "co-op" store. The council was moved to approve the idea because of the success it has met in other colleges, especially Harvard and Wisconsin, in cutting down the high price of text books, which is so large an item in student economics. The council does not intend to take active control over the new institution, but wishes to give its assistance.

PICK TWO SENIORS FOR PEACE CONTEST

J. W. Harding, '14L, and H. C. Tallmadge, '14, were picked for the final peace contest in the first preliminary, held last night. Harding spoke on "The Price of Peace" and Tallmadge on "The Passing of the Soldier." R. S. Fulton, '14, was chosen alternate. A. F. Ross, lit. spec., a negro whose parents were slaves, pleaded for the colored race and obtained fourth place.

Three more orators will be chosen, for the final contest, in the second preliminary to be held in room 202 N. W. University hall, at 7:30 o'clock, tonight. Orations are limited to 16 minutes. The contestants are entered in the following order: E. A. Cournyer, '15; H. M. Rosa, '14L; N. H. Goldstick, '15L; W. E. Morris, '16L.; B. B. Watkins, '14L; and C. O. Chan.

The final contest will be held before the Oratorical association in University Hall, December 18. The winner of the contest will enter the state contest at Olivet on March 28; if still successful, he will compete in the interstate contest at Cleveland on April 25, and finally at the National Peace contest at Lake Mohonk, N. Y., on May 14. Prizes offered for these contests amount to $475.00.

COMMUNICATION.

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Editor, The Michigan Daily:—

The committee of the university senate which last year conducted the conferences with representatives of all the house clubs, secret and non-secret, limited itself, both in its report and in the charts of comparative standings of the various clubs, strictly to the presentation of carefully ascertained facts, and at the same time avoided drawing inferences and conclusions. In the desire, therefore, that these facts shall remain clear and undistorted, I beg the privilege of correcting certain misstatements made by "One of the Initiated" in the communication which appeared in The Daily on yesterday.

It is evident that the number of different organizations represented at this university has nothing to do with the effectiveness of the control exercised by any one national body over its local chapter.

Secondly, neither the average standing of independent women nor of all women students is given at all in the chart. The only standings of women then given are those of the sororities and of "other women's clubs," the latter being league or similar houses, occupied by some of the many independents. Moreover the average standing of the sororities is below that of the league houses. Thus the chart does not show that the work in the sororities is ahead of the independents.

All will admit that continual watchfulness of the older students over underclassmen is an important and vital function of house clubs. The second explanation of the assumed higher standing of certain groups is as far from the true facts as the assumption itself. Freshmen in the Department of Literature, Science, and the Arts go to the committee on elections, where they determine what courses they are to pursue; thence they go to the classification committee, by whom they are assigned to certain sections in the courses elected. This assignment is based on two principles, one for the convenience of the instructors, the other in the interests of the individual students. The various sections of the same course are kept as nearly the same size as possible, and the student's program is distributed through the week to the best possible advantage. Sophomores are restricted to a somewhat lesser degree by the group requirements for graduation. Thus the only students who are free to profit through unequal standards are the upperclassmen themselves.

The published lists of the distribution of grades by the different instructors last year will not be sent out to the members of the faculty until next January. That students should chance to see this report could result in no special evil, since an exact knowledge of facts is a better foundation for judgment than common rumor, evidently the basis of the communication under consideration.

One thing that is shown by the chart is that the house club which in any year stands at the top has obtained the highest average.

The committee is greatly pleased at the hearty and active interest shown by the clubs in this investigation and publishing of scholarship standings, and is gratified at the improvement show in many cases.

ARTHUR G. HALL.

Upperclassmen Form Round Up Club

With a membership of about 80, the "Round Up" has been launched as a new social organization, drawing its upperclass members from nearly all departments. It was recognized this week by the committee on non-athletic activities. A dance will be held by the society at the armory tonight. The officers are as follows: Tom G. Forney, '14L, president; Clark Clement, '14L, vice-president; Fred C. Matthai, '14, secretary; and John O'Hara, '14L, treasurer.

DIXIE CLUB BOOSTS MICHIGAN

"The Michigan Daily For Michigan" Forms Subject Matter For New Pamphlet.

A pamphlet entitled "Why Come to Michigan," based upon the articles that have appeared in The Michigan Daily under the head "Michigan Daily for Michigan," containing facts showing Michigan's prowess, is being prepared by the Dixie club to boost the University of Michigan in the southern states.

These pamphlets will be given to every member of the club, who will take them home Christmas, and have them published in their respective city newspapers. This pamphlet will be supplemented by a second one to be published and distributed during the spring vacation.

The similar idea of publishing the "Michigan Daily For Michigan" articles, has been followed, not only by the Dixie club, but by various university papers, boosting their respective schools.

SOCIETY OPINIONS FAVOR NEW RULE

Investigation has yet to discover unfavorable comment upon the recommendations of the committee on latedances; while on the contrary, opinion is strong in commendation for the action taken. Both individual and society sentiment is complimentary to such measures promoting progression and better codes of morals in the student body in general.

Because these suggestions stand for higher standards in the university life, representative members of campus societies have not hesitated to vouch for the entire society in several cases. Campus organization opinion as conceded is as follows:

Voting yes—Druids, Stylus, Mortar Board, Vulcans, Barristers, Alchemists, Web-Fingers, Omega Phi, Senior Society, and Wyvern; those to vote in the future—Griffins, Sphinx, Triangles, Quadrangles, Woolsack.

Further personal opinions of prominent students are: S. G. Baltes, '14E—"I approve of the action of the committee"; S. S. Dickinson, '15L, president of the Union—"I strongly indorse the recommendations of the dance committee"; Irene Bignike, president of the Women's league—"I am heartily in favor of the action of the committee, and believe it will tend to improve dancing conditions."

DEANS WILL CONTROL EXCUSES

Few Students Will Be Dismissed Early This Year as Result of New System.

By action of the attendance committee of the lit department, procedure, relative to the excusing of students from classes just prior to or following the annual Christmas vacation, has been left in the hands of the dean of the respective departments. All cases of absence from classes, not specially excused, will be dealt with by the deans according to the circumstances of each individual case.

Acting Dean Effinger has adopted a very strict policy in the matter of excuses, the result being that but half a dozen students have been excused from classes. In view of the fact that over 2,000 men and women are registered in this department, such a number is looked upon as an unusual record.

Classes in the university will be suspended on Friday evening, December 19. For each individual student, vacation begins at the moment his last recitation is over on that day. University work will be recommenced on Tuesday, January 6, at 8:00 o'clock.

EXPLAINS SOCIETY ELECTION METHOD

"There is too much mythology afloat on the campus with regard to the methods of election to Phi Beta Kappa, and this I want to dispel," said Prof. R. M. Wenley at a meeting of the society, open to juniors and seniors of the lit department, in Sarah Caswell Angell hall last night. Preceding Professor Wenley, Prof. W. A. Frayer outlined the history and aims of the fraternity.

"Election to Phi Beta Kappa is automatic," said Professor Wenley. "It passes through seven stages." First the president appoints an electoral committee. Professor Frayer is chairman of this committee this year. Second, this committee submits to the faculty the names of all seniors, with a request that Phi Beta Kappa material be reported, with relative marks in each case.

Thirdly the committee takes these names, usually about 200, and selects some 60 or 70 of the most meritorious. Fourthly, these selections are put on a printed list and sent out to the faculty with three requests: (a) the return of those listed who have had work with the various teachers, in order of their merit; (b) if any one is omitted, his name is to be restored to the lists and the reasons given for his addition; (c) that any objections to any name on the list be given, with the reasons.

From this new information and on this basis, the committee draws up a final list for submission to a full meeting of the chapter, this list not to contain more than 10 per cent of the graduating class. Then the chapter, after a full discussion, proceeds to act on this list, the candidates chosen, and the press receiving notification from the proper official only. Finally these selected candidates are initiated at the annual banquet in the spring.

MICHIGAN DAILY EDITOR TO PRESIDE AT MEETING

The Western College Editor's association will hold its second annual meeting in Chicago, Saturday, December 20, at the La Salle hotel. The meeting will be presided over by Maurice Toulme, '12-'14L, president of the organization and editor of The Michigan Daily, and the main college papers of the middle west will be represented. Chicago, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Western, Ohio State, Indiana, Iowa, Illinois and Michigan.

COMMUNICATION.

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Editor, The Michigan Daily:—

In a communication in yesterday's Daily, "One of the Initiated" made the statement that the work of the sororities was ahead of that of the independents. I should like to call her attention to the fact that in the official classification of grades of the students, three house clubs stood at the top of the list.

This fall when the standings of the various societies were announced in The Daily, the sororities were mentioned as having the highest grades. A second statement of this kind seems to warrant a correction.

M. Gertrude Helmecke, '14.

Editor's Note—On October 4, The Daily published a story comparing the scholastic standings of the fraternities and sororities. The sororities had a better standing than the fraternities, but no comparison was made in reference to independents and sororities.

Union Will Hold Holiday Dances

Dances on the two Saturday nights during Christmas vacation and on New Year's eve, will be arranged by the Union, to be conducted similar to the regular membership dances. Special features will be worked up for the last dance in 1913. Tickets will be placed on sale several days previous to each party. Because of the large number of students remaining in Ann Arbor during the recess, it is expected the dances will prove very popular.

ADVISORY SYSTEM IS THEME SUBJECT

"My only suggestion in regard to the advisory system is that it be put in operation," is the sentiment expressed by one freshman woman in her theme on the subject, as requested by the advisory committee. "Have the advisors assigned at the time of enrollment, if possible, in order that they may get in touch with the new men during the first day or so, when they are most needed," and "let the student advisors regard their work in the light of an honor, and talk more of conduct and less of books," are some of the pointed statements in the various themes.

As the result of investigation conducted among the rhetoric instructors in regard to the advisory system as a whole, it does not appear that the new men are condemning the plan as of no value, but rather they do not think it is well conducted at the present time. "With the exception of a few men opposed to the entire system, the majority in my classes seem to regard the plan in a favorable light and offer many suggestions for improving the advisory system," said one instructor last evening.

In speaking of the results obtained in the themes, Prof. M. P. Tilley said last night: "The advisory system is young as yet; the present method of securing the opinions of the new men will help to formulate plans whereby the system may be materially improved."

CONTEST FOR "SCARECROW" POSTERS TO CLOSE TODAY

The "Scarecrow" poster contest, conducted by the Comedy club, will close this evening at 6:00 o'clock. No posters will be considered which are turned in after that time. Competition this year has been especially keen, and it is expected that nearly a dozen drawings will be submitted.

The winners will be picked next week, by a board of judges consisting of the business manager, publicity manager, and their assistants. The three winning drawings will be placed on exhibition at Wahr's bookstore.

PLAN ORATORY CONTESTS FOR WOMEN OF UNIVERSITY

Oratorical contests for the women of the university may be established, according to plans being formulated by the oratorical department. "I think there is an urgent need for such activities," said R. K. Immel, of the oratory department, yesterday, "and favor a system similar to that used by the men, with certain modifications in the method of judging." Several inquiries have been received and those interested will meet to discuss plans, after the holidays.

FIRST TRYOUT REVEALS GOOD OPERA TIMBER

Forty Aspirants Turn Out For First Trial and Display Great Ability; Number Reduced to 25.

EXTRAORDINARY MUSICAL TALENT FOUND IN MATERIAL

Final Selection of Principals to Be Made After Christmas Recess.

Preliminary tryouts for the 1914 Michigan Union opera, last night, brought out 40 aspirants for cast positions. At last year's initial trial there were but 33 performers, and those who have served on previous opera committees agree that the material displayed last night is far superior to that of any other Union show. About one-fourth of last night's tryouts were men who served in Contrarie Mary, but many of the new men did stunts which will easily win them places on the speaking role of the 1914 performance.

At a meeting of the committee after the tryouts, the number was reduced to about 25, with 17 parts to be filled. Competition for the nine principal positions will be especially keen, as there are now two or three contenders of almost equal merit for the same part. The final picking will not be made until after Christmas vacation, but all of the men remaining on the list will be asked to study the possibilities of the book during the recess.

The committee in charge of the selection is as follows: Mr. Bert St. John, director, Prof. William Howland, and Earl Moore, '12, of the school of music, Carl B. Hoch, general chairman, Ray Melton, author, Rowland Fixel, '12-'14L, Willis A. Diekema, '14, Arthur Cohen, '14L, Sylvan Grosner, '14L, and R. H. Baker, '16M.

Last night's tryouts were especially proficient in musical ability, this having been a weakness in the preliminary trials of other Union shows. Ray Melton, the author, who was present at the meeting last night said: "The material displayed gives the opera greater possibilities than I ever hoped for."

Tryouts for chorus positions will be held immediately after vacation. Some of the music being written is considered especially meritorious by the committee. All of the competitive selections must be handed in before Monday night.

FAVOR PLANS FOR WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The majority of the women questioned yesterday as to their attitude toward a women's council, with duties and powers similar to those exercised by the student council for the men, favored the plan. The consensus of opinion was, that such an organization would help to put the women's activities upon a firm foundation and give increased importance to their undertakings. Some suggested that its work might conflict with that of the inter-sorority association, which has charge of general affairs pertaining to the sororities, but it is believed that this could easily be prevented.

"The idea of a women's council impresses me as being an extremely good plan," responded Helen Lohman, '14, "but I have not had much time to think the matter over. The women need an organization of this sort."

Marjorie Nicolson, '14, expressed about the same sentiment, but added, "Before taking any definite action we must be certain that a large percentage of the women desire such a council and would give it their support."

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Night Editor—R. Rodgers Sylvester.

CHARITY AT HOME.

There is a hazy glamor about contributing to the relief of sufferers who are thousands of miles from home. The Belgians seem to deserve all that can be done for them, and the persons who aid in their relief are to be commended. Even if the little European nation is receiving help from Americans who would never think of assisting at home, the idea of healthy unselfishness is present just the same, no matter if the inspiration is a bit too sensational and compelling to entitle the donors to unusual credit.

But at the same time, the poor and needy in this country are as poor and needy as ever. In many cases they are equally as free from fault for their poverty as are the reluctant members of belligerent countries across the sea. Just now the problem is to provide clothing, fuel and food for indigent families which are beginning the winter with manifiest means. Ann Arbor has its share of poor people, and an appeal is being made by a local organization looking toward helping these unfortunates. It should meet with serious response.

Now it is that those of us who had gym work realize what heroic Spartans we really were.

And all this time the rhetoric department struggles on with nary a single petition.

Even the news boy in front of one of Detroit's hotels wears a fresh engineer togue.

Increased inter-state fares are not pleasing to Chicagoans on the campus.

Sunday's communication reveals an Elbert Hubbard in the ranks.

Someone suggests a roof garden on the new science building.

Prospective J-Hoppers favor an enlarged gymnasium, too.

The shortest days bring forth the longest assignments.

Weather conversation seems quite useless.

The suspense is unsuspended at last.

At The Theater

Plays of the first order are announced by the Whitney theater management as attractions at the local theater during the month of January. Among the stars who are booked here are Anna Pavlowa, who will appear January 8; Otis Skinner, January 18; and Nat Goodwin, January 21.

On January 11, 12 and 13, the great spectacle-drama Cabiria will be shown. "Hanky Panky" will be offered January 27, and Lyman Howe's travelogues will be shown on the following day. "Mutt and Jeff," a comedy skit adapted from "Bud" Fisher's famous cartoons, will appear January 29.

At the Majestic.

Lucas and Field, society singers who sang sassy songs featured an average Majestic program last night. Two negro singers and dancers, Dodson and Gordon, also did well. The acrobatic work of a well developed woman concluded the program.

Of Interest To Women.

As in past years, the annual Y. W. C. A. Christmas bazaar will be held in Newberry hall, from 1:00 to 6:00 o'clock, today and tomorrow.

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Morter Board will meet at 7:30 o'clock tonight, in the home of Lois Townley, 1206 Washtenaw avenue.

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University women wishing the gymnasium course in playground dances and games, which will be conducted on Saturday mornings during the second semester, have been asked to register with Miss Evans, before Thursday, December 11. Unless 25 signify their interest, the course will not be given.

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The Girls' Educational club will meet from 7:00 o'clock to 8:00 o'clock tonight, in Newberry hall. Ruth Crandall, '14, will speak of her experiences at the Sorbonne, in Paris, and Martin Feinstein, '14, will give a reading of the Field prize poem. University women interested in education are invited to attend.

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Tickets for the annual Episcopal Girls' club supper, to be given in Harris hall on Thursday, may be purchased before Wednesday from Edna Brouley, '16, Jane Hicks, '15, Elizabeth Bostwick, '15, or at Harris hall, for 25 cents.

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Prof. W. R. Humphreys' Bible study class will meet at Newberry hall at 4:00 o'clock this afternoon.

Charlotte King was elected yesterday, by women of the State Normal college at Ypsilanti, to serve as their representative at the Women's Vocational conference committee, which will be held in Ann Arbor on January 7, 8, and 9. The normal college women will cooperate with women of the university in the holding of the conference.

Dean Myra B. Jordan, Dr. Alsie S. Pratt and Miss Jane Cochran have been appointed members of the same committee.

The university faculty, Ann Arbor collegiate alumnae, women in the school of music and teachers in the Ann Arbor public schools, have been invited to attend.



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Music

Mr. Albert Lindquest, of Chicago, who is studying under Mr. Harrison at the school of music during the present year, will appear at a concert in Ypsilanti, Wednesday evening. Last week he appeared in Milwaukee under the auspices of the Lyric club.

High praise was bestowed upon Mr. Theodore Harrison, head of the vocal department of the school of music, concerning his appearance in a recital given in Pittsburg, November 21, by the Musical Courier, under date of November 25. The account says that Mr. Harrison is gifted with a notable baritone voice, and that he was forced to add encores to all the numbers which he sang.

The University Symphony orchestra, fifty strong, under the leadership of Prof. S. P. Lockwood, with Earl V. Moore, organist, and Harrison A. Stevens, pianist and soloist, will give its first concert of the year on the school of music complimentary series in Hill auditorium, at 4:15 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

The general public is invited to be present.

Wireless Station to Reach 100 Points

Arrangements have been completed by the university wireless station to handle messages on a larger scale than ever before. At present there are 100 stations that have agreed to work with the university plant, making it possible to reach a wide range, including points in Kansas, Oklahoma, North Dakota, Missouri, Tennessee, New York, Illinois and Pennsylvania. The station will be open every night except Sundays from 10:30 to 11:30 o'clock, at which time messages will be sent.

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