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Gone With The Days Of Raccoon Coats And Model T's

ONE of the main throw-backs to high school *days in the college scheme* is the well-worn custom of fraternity "hell weeks." Joe College is gradually divesting himself of his juvenile desire for "horseplay" fortunately, but many fraternities in many colleges still retain hell weeks, under the *misguided notion that they are particularly effective* in acclimating freshmen to a new and broader aspect of college life.

Out of the golden west this past week, however, has come word of a stunning blow dealt two Uni*versity of Southern California fraternities for paddling* and hazing pledges.

An edict curtailing all rushing, pledging, initiation and social privileges of the Sigma Chi and Phi Kappa Psi chapters for a period of one year was issued by the university president. This action was based upon the president's declaration two years ago that no longer would U. S. C. countenance hell weeks.

In view of the fact that ample warning had been given the fraternities, it is impossible to censure the university administration. They declared against hell weeks and warned that infractions would be meted out. Still, suspension of rushing for an entire year will all but wreck the two guilty fraternities. It undoubtedly will take them nearly five years to recover from this knockout punch.

More unfortunate than the fact that these two fraternities will suffer from failure to comply with regulations is the apparent fact that U. S. C. Greek-letter societies had no evidence of responsibility, or unwillingness, to manage their own affairs that administrative intervention became necessary. Regulation of fraternity affairs through their own representatives on Interfraternity councils would be much more acceptable—in harmony with America's democratic principles.

Fraternity hell weeks should be discarded. Along with the "free-for-all" football of the Gay Nineties, along with those golden days of professorial domination of classes by eloquence, along with raccoon coats, and days of "expressive" Model T's, along with these hell weeks are outmoded—but playful Joe College just hasn't completely realized this yet. It is time that he does.

Money, Money, Who Gave The Money?

ONE WEEK from now, officials of the Southern *conference will hold their annual meeting.* Obviously, the principal matter which will be presented can be none other than the undoing of all that was done last year; namely, the Graham Plan. And from preliminary soundings among the *sixteen colleges and universities embraced in the* conference, opposition to this visionary measure is on the increase, although it may not reach sufficient strength this winter so that the unsatisfactory piece of legislation may be scrapped.

Sound remedy for the perplexing situation has come from Clemson college, where it has been advocated that athletes be required to have passed 24 hours of work during the previous university year; this to be the only requirement athletes must meet.

Herein lies the most satisfactory solution. College has for its purpose the spreading of education, and if the athlete is able to maintain his scholastic standing and compete in sporting events in the meanwhile, he is doing all that is expected of him.

Meddling with the athlete's source of income is an unjust invasion of his liberties, and is hardly satisfactory. Even though efforts may be made to prevent direct subsidization, there will be ways of circumventing this.

Have done with this inquisition. Establish a scholastic requirement alone. Leave financial matters to the athlete himself.

Sanctioned, But Not Completely Yet

Duke's infant humor magazine, the *Duke 'n' Duchess*, was given official sanction Wednesday by the Publications Board, but not yet has it been placed on an equality with the three established publications here. Not yet has a percentage of the student publications fees been voted to the young magazine.

This final recognition can only come when it is shown beyond question that Duke university is both able and willing to support such a publication.

For long have complaints arisen from Duke's literary monthly and the student newspaper that building of sufficiently large and capable staffs is a major problem here. In view of this, is it not a matter of some conjecture whether a fourth publication is yet feasible at Duke university?

If those students who prepared the recent printed edition of the *Duke 'n' Duchess* are sincere in their desire to establish the magazine, they will now take heart and build up the ground-work for a regular publication by continued efforts this year. They will seek to develop a staff capable of assuming next fall the manifold duties of publishing the magazine.

And in the meanwhile, if students are sincerely anxious for such a publication, they will cooperate with the *Duke 'n' Duchess* staff during this vital formative period, for without their support the magazine certainly is destined to failure ultimately.

At least another year of publication after this present year should be required by the Publications Board before it places the *Duke 'n' Duchess* on complete equality with the other three publications. Only within that space of time can the Board *determine with any semblance of accuracy whether* Duke is really in a position to support a fourth publication.

One year of sound preparation can make for a magazine next year that Duke will welcome and look upon with some measure of pride. The first 1936-37 edition was a notable success. The staff should take heart. The battle has only begun.

As Others Express It

Facing Reality

As another side to educational theories as presented by President Hutchins of Chicago university, comes the opinion of Dr. John Dewey, Columbia's exceedingly eminent philosophy professor, that democracy cannot advance unless education faces social realities. "We cannot teach democracy," Professor Dewey said at a meeting of the Progressive Education Association, "as if it were a separate subject."

While the controversy over President Hutchins was limited to the respective merits of purely intellectual acts as opposed to practical sciences, it would be interesting to know if Chicago's president would advocate the study of pure economic and social theory rather than the relation of theory to current conditions. Professor Dewey is of the opinion that the subject matter taught in schools is so isolated from actual life that students do not achieve the grasp of social needs that "will create genuinely democratic intelligence."

While the fine arts can be, and too commonly are studied for mere intellectual enjoyment, it is very doubtful whether social, political, and economic matter can be studied with equal indifference to the outside. If such subjects are, then the study is only cursory. The development of any subject and the now, when, and why of development is an integral part of the study; if the contemporaneous life is not studied along with it, then the study is abortive.

Moreover, political and economic forces are not alone in the necessity for being related to actual events. Cultural subjects demand the *same relation* with equal intensity. Study of pure theory without practice is worth very little. Study of both theory and practice in the past and complete avoidance of the present is seeking solace and refuge from *actuality. To refuse to take cognizance of day to* effete individualism. The individual may derive complete personal pleasure, but he is shutting himself off and out. If he can be economically and socially free, then the stagnation such a philosophy *necessarily implies might be balanced by the de*sired lack of interference from world exchange.

With political conditions as they are in Europe and as they portend to be here, however, it is doubtful whether anyone can attain the desired *degree of isolation. Professor Dewey seems to feel* democracy hangs in the balance, and that balance one which can be maintained only by education. If, he infers, neither fascism nor communism is inevitable in this country so long as education keeps contact with reality, then the need for linking social, political, and cultural study with the present is vital. It is more than comforting that in the last two years, a great many professors at Cornell have taken strides in this direction.

—*Cornell Daily Sun.*

Fascist Juggling Endangers Currency

Germany has a four-year plan for the independence and rehabilitation of industries. Hitler *has recently made Premier Goering economic dic*tator and charged him with carrying it out.

Of course, this program is directed partially to making Germany self-sufficient in case of war. But it is also an effort to halt the rapid disintegration of the Nazi's industrial setup. Hitler is more powerful than the Kaiser was; do we hear even propaganda claiming increased industrial efficiency and a higher standard of living? No! Himself, Hitler recently told the people that they must stand sacrifices during the winter. It is well known that food is short.

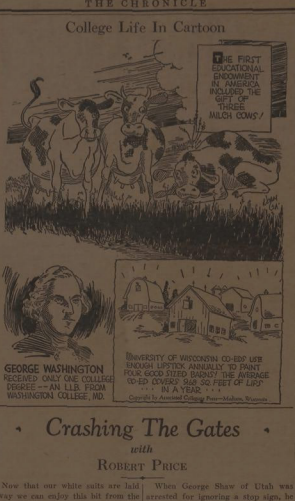
Italy is in the same boat. Mussolini chained up Italy for the first time in her history; he got all the Italians to work for the first time since Julius Caesar; he maintained the lira higher than it had ever been since the formation of the Italian kingdom. And yet, despite the nationalized economy, available reports indicate a low standard of technical performance and a decline in living standards.

Both countries are accustomed to juggling with their currencies so as to reduce the price of the mark and the lira to proportions. Germany's policy is working well in Germany—the nation makes a nice profit. Of course, the standard of living is decreased proportionately, but what's a little thing like that to Hitler? To divert attention from unsolved economic problems he always has the Jews.

The only advantage for fascism as an alternative to democracy is that it might increase efficiency. But when evidence in the two foremost fascist countries of Europe show that they are more inefficient than before the advent of the dictators, what possible excuse is there for wishing to turn any country into a fascist shambles?

—*Los Angeles Junior Collegian.*

College Life In Cartoon



Crashing The Gates

with

ROBERT PRICE

Now that our white suits are laid away we can enjoy this bit from the Saint Mary's *Collegian*:

He told the shy maid that he
Loved her;
The color left her cheeks;
But on the lapel of his coat
It stayed for weeks and weeks.

An artist at the University of North Carolina won a prize in an art contest for a self-portrait. We feel sure that the only thing that prevents some of the campus ego men from putting their self-portraits in oil is the lack of a circus tent canvas to include their own conception of a life-size reproduction.

Temple *University is considering a* plan that will afford students a rest period between the termination of classes and the start of examinations. Judging from the variety of ways that are heard in classrooms throughout *the year, the period just preceding* exams will be sessions of self-imposed insomnia.

The Faculty Club at M.I.T. has formed a pistol team. This may indicate that the profs are weary of hearing (and hearing) all the big shots on the student side of the fence.

George Salamaki in a talk at the U. of Hawaii advised that the Far East should be left alone by other nations. This advice will certainly not interfere with the plans made by many romantic youths after viewing those beautiful native girls in "Mutiny on the Bounty." All visions of beachcombing along the shores of Tahiti must vanish. So put away your maps and dirty white ducks boys and resign yourself all the best hula-hula dancers come to the Rialto.

Students at Northwestern were asked this question: Who do you think is more bored by the average class room lecture—the lecturing professor or the student? Why? Among the answers received was this gem given by a frosh: It's a toss-up, but I think the student has a small edge. I never heard of anyone speaking and sleeping at the same time. Apparently this youth has never had to *listen to the pointed mutterings of a* roommate who has jumped from the lap of Bacchus to nestle with assorted squirms and grunts—into the arms of Morpheus.

When George Shaw of Utah was arrested for ignoring a stop sign, he offered this alibi: "There were two ladies with me, which made the front seat crowded. I was too modest to reach over and shift the gears."—With apologies to Sinclair Lewis we may add: it can't happen here. Our swains are careful to include at least a lady beside them proving that they need no witness to establish their alibis—or alibilies—as regards stop signs.

L.S.U. has a sorority that is entirely composed of married co-eds. If our money-burned Dagli hear of this we may expect to see many sponsored East-West mergers to cash in on that two can live as cheap as one *can.*

The proprietor of a hat store at Southern Cal. is a specialist in fitting hits hats to the respective bumps of his clients. He keeps a card index of all the head sizes and thus has an orderly record of collegiate crania—all system most cagily as scrap of clerks to keep pace with the swelling heads of the upper-classmen.

News item from Albany, N. Y.: Girl cheer leaders still may be ladies. —The fact that Duke is without feminine yell provokers can't mean we have ran out of ladies.

A co-ed at Carnegie Tech was awarded the laurels in a sculpturing contest. What a torrid race we could have if *offered a prize for plain and* fancy chiseling.

An honor student at Louisiana attributed her success to concentration. Sue often reads while waiting in line for the student cafeteria. Poor youth, seeking to test her words of wisdom, began to read "Gone With the Wind" and was half through this bulky volume when he finally received his evening cook's tour.—His dyspeptic aftermath was in direct opposition to the title of the book.

Some progressive colleges are conducting "charm" schools for their co-eds. *It this instruction has to do with* make charming there should be plenty of male women to give the feminine Svengalis preliminary practice.

THE LETTER BOX

To the Editor:

It was three years ago that the women students felt a definite need for a lecture series which would bring fresh ideas, thoughts and attitudes from outstanding people in various fields. Consequently steps were taken to bring a series of lecturers to the campus. This was done by the students and for the students. They have had an opportunity to reject or accept this plan each year, and as usual it has been again accepted. The women assessed themselves one dollar each for the privilege of hearing outstanding worthwhile lecturers and entertainers.

There has been an astonishing lack of support considering that this is a voluntary undertaking. How many *of you have heard one, two, or all* three of these lectures? Recently Phyllis Bentley stood before a pitifully small audience, made up of fifty percent students and the rest, faculty and university community.

Let's continue to progress. Make this year a further advance by attending the two remaining lectures. Prove that you are an intelligent voter by supporting what you have created.

M. E. W. and K. E. W.

Have Local Autonomy

To the Editor:

The response of the American Student Union to the editorials of Tuesday, November 24, and Friday, December 4, is to be submitted in the near future.

I should like to make some comments, however, concerning the A.S.U., that might be of interest to the student body.

As I very recently explained to the Administration in a petition for formal recognition, the individual chapters of the American Student Union are obligated in no way to support one particular part of the A.S.U. program. To quote from the constitution of the organization (Article I, section 2): "Chapters have local autonomy in determining what activities they will carry out." Thus, may it be clear to all that the activities of the Duke chapter are determined by the members of the chapter with no prerogative from without, whatsoever.

In submitting the question of the *Honor Problem* to debate and discussion before the student body, the chapter commenced its activities in a typically A.S.U. manner. Firstly, a problem of particular and immediate importance to the Duke campus as a whole was taken into consideration. Secondly, the question was studied quietly by an appointed committee of the A.S.U. The committee's findings were reported, and suggestions for solution were made and discussed. Thirdly, immediate action was taken and further investigation continued.

That the A.S.U. is comprised of "liberally-minded" students is an important fact. But more important is the fact that the A.S.U. is comprised of *student students!*

There is lots of work to be done. The A.S.U. is forging ahead—with

JEAN SEXTON, '39.

Running the Gamut

with

KENNETH KRUM

In order to clear up some misconceptions you *seem to have about your* attitudes, manners, and language—you're really not gay and gals; you're *hasty and wishless.* And if the realization of this doesn't bring some soul to your cheeks, maybe the matter *wired* will. Speaking of *wired*, it's this time of year more than any other that you appreciate a warm *hole* to go to, and possibly a couple of *hogwarmers—you're hole*—or do you prefer the smooth red soles? Each man to his taste, but remember it's *Okole Maluaa!*" that is the root of a great deal of *pilikia*. At any rate, you're not able to get either of these *wias* at the dopeshops, although soi-fountains are on every hand.

The next time you're in an appropriate place, like on a side room *porsee*, whisper a soulful "*Ioa ipo*" in her front ear, and see if she doesn't swoon at that try "*Anapala.*" She'll probably answer something like *hom mai au ke au i ka hale wale ke kau.* Brother, get ready to run and hide then! Don't come to me for instructions.

All of which foregoing may or may *not be kankaw for thought, but I'm* willing to call it *pau* if you are.

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Recommended for insomniacs: the soporific dullness of Joe Burke's Tired Twelve. And for those whose taste in music is diametrically opposed to those in the mad, futile, off-key Cacophonaires of the one who is laughingly designated his "hot trumpet" man.

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In our rush to rightfully laud a magnificent varsity team, let's not overlook the "forgotten men" who made up the grid squad. During their three-game schedule they held their opponents to a scanty 85 points, and in doing so they proudly vindicated their early-season claim that no adversary would score more than 60 points a game against them. Even Elon college, which was judged by the Canadian Game commission to have by far the most powerful club in the eastern section of north-central Orange county, just managed to piece together a one-point decision win over our boys. And I understand that *if it hadn't been for Machiavellian* counting on the part of corrupt officials the score might well have been only 44-0. Fellows, my feelings overwhelm me—I can go no further.

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"The Publications Board will decide tomorrow afternoon whether Duke university will have a humor magazine"—news item in Tuesday's *Chronicle*. According to an uncomfortably large percentage of campus opinion (expressed after reading the *Duke 'n' Duchess*) the answer to the Publications Board decision to give us a humor magazine.

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Allow me to concur heartily with everything Loophole Lou said about Hudson-DeLange.

Dr. Francis Carter Wood, director of the Institute of Cancer Research at Columbia University, announced recently that an international atlas on cancer, which is expected to aid materially in prevention and treatment of the disease, will be completed in about two years.

During the last years of Big Ten competition, Purdue has won 28 games, lost 8, and tied 2 for a percentage of .771.

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out any "fanfare" to be sure, for the American Student Union doesn't need it! What it does need is a little more active participation in its activities of students conscious of themselves and of their surroundings, and of the short-comings of both.

Yes, *the American Student Union needs you, she sincerely* love Duke University, entire, humanity, humanity of the world, and wish to combine efforts in sincere and forceful actions of progress.

SUMNER ROMAR HARTE, '37,
Temporary President of the Duke Chapter of the American Student Union.

A Co-ed on Cheating

To the Editor:

There were many opinions voiced, concerning the cheating which probably takes place on the East campus, at a recent meeting of the Co-ed Student Government. But the only opinion or opinion is that the "honor system," as it has been questionably named, is not an honor system at all—rather, it is a spy system which no self respecting woman would care to subscribe to. The alternative, the proctor system, is considered *in general to be a hangover of* grammar and high school days.

The majority of us are supposed to have come to college for the advantage of the opportunity to learn those things which our schooling *so far has* been unable to give us. *It is* not unreasonable to expect tests on the work which we have studied.

If everyone would do his work from day to day, and study for their tests, there would be no need for cheating; hence there would be no need for an honor system of any kind.

Public opinion can do far more to establish a personal honor system and sense of responsibility in every individual student, than can any form of coercion ever invented.

JEAN SEXTON, '39.

Duke's Mixture

names that make news . . . Heard (the handsome one) who swung his swing band into the picture by playing to a capacity crowd for the House N dance last Wednesday night . . . Dewey—She didn't have to go to the movies to get a thrill to her . . . Duke—The demand has increased; the supply is limited, and the monopoly has been broken. He who boasts a monopoly should not be busted . . . De Perry—What a delightful, debatable name . . . Cuthbert was—She didn't play bridge and made 70. Brit . . . Lone-Eagle Reeves that is. Crow in hand is worth two in Wade-nglass . . . Borah—With a name like that he shouldn't have much trouble getting to be somebody around on the campus . . . Jean Ellen—Well! . . . Beatty—A line with a southern accent . . . Banks and Brooks—Just the thing to cope with . . . Auld, Lange—But no Syne . . . Hite, Flint, and Face-Goode—Twain could do wonders with those names . . . Fenner—Not to be confused with Fortune—There is an advertisement for you . . . Cuddy, Gidley—It doesn't make sense, does it? . . . Maxwell, Hussey, Gun—Case No. 1936—Your Honor . . . Goss, Down, Hatch—Not if the chief sees you first, it won't . . . Edwards, Simpson, Slingluff—Such musicality . . . Seaman, Schnoor—In whose class? . . . Post, Brand—A very healthy combination . . . Wicks, Wax, Wick—In the prize of the bee dance, made from . . . Pepp, Gunn—Xmas present for Junior . . . Rezarelli, Natter—Sounds like a W.P.A. project . . . Sledge, Hammer—What the maid uses to knock on my door with when I am a bit negligent about arising in the morning . . . East, Lane—Dead ends . . . Lovell, Lee—To gaze upon? . . . Duke, Medley—Just what we need . . . Pfaffle—That's what I have always said, but I don't know these girls . . . Lee, Pickens—What the southern girl said after dating a Yankee . . . Joseph, Towne—Think all I am . . . Lane, Leary, Callahan—Are you listening? Wish, I'm not . . . Daniel, Bonner—He's looking for Ann! . . . Dodge, Huff—Lange's comment by MacCara in the Stein game . . . Waite, Wicks—For no accountable reason concerning the Xmas holidays had come, Mamie—Frankenstein shrieking into a mirror . . . Lane, Cole—Tsk, Tsk . . . These are the names found in the telephone book. What a group of future social people.

then too . . .

There are some advantages in being in the hospital. If you have the right connections among your professors, you might receive a bouquet of roses, but otherwise, the lonely days are still sitting down rather cautiously after Tuesday's initiation last Tuesday night. Everyone knew that they would get it in the end, but no one lastingly. . . . It won't be long now until that mile home Christmas. It's a mighty long ride back, if you drive . . . Jennings Bryan Dorn had a good thing. The Rabbit may come up for his fraternity dance. The boys are hiding the glass-ware.

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