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HAT SOCIETIES CHANGE

It seems a step in the right direction when the two upperclass hat societies set a maximum of twenty men to be bid in coming years. For some time, these societies have suffered a loss in prestige on the campus because of the almost indiscriminate admission of upperclassmen who have achieved any degree of distinction in activities.

When a society becomes too large, nothing can be accomplished, and to the layman, membership means little. A selected few, however, point to the societies' wish to achieve the ultimate goal of honoraries—the selection only of men who truly deserve the recognition that membership in such an organization should give.

Like Parmi Nous and Skull and Bones, Blue Key has adopted changes in its election methods, but it seems questionable as to whether or not the changes in the latter organization have been an improvement. Many members of the society were astonished to learn that a meeting was held last night at which time membership for the coming year was decided.

Most honoraries find it advisable to hold smokers for rushees to the society, at which time the brothers look over the prospective members in an effort to secure only the most desirable type of men as pledges. Blue Key, however, holds to no such rule.

Further, it is customary for most societies to notify all members of meetings, more especially important ones such as those when pledging is discussed, but Blue Key holds distinctly to the middle road on this question, inviting a portion of the membership to such meetings, while the balance is perhaps overlooked.

It is evident that the motive was not a political one, inasmuch as twenty-four men, the total number eligible, were balloted upon favorably. It seems evident that only the highest type of man is elected to first assistant managements, because all who have been so honored were elected to the junior honorary, even though no get-together was held at which the members had the opportunity to meet the eligible sophomores.

Admittedly, membership in a hat society is not the most serious step in one's college life, nor should a man need to possess too stringent qualities for such membership, but two qualifications seem almost imperative. The present members should be given a chance to meet the rushees, and should at least have a chance to express their consent to pledging incoming members of their society.

STUDENTS AND POLITICS

The National Student Federation of America urges that student political clubs be established in colleges and universities for the purpose of "fighting against the hypocrisy, witchcraft, and corruption of the present political set-up."

The Federation realizes that a great possibility for action lies in this field, providing some way may be found to awaken the American student from his complacent lethargy. With the educational facilities that are available in almost any institution in the country, there is little reason why the campus should not furnish solutions for many of the current problems.

A united undergraduate group should be able to master sufficient strength to force politicians to follow their wishes to a certain degree. The difficulty seems to be in interesting the average student in perfecting the machinery which would command respect from legislators.

It is pathetically true that college undergraduates know very little about the problems facing the government at the present time, while at the same time they offer surprisingly few suggestions as cures for these troubles. Few seem to realize that the present facilities afford the best opportunities for the most satisfactory solutions.

At once the cry goes up from conservatives that such clubs would become seething centers of student radicalism. But it is far better that a bit of socialism or communism creep into the makeup of the undergraduate mind than that it remain the complacent blank which holds shallow nonchalance more important than the seriousness with which the future must be faced.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

OUR OWN ARMAGEDDON

Ever since Pitt denounced professional football on the wane and that it would soon be necessary to find some substitute; a substitute that would be even more thrilling and, at the same time, of greater benefit. We think we have the answer.

Why not Intercollegiate R. O. T. C. rivalry, with real bullets and everything. After all, as it is, the Rotissie serfs only stand around clicking empty rifles and rubbing lumpy, orange shoes against their shanks. The fault is the boys have no spirit, no incentive, no pride in the Old School! What the lads need is some good, brisk, wholesome, manly competition!

Why not prepare our boys for Mr. Hearst and war by giving them a taste of the real thing?

With the aid of grandstands fronted with bullet-proof glass, thousands of spectators could witness the 'slaughter of American manhood' that they have heard so much about. Rutgers men could really die for the dear old school. The onlookers could yell 'shoot' a thousand times more often than is customary at the average basketball game. Doc Rittenour could actually earn his salary. Rotissie, instead of being something drab and uninspiring, would become tremendously vital to hundreds of students. The COLLEGIAN could feature five murder yarns in every issue. There would be news stories such as—

Displaying a firing advance that soon strewed the ground with Cornellmen, the Nittany Lion Varsity Battalion easily outmaneuvered and out-fought the Ithaca Bulletman in Saturday afternoon's slaughter at McCaskey Field to gain the chance to wipe out Penn next Saturday.

Greeted by a gigantic roar of approval from ten thousand throats, the first casualty occurred when Captain Mielenz was struck down by a stray grenade while he was smoking a cigaret behind the line of attack . . . etc . . . etc.

BOX SCORE

<i>Casualties In Officers</i>	
Penn State	Captain Mielenz
Cornell	No Luck
<i>Casualties In Ranks</i>	
Penn State	110
Cornell	110
<i>Field Yardage Gained</i>	
Penn State	3,046
Cornell	None

Incidentally, what with all the casualties, new captains could be elected every game or so and the COLLEGIAN reporters could lead fascinating lives playing scoop all over the Armory.

Bucknell could be regarded as a kind of foreign legion outfit subject to hire by all the blue-blood colleges such as Yale, Princeton, and Harvard.

If the number of recruits on the varsity was to be limited, the excess could see action in short intramural skirmishes in which, let us say, the K. D. R.'s would kick hell out of the Betas. The W.S.G.A. lassies could furnish doughnuts and hot coffee for the brave lads who were in there for the glory of Old State and a broken leg on the Bezek Cup.

The School of Education could serve fittingly as the Intelligence Bureau, while Professor Banner could have a special steel turret in the center of McCaskey Field from which he could peer intently toward Mount Nittany for the first sign of the Red Army from the City College of New York. All his 'men' could be war correspondents and wear patches over one eye.

The National Championship would take place at a colossal Rose Bowl Battle in the Grand Canyon between Joel Sayre's Carnarsie Sharpshooters and the Uglies of Pitt. The use of extra-heavy artillery would be permitted in this fray.

JUNIOR BLAZERS TO GO ON DISPLAY TOMORROW

Sport Coat in Blue, White To Have Removable College Seal

The new junior blazer will be on display in Stark Brothers and Harper's store all-day tomorrow and in the Corner over the week-end. Michael Zelesnock '35, committee chairman announced yesterday.

The blazer is tailored like a sport coat. It has a belted back, pleated pockets, and blowing shoulders, embodying all the latest sports touches. Zelesnock said, "It is made of flannel and will be available in plain blue or white without piping. A removable College seal will be on the upper left hand pocket. A feminine model is also available.

Orders will be taken by members of the committee, or at Stark Brothers and Harper's. Each coat will be made to measurements. Any student who is a member of one of the two upper classes may buy a blazer.

This year's blazer is different from those of all previous years in that the removable college seal is innovated. All previous blazers have not included this feature.

New Library

This is the fourth of a series of letters by Willard P. Lewis, College Librarian. This article deals with the necessity of new book stacks.

The annual book accessions for the college year ending June 30, 1930 totaled 6,000. For the year ending June 30, 1934 they will exceed 9,500 or an increase of thirty-seven percent. It is unthinkable that this annual increase shall drop. Rather it must further increase our present total of 155,000 volumes to 500,000 volumes in order to adequately support our present curriculum which covers a considerably wider area than Purdue University or Iowa State College and stands somewhere between those institutions and Illinois or Ohio State University. Further the location of the Pennsylvania State College distant from the large cities denies it the supporting aid of neighboring institutions such as University of Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh have.

The library has within the last two months added shelving to the last

available space in the Carnegie building. When that is used we must begin to occupy temporary storage places as near to the central library as possible for the less used books until the new building is ready.

The new building stacks will also solve one other problem. It will neither be feasible nor necessary to keep adding shelving to the branch libraries. Only live, active material needed in the curricula of the various schools will be shelved there. The seldom used books will be deposited in the stack room of the central library. Hence it must be built with a capacity of 500,000 volumes at the start and with arrangement for expansion later to carry 1,000,000 volumes.

'BELL' CANDIDATES TO MEET
Opening competition for freshmen interested in business staff work on the *Old Main Bell*, student literary and opinion magazine, William M. Stegmeier '34, editor, announced today that the first meeting for freshmen interested would be held in the publications office, Room 315, Old Main at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night.

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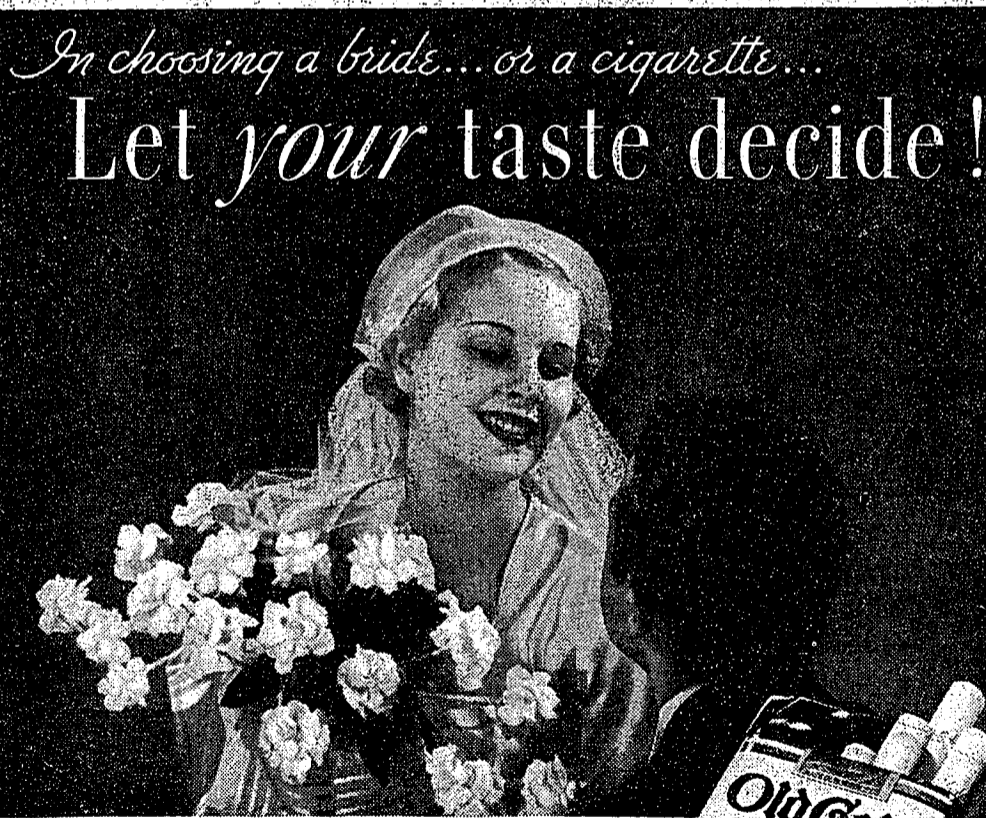
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