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Campuseer

By BOB KIMMEL

The season for throat cutting has set in and the boys have lost no time getting the long knives ready for the slaughter. So far, we've heard of at least one attempted assassination and perhaps one suicide. The cozy party that two of the leading lights of the opposing cliques had last semester doesn't count, for the results were as planned and everyone was happy. This time, however, there may be a monkey wrench thrown in the works and the BTO who's playing both ends against the middle might get his fingers blown off with his own dynamite.

Give him the ax - - -

But let us relate the story of the attempted assassination of a likely candidate for the eighth semester nomination. It seems the boy had good prospects for the nomination in the party to which he belonged, but several of his brothers and close friends were in the opposing faction. One day several members of the nominating committee of the opposing party made him a proposition that if he would switch his allegiance he would be guaranteed their nomination. Se he agreed.

But when the nominating committee presented their report at the clique meeting this week, lo and behold! the nominees were none other than the clique chairman and his old running mate. It didn't take long for the light to dawn, and the prospective president realized that he had been just made a member of the "Purple Dart" as the shaft club is known in these parts. The running mate had told him that if he were not placed in nomination, he, the running mate, would withdraw. But somehow the gentlemen's agreement didn't hold water.

Before the meeting was over, there was a second nomination made from the floor naming the "shaftee." And that was the signal for action on the part of the clique chairman. In a private little session he promised the other guy anything he wants next semester if he would only withdraw his name. And there the matter stands as of now. Big question of the week: button, button, who's got the nomination?

There has also been some strong talk on the part of one of the more powerful campus organizations about forming a third party in the race for eighth semester president. If anyone has any good ideas about who would make a winner on the party's ticket, he probably knows where to forward them to. At present the set-up is much too cozy for any real honest-to-God fights, but who can tell what will happen when the politicians start fighting among themselves.

Old Mania

By RITA M. BELFONTE

Amidst snow flurries and winter winds, what may be the "last big dance for the duration" will get underway tomorrow night. Dancing to the music of Bobby Sherwood will be SDT Marian Breakstone and ASTP student Bob Gerber . . . Theta Phi Alpha pledge Jeanne Jordan and A/S Art Lorenz . . . Bill Clark, Delta Chi, and AChiO pledge Peggy Campbell.

Abram Bosler, Alpha Chi Sig, and Joanne Sauerwein, Theta pledge . . . Mae Lenchner, sdt pledge, and Hy Rosenberg . . . Theta Betsy Merkle and Phi Kappa Sig Gordon Rogers . . . Theta Phi Alpha pledge Pat Tompkins and Ensign John Hicks . . . Mary Ann Higgins, Theta, and Jim Hugo, phikappasig.

Ted Rubin and import Jane Martin . . . Emil Kubek, sigmaphi-alpha pledge, and Florence Prushinski, newcomer to Players . . . SDT Arlene Crystal and A/S Ray Fink . . . Sam Youngman and Theta pledge Phyllis Baer . . . TPA Mary Battle and ASTP Cadet Phil Mathews . . . SPE Jim McClovery and DQ pledge Betty Steele.

We Stand Corrected . . .

Much was the surprise of this person last week when a very belligerent letter arrived from a very irate Marine. It seems that

our agents got their facts a little confused and had Zeta pledge Helen Vandervort engaged to an Air Cadet. Well, Joseph Bitzan is his name and he's a Marine. Satisfied, Joe?

Romance and Stuff . . .

We only have two engagements to report this week . . . Frosh Barbara Cotton and V-12 student Stewart Daymond and Mary Lou Cassanave to Ensign Don Schriver, Penn State alum.

Len Hammer of the Cleveland Press visited SDT Yvette Bernak last weekend . . . Ensign Frank Drumm, ThetaKappaPhi, recently visited State College and Jayne Newman . . . Ensign B. M. Jenkins will be middleleasling it with Rose Ann Canning soon.

Orders from the Office

And here we are adding more to a column which we were too lazy to make long enough in the first place. Here comes more news, hot off the wire.

AOPI pledge Evelyn Halowenko is sporting a sparkler from an Air Corps lieutenant . . . Frosh Marie Raymond joined the ranks of the engaged when she was presented with a rock via Air Cadet Walt Wilkinson . . . A/S Tom belligerent letter arrived from a Wheatley, Sigma Pi, recently pinned Kappa alum Jane Windle.

Amendment Suggested

"I know the words to the school songs but I don't know the melodies," a freshman who had been at the College two months confided to a surprised tribunal last semester. As a single instance this wouldn't bear much importance, but multiply it by thirty, forty or even a hundred and the situation becomes almost tragic.

For three semesters frosh have been entering a college which is operating on an accelerated program. In addition to the hurried semesters, shortage of instructors, and curtailed extra curricular activities, these freshmen faced an even greater problem. Mass meetings which formerly consisted of four or five organized rallies during freshman week, were reduced to one or two half hour affairs. Furthermore, these condensed editions of previous pep rallies didn't take place until after All-College elections and they were, therefore, scheduled about two months after the freshman registered. This means that if the class happens to enroll in the Fall, the frosh do not learn songs and cheers until after football season is more than half over.

A few weeks ago a proposal was made at Cabinet that the revision of the constitution include a rule allowing cabinet members to retain their posts each semester until after All-College elections are held and the new officers can take over. This would allow the old cabinet members to continue student government through the beginning of each new semester. As it stands now, student government does not operate until after elections, or about one month after school starts.

This plan is worthwhile and it might be used to alleviate the present condition of freshmen. If another revision were made in the constitution ruling that those tribunal members who do not graduate remain in office at the beginning of each new semester until a new board is chosen, these men could then plan and officiate at mass meetings for the incoming freshmen groups.

Unless definite steps are taken to arrange such a program, incoming frosh will continue to enroll at a school to find that songs and cheers come only second to political elections and rallies. S.F.R.

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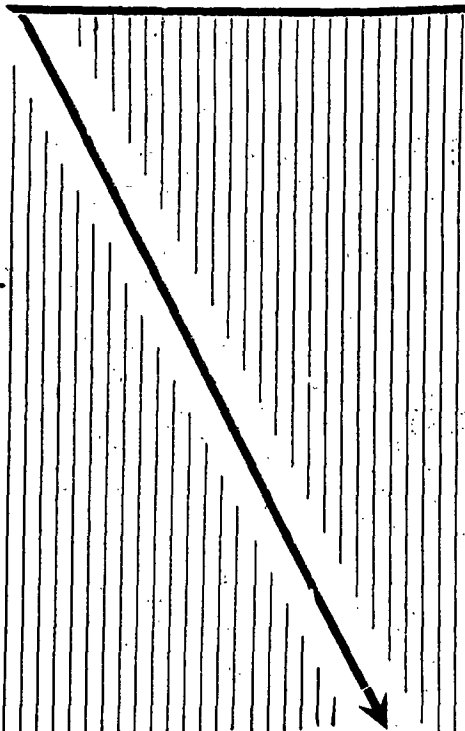
Prof. Albert Elkus at the University of California, a psychologist attributes Frank Sinatra's success to a "sort of melodic strip-tease in which he lays bare his soul."

Said the professor, "His voice haunts me because it is as reminiscent of the sound of the loon which I hear in the summer at a New Hampshire lake, a loon who lost his mate several years ago and still is calling hopefully for her return."

The "Behind the Headlines" columns in the University of Washington Daily really got behind something when they unearthed some prize Daily headlines of years past. Choice item of the paper's history were "Cut Granted For Formal" and "Students To Panel Peace Discussions."

So far, no one has seemed able to translate these journalistic masterpieces.

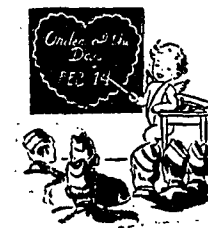
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