

ROCK N' ROLL

The rock'n'roll craze is dying a slow, shrieking death, pangling as it goes. And yet calypso tunes already appear as a replacement, and a welcome form of seclation.

One need only to examine the true rock 'n' roll audience to fully savor the group dimensions. Loveable children they, full of a youthful exuberance that breaks windows and builds fires. And bless them, the little ones do have artfully controlled voices, always maintained at the decibel level that is sure to make the eardrums snap, crackle, and pop. Endowed with a complete Anglo-Saxon vocabulary, these uninhibited legions have successfully escaped the repressions against which psychologists have constantly counseled.

Here they are, today's motorcycle riders who are the leaders of tomorrow. America must consider itself lucky to possess youths so vital, so forceful, so eloquent. Indeed, this may well be the nation's secret weapon.

The leaders of this starry-eyed band are of equal calibre any race that has a man with the name of Fats Domino as one of its chieftans is worthy of genocide. Lest we forget, there is the great pelvic god of the cult, E. Presley. Mr. Presley, who sings as though suddenly seized with an attack of appendicitis, easily characterizes the refinement and gentle culture of the sect. Urgently in need of hearing aids, they have a volume and pitch that could easily bring the dead buzzing back to life again. Self-control is an elusive quality with these gentlemen who seem anxious to make the walls of the musical world come tumbling down.

Rock 'n' roll has a beat, if nothing else. This music is frantic, not romantic and could easily be bottled and sold as "instant noise".

Thus death will come as it must to all fads. As rock 'n' roll marches off into the distance, playing its own dissonant funeral march, let us stand silently, heads bowed, eyes glistening with tears.

INFORMATION ON FRATERNITIES (continued)

Fra ternities, in general, charge a monthly housebill including room, board, and social fees. This varies from 85 to 95 dollars per month, depending on food quality, services, number of months bill is rendered, and several other variables. Thus for the normal academic year, a fraternity may be charging between 600 and 800 dollars a year. A newly initiated fraternity member pays an initiation fee of 50 to 100 dollars which covers life membership and other incidentals (pins, magazine subscription, etc.) Costs have changed to the point where fraternities are more economical than the University dorms.

Efforts of varying degrees are made by the fraternities to advance the academic achievement of their members. Study hours, tutorial or faculty advisor help, regimented study for pledges, and systematic checks on achievement are among the techniques used by a number of chapters. At the same time, new students should understand that fraternity living usually makes some demands on time and effort which, in general, tend to lower academic achievement. On the other hand, greater opportunities for developing social skills are provided.

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Four very successful college alumni got together at their class reunion for a bull session, and as it usually does the conversation finally got around to faults and foibles.

"This is strictly between us," said the first old grad, "but once or twice a month I can't help hitting the bottle no one ever knows and I really look forward to it." (continued on page six)