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YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE

THE EVENTUAL order of things is that the new replaces the old. Campus politics are now going through an evolutionary stage.

The organized hypocrisy of the fraternity cliques over-organized itself. Instead of the promotion of the best interests of the class, the chief concern of the cliques has been to satisfy the ambitions of office-hungry, egotistical, and money-seeking members.

Popular student government should derive its power from the students. The Independents are not fighting the fraternities, but the unfair practices and crooked dealings which have characterized the clique system.

The Independents are seeking a governmental set-up where the officers will be answerable directly to the electorate. The chief end of the movement is in the promotion of the interests of the students.

The present Independent group has sworn not to "sell out" to the undemocratic clique set-up. But free meals, "treats," minor committee appointments, and hearty back slapping will be the near experiences of the non-fraternity voters.

DRINKING RULES OUTMODED

CO-EDS AND WOMEN students in general have lost their moral revulsion toward drinking. As a rule, the larger the college and the higher its academic standing, the fewer its regulations for the consumption of liquor and the less their observance.

In these words does the staid, conservative Literary Digest corroborate for the college world as a whole the position which the COLLEGIAN has taken toward drinking on this campus.

Based upon the replies of 646 college presidents, deans and student leaders, who represent 581 American colleges of every type of sectarian and non-sectarian school in the country, the Digest survey is further evidence that the rule here against drinking is outmoded.

"Everywhere, teetotal enforcement in colleges appears to be crumbling," says the article, pointing out since repeal the use of both hard and light intoxicants has increased.

Both these conditions are true here, as the COLLEGIAN has pointed out and as our own poll demonstrated. But we believe that it is also true here, as in the nation as a whole that, "Because liquor could be gotten so easily, with none of the thrill of law breaking once Prohibition fell, hardened carousers drink more temperately than did their older brothers in the days of bathtub gin.

"Drinking is on the increase everywhere, but there is relatively less drunkenness. Students abhor the drunk, admire the man who can drink like a gentleman," continues the Digest. And for that reason, we add, restrictions and rules are far less important in maintaining temperance than are social opinion and pressure.

It is inevitable that the rule here against co-ed drinking will some time be repealed, just as was the restriction against smoking. (Did you know that four years ago co-eds could be campused for smoking in fraternities?) W. S. G. A. will have to take notice of what goes on in the collegiate world.

One more item should be quoted, though we might used it for a "What's Wrong with This Sentence?" department:

"Women's colleges are most liberal because so many of their students come from cosmopolitan drinking areas."

CAMPUSEER

Maybe Queen:

We had quite an interesting time playing newspaper reporter last night, it being one of those nights after a quiet week-end when nothing happened—at least nothing that is fit to print and still interesting.

Employing a trick which had on several other occasions succeeded in giving us news which wasn't to be printed we succeeded in at least causing quite some commotion. Knowing that the only persons who knew the results of the May Queen election were those girls on the election board, and knowing that they had pledged themselves to secrecy—we were surprised to learn that they try to keep it a secret, thereby giving us the only alternative of making them tell us unintentionally.

Selecting one of the election board, we called her up on the phone and said "We have a story here at the COLLEGIAN office that ----- was elected May Queen and we would like you to confirm that story before we print it tonight."

In case you haven't already guessed the answer, it went something like this, "Oh! But you can't print that she was elected yet. That isn't to be announced until March 11." Then there followed the very emphatic and flustered statement that she would by no means give away the secret which she had promised dear old W. S. G. A. to keep unto the 11th.

It all ended rather sadly with prolific discussions of newspaper ethics, traditions, secrets, customs, and whether a hat looks better with or without a feather.

Who was elected May Queen? ... well, the Maniac will have something to say about it next issue ...

Comedy of Errors:

The next time you make a blind date you had better take along some identification. Walt Krape did just that and still it didn't do him any good.

When one of her friends asked her to look up Walt Krape, Charlotte Love decided that she would do just that, so she asked him to come around and see her. Walt immediately agreed that it would be a good idea but some of his frat bros decided that they would like to go also. At the set time they appear before Charlotte introducing Ted Winkler as Walt Krape. Everything was going along fine until Walt comes in. Winkler immediately introduces Walt as Jack Hutchinson but Walt isn't to be put aside so easily so he pulls out his driver's license from his wallet as identification. Winkler, posing as Krape, accuses Krape of stealing his wallet.

As far as Charlotte is concerned Winkler is Krape, Krape is Hutchinson, and Spring is here even if this is only March 4th.

Jack Rex, Sigmann, has been trying for several weeks to get some fellow sigma nus to go along with him to church to attend Christian Endeavor and after several weeks of failure decided to go alone. ... he went and while there someone hooked his hat ... When the Phi Kappa Sigs recently celebrated the withdrawal of one of their members from school it ended up with one broken nose ... a dozen broken windows ... Married: Bill Brosha, soph E. E. and Thelma Smith ... Latest addition to the delta chi menagerie is George Simon's baby alligator ... Nominations for the senior who got through college with the least amount of work and most amount of bluff—to be awarded the Brown Derby at the Gridiron Banquet March 18—are now open ... Latest reports show that the Gridiron griddle is going to be rather hot this year.

Most of the fun At Senior Ball is always had On the second floor hall.

Will YOU Miss the BOXING INTERCOLLEGIATES THIS Year?

Syracuse, March 12-13

There is no need to stay home when you can reserve a seat in advance on a special Greyhound bus for only \$8.95 round trip. Two special buses leaving State College. One Friday morning and the other Saturday morning. Returning Sunday morning.

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Library Displays 'America Today'

Contemporary Graphic Exhibit To Remain on Display Until March 21 in Room K

An exhibition of contemporary American graphic art entitled "America Today," is on display in the lower and upper lobbies and room K of the College Library. The exhibit will remain at the library until March 21.

The prints were selected from hundreds submitted to the American Artists Congress from all parts of the country. The object in arranging this exhibit was to bring the artist and public closer together through a mutuality of interest by making the prints relevant to the life of the people.

Covers Wide Range Although comprising a wide range of both subject matter and technique, the exhibition as a whole may be characterized as "socially-conscious," according to Willard P. Lewis, College librarian.

The artists have portrayed their reactions to humanity about them—street scenes, farm scenes, coal mines, flood, dust, Supreme Court. Among the artists represented are Lucienne Bloch, Miguel Covarrubias, Wanda Gag, Raphael Soyer, and Abbe Ostrowsky.

Letter Box

To the Editor: May I, as a humble member of a faculty family, whose health is even less guarded than that of the great student body, say a word in regard to your highly commendable campaign for better health service?

Since my arrival in the State College, I have suffered all the torments and anxieties of wondering what would happen if any member of my family needed emergency hospitalization. To be bumped over thirteen miles of serpentine road with acute appendicitis might be expected in Alaska, but I find it hard to understand that a college town which boasts of some five thousand students should have no facilities for emergency operations, either for them or for the less important faculty.

If the College health facilities are as slack as you point out in your excellent editorials, if that imposing infirmary is just another building, if I believe your statistics regarding the number of doctors and nurses here in comparison with other colleges (which I do), then I am even more concerned about our appendices. If it is hard on the students, think what it means to the faculty. We have to depend entirely on the town doctors, the demands upon whom are already so great that they can scarcely follow an individual case to its completion.

Of your constructive suggestions, the need for young doctors, with their way to make and experience to gain, is a very sound one, but adequate hospital facilities must be supplied if the better type of younger men are to be attracted to a town of this size. The graduates of our leading medical schools are repeatedly and rightly told that the need for young doctors in the small towns far exceeds the demand for these same men in metropolitan areas. For example, graduates of Penn, Pittsburgh, and Johns Hopkins, who are accustomed to the modern laboratory and clinical facilities of the city, are not easily persuaded to practice in towns which do not agree to furnish, in some degree, these conveniences.

If the State College will not support a modern hospital for both students and faculty, there is little reason to hope that the health service will be raised to the level of a civilized community.

LOUISE C. BLAIR (Mrs. J. M. H. Blair)

Corsages for Senior Ball

We are prepared to take care of your last minute orders in Roses, Gardenias, and Sweet Peas.

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We Women

By MARION A. RINGER

Now is the time for all the fraternity women to voice those criticisms and suggestions for the revision of the rushing code for next year. The more thought they put on it now the more satisfied they will be next year.

To go back several years and analyze the present situation you'll find that this concentrated rushing arose when rushing was shifted, in 1935, from the third to the second semester. From that time on parties grew more numerous and more organized. Rushing, as a result, has become an over-emphasized and too important part of fraternity life.

Many of us seasoned and experienced seniors, after seeing both systems in practice and their results, advocate a return of the third-semester system. We realize, with regret, that there are too many fraternity women brought up in the new school of thought to allow a return to the old system.

We definitely don't like the way the present period breaks down our resistance for mid-year exams and gives us a bad start in the new semester. One solution is to have rushing terminate before Christmas. The only drawback to that is that no grades would be available. But most other colleges have rushing the first two weeks and seem to succeed. Well, then, why not try the middle of the second semester when there is a lull after the first eight weeks?

We take another stand against more open-house parties. Any more than four would be too much of a drag upon the fraternities. There are still rumors that some like the preference list system. That is gratifying to hear and we still heartily advocate it.

All of these things could be worked out and installed if the girls consider it seriously now and be sure that their Panhell representatives carry out their ideas.

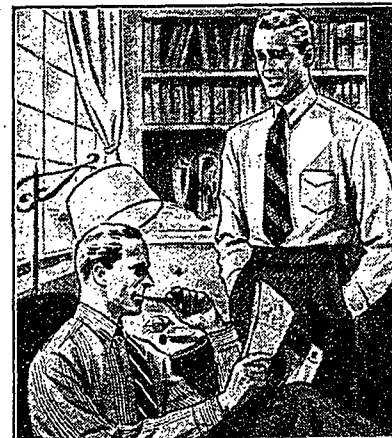


MONDAY, MARCH 8th IS FASHION PARK

Custom Service Day

A representative of the Fashion Park Custom Staff will be here with a showing of the newest and most highly rated Custom fabrics produced. Come in while he is here and let us show you the way to greater clothes satisfaction.

PAUL A. MITTEN, Men's Apparel



As seen in "Esquire"

Grouped stripes in sateen or polychrome colors reflect one of the most significant style trends reported during the current London season. The gentleman seated is wearing Arrow's Duke Street model with white stripes on brown broadcloth: \$2.50. His companion wears the NEW TRUMP: \$2.

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ARROW SHIRTS

GERNERD'S are now showing GABARDINE SHIRTS by Eagle

