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**Thinking Ahead, What Will The Senior Gift Be This Year?**

Lest anybody take offense at the title of this editorial and accuse Collegian of being premature, we wish to report that the Class of 1941 will have graduated in 30 more weeks.

The class this year will do well to profit by the experience of past classes. (Of course, other classes would have done well to profit by the experience of classes preceding them. The trouble is most of them did not.)

Perhaps this, too, will be metely a futile shot into the dark.

Perhaps this year's class president will do as one president did two years ago—call a class meeting, get a meager attendance, ask for a show of hands, and decide there, and then how more than \$4,000 was to be spent. Incidentally, the wish of that class still hasn't been carried out.

Perhaps, too, this year's senior class will commit some of the other errors which have complicated the expenditure of class gift money.

It is Collegian's natural hope that the class will not make any mistakes. Collegian begs that opinion be heard now on the matter of the senior gift rather than on the day before the selection is made.

By no manner of construction is this a plea for any one gift. Necessarily it is a plea against some which can have no worth.

The class gift fund is the residue of the damage fund into which each student pays one dollar every year he is in College. Left-over class dues go into a fund for reunions. The money is used to pay only for damage on campus and, usually, by the time a class graduates the payments of its members have accumulated a surplus of four or five thousand dollars. It is up to the class to dispose of this money as it will, the established custom being to use it for a gift to the College.

Two grievous errors have been committed in the past:

(1) On graduating the class has so tied up its funds that the delegation of the gift cannot legally be changed without the consent of all the members of the class, or at best, a trip through the courts. Thus the Class of 1922 has a fund of \$29,002 for a swimming pool that the College no longer needs.

(2) The gifts are frequently ideas, never worked out in detail (like 1940's whiz-bang Lion Shrine) or they are beyond the means of the gift fund (like 1939's \$15,000 mountain lodge). The result is that these funds necessarily remain idle for years after the class graduates.

College officials, grateful for, but wearied by the class gifts, usually have to bear the brunt of arrangement after the class graduates. Imagine how happy the faculty committee must be that has \$5,000 for a Lion Shrine, but no plans and no site.

Collegian begs three things of this year's graduating class:

(1) That power to change the gift be left with the permanent class officers or some other group small enough that it can handle the gift money without undue red tape. Otherwise the unwieldy class of eleven hundred individuals legally must all take part in decisions regarding the gift.

(2) That the gift be planned in detail before it is given.

(3) That it be within the limits of the class funds so that the money will not have to lie idle for years while the College stabs blindly about trying to find the remaining funds necessary to complete the project.

For these points to be accomplished, the class will have to begin its consideration of gift suggestions almost immediately so that it will have time to work out full plans before it graduates.

**THE CAMPUSEER**



We Hopé Soph Hóp  
 Is not a flop,  
 We'd hate to see  
 Attendance drop.  
 We'd go ourselves  
 To Swing and Stomp,  
 If only we  
 Could snare a comp.

With due apologies for the above bit of verse, which wandered into our mind while we were sitting in the Cornerroom debating the comparative merits of fresh lemon and chocolate cokes, the Campuseer salutes the approach of another weekend. May the imports be spicier, the coeds jealous, the band hep-ier, the football team peppier . . . but not the Froth.

**Orange Echoes**

It was a wonderful weekend in picturesque and historic Syracuse . . . where sorority women live in sure enough sorority houses . . . we liked the Amalgamated Gold Diggers (Alpha Gamma Delta)—charming girls . . . incidentally, the Beta house is next to theirs . . . Cheerleader Leeworthy beaming as he talked shop with the Syracuse cheerleaders (need we mention their sex) . . . Dave Wagerseller, the one-man cheering section . . . Carl DeLong looking important behind a sideline badge . . . ditto Tommy Allison.

Garzone's Cafe . . . sigma nus and theta chis giving the local gals a break . . . a blonde in a white angora sweater smoking a cigar (local color note) . . . the Orange . . . Drummond's . . . Alice Murray and Jerry Howarth '40 . . . Burman's and the du's . . . the Hotel Syracuse, Barbara Hutton, and \$2 per couple on the line . . . Ted Winters and Harry Oiler and another SPE house with a red door . . . a Syracuse cheering section which could give pennsy-scrape some lessons . . . the water tower . . .

**Quote Of The Week**

We bow in awe to Jim Hitchens. Phisigmakappa who has what it takes to make a visiting Pan-hei girl (from Brooklyn, no less) interrupt a casual conversation with the following electrifying query: "Pardon me, but would you think it was forward if I'd suggest we step outside and mug?"  
 p. s. We have it on good authority that Hitchens is broad-minded about these things.

**Pin Mystery**

Jane Gibboney has a thetaxi pin.  
 She lost it last week after eating at the sigmanu house with her kappa brethren.  
 It turned up in someboy's car.  
 Very puzzling, eh, George?

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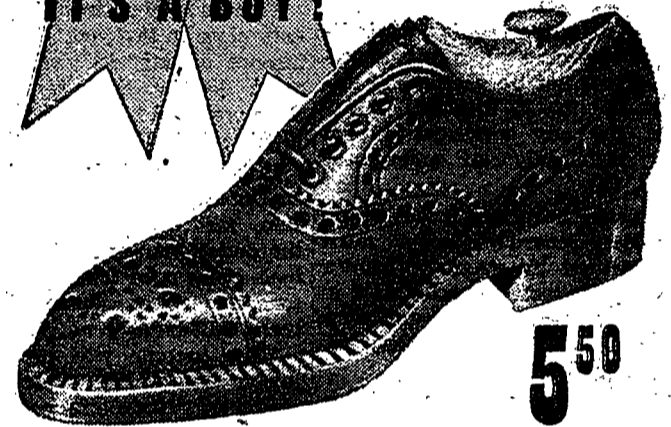
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