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HOLLOW OFFICES

Although the date has not been set, it is probable that elections for men's Athletic Association officers will be held soon after class elections. Six or seven athletes will run for the position of president or secretary, and the usual amount of campaigning will take place.

It is time to question the value of these offices. Leaving personalities entirely out of the discussion, it is doubtful whether there is any excuse for their continuance. The student branch of the Athletic Association here has very little to do. It may hold a mass meeting or two, but these could be sponsored by a hat society just as well.

The duties of the president of the association are not enough to justify a separate office. He has one vote in all the managership elections and he represents the student body on the Board of Athletic Control. It is open to serious question whether the A. A. president can vote intelligently on the managers and first assistants in twelve different sports. It is practically impossible for him to know the qualifications of over fifty different men. And the temptation in some instances is to play politics. As for representation on the Board of Control, this minor duty could be performed by a selected sports captain.

The A. A. secretary takes minutes of all managership elections. This again is so small a duty that it scarcely justifies a separate election. About the only excuse for both positions is that they are "offices" which can be campaigned for and won. But the fact that the duties connected with them are either questionable or unimportant is enough to merit some reorganization.

"THE FUTURE OF AMERICA is in the hands of two men—the investigator and the interpreter," says Dr. Glenn Frank, president of the University of Wisconsin. He adds that we have an ample supply of investigators, but lack men who can interpret the specialist's work for the layman. There is need for the latter because "a dozen fields of thought are today congested with knowledge that the physical and social sciences have unearthed, and the whole tone and temper of American life can be lifted by putting this knowledge into general circulation." Here, then, is the real place of a liberal arts school or college in the educational scheme. It has potentialities for training men to be the interpreters of modern life. Of course it has its specialists, too. But more than any other single school, it can give a student that background which enables him to fit new discoveries into past knowledge. It must not be a superficial training, however. A thorough knowledge of a particular field, gained perhaps by work in one of the technical schools, must supplement the cultural background given by the liberal arts school.

LINK OR LIBRARY?

The question of a new library seems to be definitely settled for the next few years as far as College officials are concerned. They recently decided that a new women's dormitory and the long-proposed 'connecting link' between the Liberal Arts buildings would have to be completed before attention may be given to plans for a new library.

The chances are that the 'link' will not be completed for a year or two at least, and it will affect not more than 1,500 students. While the need for a women's dormitory is evident, it will affect only about seven or eight hundred people (co-eds) connected with the College.

The present library, built to house forty thousand books and packed with over one hundred and fifty thousand volumes, lacking faculty studies, seminar rooms, work rooms, laboratories for academic research, modern lighting and ventilating systems, and a modern floor plan, is unable to meet current demands. Quite a large number of people (well over seven or eight hundred) are inconvenienced by the library situation: the entire undergraduate body to some extent, the graduate students still more, while many faculty members are greatly hindered by existing library inadequacies.

Aggregately, the number of persons affected by a poor library is about five thousand. Simply from the standpoint of the number affected, might it not be advisable for the administration to plan for a new library to be erected before the dormitory, or, if the dormitory must come first, at least a library prior to the erection of the 'connecting link' between North and South Liberal Arts?

—J. B. B.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

WE DIED last week they took out their big knives and lunged deeply into our flesh but we just laughed and laughed and the more they stabbed us the harder we laughed it began to get funnier but we didn't care they shouted off with his head and then we took our head off for them it was simpler that way no fuss no bother at all but we began to feel a hysteria coming on us a courageous hysteria and we decided to make one last attempt against all the smugs in defense of Waller Dengler Dickson Galbraith Nichols Werner Van Keuren Wood Ryan Rathniell Boring Prexie Simpson and others but the smugs beat us down we wrote our last column but they beat us down they stoned us they kicked us and we roared with laughter all the time you should have seen us youd have died laughing at us youd have laughed but not more than we did damn that empty gin bottle it haunts us and our heads gone you see we died last week after they stabbed us it was fun there was no soap or wed have washed in the blood god it was ludicrous and oh we know this is a foul stinking last gasp but what can you expect of a dead man with his head chopped off.

Ashes to ashes,
 Dust to dust;
 The Campy is dead!
 Long live "us."

—THE STEG AT EVE.

Education

Yesterday, what with the rain and all, we felt morose and draggy and, having reached that awful cib where we were wondering, 'Why education?' we started leafing through last year's notebook thinking maybe we'd find out 'why.' We found something that helped; it was a quotation from *Education I* and bore the caption, 'My Idea of the Educated Man.' Under it was the following—

"I sing at my work. I go to church regularly. I support every good movement. Homeless dogs and cats follow me and lost kittens like my tracks. I love dumb animals, helpless children, defenseless women, and God. I stop to help my neighbor repair his tire in the rain. I always kiss my wife goodbye. I speak reverently of all women. I do my bit to make my community a better place for other people to live in. I believe that American business and American citizenship can be as good as any found anywhere."

That, we thought, is the kind of stuff that makes College worthwhile.

TO M. FOX

(With apologies to the 'Moron' of D. Parker)

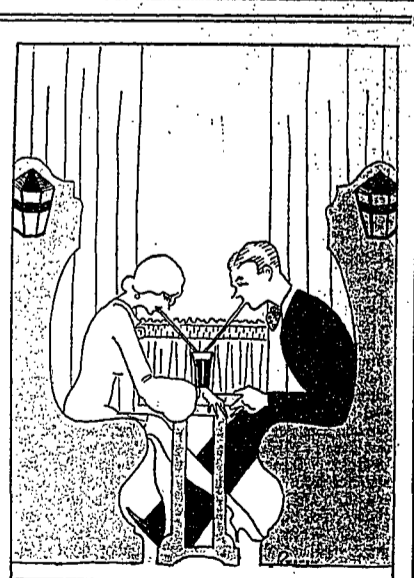
I wish I were a big shot;
 I wouldn't give a damn.
 If asked, 'Are you a big shot?'
 I'd say, 'You bet I am!'

GENIUS

An Extremely Short Short Short Story
 M. Galbraith, who devotes his time to keeping the student mind off the O. Henry Memorial Award, was slightly disappointed with one of his proteges. "Mr. Christy," he said, "where did you find sufficient effrontery to submit this (here M. Galbraith waved violently a manuscript belonging to the Locust Lane Clique's secretarial hope) drivel under the guise of a short story? The diction is stilted, there is no direction, the weak excuse for a plot is pointless, the whole thing does nothing and gets no place!"
 As M. Galbraith approached with his manuscript, Christy assumed a look of naive incredulity and asked, "You mean you don't like it?"

Black Out

The Fi Deltis used to be proud of that pale blue front door that swung back to permit people to pass through the entrance to the lodge proper. It was, as they would tell you, a very individualistic front door. It boasted a nuance of blue that was an achievement in pastels used in decorative architecture. It was—but there's no use going on. The Fi Deltis told too many people about their beautiful blue door. It was stolen last night. Only the hinges remain—and they aren't blue.



and after all . . .

THE CORNER
 unusual

Who's Dancing

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Phi Epsilon Pi (Invitation)
 Doc Hyder
 Phi Kappa Tau (Closed)
 Dan Gregory
 Pi Kappa Phi (Invitation)
 Wally Spotts
 Sigma Chi (Invitation)
 Jimmy Wilson

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