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A Lean And Hungry Look

(Editor's Note: The following is a reprint of a column written by B. J. Cutler, former associate editor of Collegian, which appeared on July 7, 1944.)

Dear Brutus,
This matter of starting a new semester at college is more complicated than the uninitiated would believe. The first problem is meeting friends on the street who invariably ask, "Did you have a good time?"

Immediately we start lying to one another about the riotous vacation we are supposed to have had. It seems that one loses face to admit that he did not lap up all the brew in Philly or Scranton, and date all the neatly upholstered women, and get home at six in the morning.

Then comes the grim procedure of registering for classes. First the student must see his advisor. An advisor is a man who is paid to look at the student's pitiful grade sheet, remember his own college triumphs, and sneer.

The advisor also acts as a scheduling officer. In this capacity, he and the student discuss the many interesting, informative, and valuable courses offered by the College (in which the student cannot enroll because of conflicting hours) and schedule others.

As you know, not anyone can successfully attend college. It requires a certain physical and mental well-being. In order to ascertain which students possess these qualities a survival of the fittest test is made. The students are herded into the Armory after their morale has been lifted by the sight of posters proclaiming the payment of fees being due in a few days time.

There each potential registrant is handed 1000 large printed forms to fill out. The successful contestants in this filing-card marathon are considered matriculated in the College, while the weaklings who fail to run the gauntlet are dragged off by the waiting campus cops.

Naturally, due to lack of practice, freshmen are at a handicap in filling out "Grandfather's second wife's maiden name (Please Print)," and Cwens are delegated to help them. Cwens is a women's sophomore honorary society. In all freshmen classes there are tall, romantic-looking boys and short, homely ones. During registration, however, only the short ones can be seen filling out the blanks unaided, while here and there a horde of "traditional gray blazers, trimmed with red" hide a taller specimen from view.

It is not to be assumed that there is any waste connected with the 1000 cards each student fills out. They are used to heat up Old Main on cold mornings.

Surviving registration, the student attends the first meeting of his class, where the coeds size up the men and the prof and the men and prof look over the coeds. When everyone has ogled his fill, the professor dismisses the class early so that it may run downtown and purchase the new textbook he wrote between semesters.

Advice to the lovelorn service is proving quite successful. I have already been able to solve many perplexing problems of the heart. The last letter I received was typical. Dear Miss Cassius,

My boyfriend does not pay any attention to me anymore. He just sits around all evening drinking beer. What should I do?
Befuddled

Dear Befuddled,
You should spike your boyfriend's beer with absinthe. As you know, absinthe makes the heart grow fonder.

Auntie Cassius
My Snooper - Dick Detective Agency is now geared to handle cases especially for freshmen. We have been very busy locating for them lost buildings on campus and collecting evidence to present when they are hauled up before Tribunal.

Your pal,
Cassius
P.S.—Can you lend me five bucks?

Vet Enrollment
Robert E. Galbraith, faculty counselor of veterans, expects ex-GI enrollment to reach from 600 to 800 in the semester beginning November 1. Current enrollees number 200.

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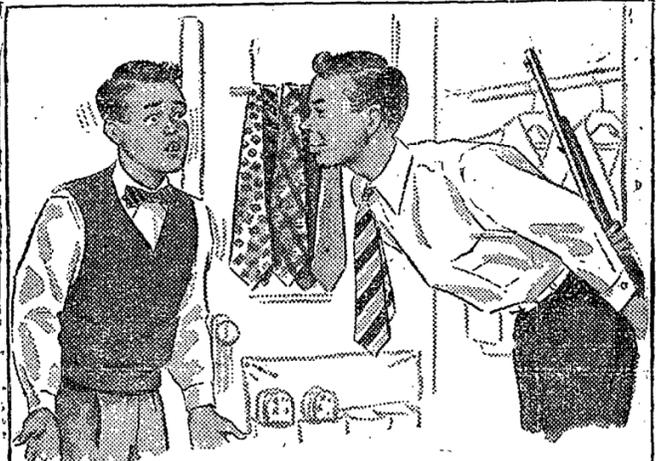
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