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A TIP FROM THE FRESHMEN!

We call the girls who come to college for the first time "Freshmen." We speak of them as being "green" and "ignorant" — and we sophomores, especially, are prone to say that they are childish.

All of us realize, though, that this is merely a rather crude way of making fun. A very short time ago we, too, were new. We were uncertain, sometimes homesick, and often ill at east.

However, did the freshman class of last year — and the year before — and the year before that overcome their freshmen difficulties as successfully as the freshmen of 1936 are doing? The third floor of Alice Clewell, where most of the freshmen who board, live, is unusually quiet after 10:30 at night. If you walk along the hall you can hear the scraping of pencil on paper, and the swish of turning pages. The freshmen are studying! Already they realize the importance of a good foundation and a good beginning. They are using the library, and many of them have discovered that it is not a dull, somber place in which to slave away the most enjoyable part of the day, but a fascinating recreation room, always offering something novel and something to fit every mood.

Yet, they are neither a dry, nor tiresomely bookish lot. We find them on the tennis court, in the swimming pool, interested in the I. R. S., asking to take an active part in the "Y," anxious to help with "The Salemite," "Sight and Insights," co-operating with the Student Self Government Association.

The upper classmen cannot help becoming freshmen conscious. The members of the Class of 1940 are already making themselves known on the campus not with a lot of trite meaningless words, but by their actions. We would all do well to take a tip from the freshmen!

SCHOOL HAS FLIGHT CLASS FOR STUDENTS

"At last American schools are awakening to the passion of our boys and girls to fly," quoting from an article, "All High School Chillun Got Wings," in a Current Liberty.

There is actually a high school in the United States where students are given flight instructions during a regular two-year aviation course.

This school is located in Teaneck, New Jersey, where four or five years ago a club for the study of aviation problems under the direction of Major Arthur G. Norwood. The boys were so successful with flying primary gliders that their mothers asked for a ground school course to be given in high school. The Board of Education agreed for Major Norwood to outline a suitable course and become a member of the faculty.

Of course, the students wanted a plane next. Half the price of one was raised by the parent teacher association and the board gave the rest toward the desired ship.

The cost is only \$500 per year to maintain the plane, plus the instructor's salary. Students pay for their own gas and oil, which amounts to about \$3 a flying hour.

A letter from the Office of Education, U. S. Department of the Interior, states that its mailing list covers about 23,000 schools. There are 110 colleges which offer courses that range from ordinary aviation ground school to aviation law.

Professor: "Where is the capital of the United States?"
Student: "In Europe."

When a girl finds that she is not the only pebble on the beach she becomes a little bolder.

YWCA NOTES

"Through A Glass Darkly" is not, in this case, the name of an essay or a book, but the name of a service inaugurating a new series of monthly Vesper meetings to be held at the Home Moravian Church this fall.

The title "Through A Glass Darkly," needs an explanation, you are probably thinking. Have you ever noticed those ten beautiful stained glass windows in the Moravian Church? If you have not, go look at them sometime before next Sunday, for the service is to be a musical and scriptural interpretation of the life of Jesus as it is depicted by those windows.

There will be no Vesper service here at the college next Sunday night for fear of keeping away some who might otherwise plan to go to the service at the church. Remember that this first Vesper meeting is to be held next Sunday at 5:00 p. m., in the Home Moravian Church just up the block from Main Hall.

ALL IN FUN

A college student is like a kerosene lamp: he is not very bright, smokes, usually turned down and often goes out at night.

He: "I shot it in India. It was a case of the tiger or me."
She: "Well, the tiger certainly makes a better rug."

"Is my face dirty or is it my imagination?"

"Your face is clean; I can't tell about your imagination."

WORKING FOR AND WITH OTHERS

A very interesting and inspirational article was written recently by Elgie G. Purvis, Dean of Strayer College, Washington, D. C. His subject was "Working For and With Others."

He says that getting along with others is one of the outstanding marks of an educated person. The following rules for getting along with people were given:

"Watch carefully the actions and attitudes of the other persons in response to what you say.

"Do not act as if you were important or superior to other people.

"Study yourself. Compare yourself fairly and honestly with others.

"You will make more friends by getting yourself genuinely interested in other people than by deliberately trying to impress and interest other people in you."

In concluding the article he gave the following test. The answer to each question is yes. Reflect carefully and decide whether or not you can truthfully answer "yes." Here is the Test:

1. Do you always greet other people cordially?
2. Are you usually cheerful?
3. Do you avoid making fun of people to their faces or behind their backs?
4. Do you overestimate rather than discount the importance of other persons' viewpoint?
5. Do you keep your personal troubles to yourself?
6. Do you refrain from grumbling about things that you cannot change?
7. Do you go out of your way cheerfully to help others?
8. Do you refrain from bossing people not employed by you?
9. Are you careful not to exaggerate?
10. Do you refrain from showing off how much you know?
11. Do you keep out of arguments?
12. Do you refrain from talking almost continuously?
13. Do you keep your clothes and person neat, clean and tidy?
14. Do you generally keep control of your temper?
15. Do you keep your nose entirely out of other people's business?

POETRY CORNER

Bending above the spicy woods which blaze,
Arch skies so blue they flash, and hold the sun
Immeasurably far; the waters run
Too slow, so freighted are the river ways
With gold of elm and birches from the maze
Of forests.

—Helen Hunt: "October"

OLD MANUSCRIPT

The sky
Is that beautiful old parchment
In which the sun
And the moon
Keep their diary,
To read it all,
One must be a linguist
More learned than Father Wisdom;
And a visionary
More clairvoyant than Mother Dream.
But to feel it,
One must be an Apostle:
One who is more than intimate
In having been always,
The only confidant —
Like the earth
Or the Sky.

—Alfred Kreyborg.

WOOD SONG

I heard a wood thrush in the dusk
Twirl three notes and make a star:
My heart that walked with bitterness
Came back from very far.

Three shining notes were all he had,
And yet they made a starry call:
I caught life back against my breast
And kissed it, scars and all.

—Sara Teasdale.

SAFE DRIVING HOURS

Why Accidents Happen

The safest hour of the week to ride is between 6 and 7 o'clock on Tuesday morning. The most dangerous is between 5 and 6 on Sunday afternoon.

Contrary to popular belief, most accidents happen in broad daylight, in clear weather, on dry roads. If by chance the driver is between 20 and 30 years old, there is an 81 per cent greater chance of an accident than if he is between 40 and 50. Such surprising and practically unknown facts were recently unearthed by insurance statisticians.

Actual mechanical failure of the cars caused only 53,330 of the 1,281,400 accident cases studied. The list of defects contributing to the accident toll were: defective brakes, lack of skid chains on slippery roads, blowouts and punctures, one or both headlights out, defective steering gear, glaring headlights, no tail lights.

A car pushed from a 10-story window hits the ground with the same force that a car going 60 miles per hour strikes an object. Incidentally, researches have proven that traveling a mile a minute is three times as expensive as motoring along at the merrie clip of 45 miles per hour.
From Junior Collegian.

SOPHOMORE COURT

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manded — bow and repeat a jingle everytime a sophomore appeared, carry candy for their superiors, and dress atrociously in pinned-up skirts, shirts, jewelry, stocking tops, tennis shoes and stockings, and a prison number around their necks. A few heartless sophomores made about twenty freshmen put out a fire in a fire-place with water brought in their mouths down two flights of steps. At dinner, the freshmen ate a very meager meal with their knives, even though we did have green peas and fruit cup.

The Reign of Terror by the Sophomore Court is now over. The freshmen can begin thinking of new torture-methods for next year's crop.

FIRST WEEK MEMORIES

Messed up schedules, conflicts, re-exams, bare rooms, wet paint, newness wearing off the radiators and freshmen — thank Heaven the first week of school is over!

Can't you still hear voices fairly screaming at you: "Is Miss Marks hard? Are Mrs. Higgins' labs any easier than Mr. Campbell's? Will Miss Lawrence let me have a date tonight? Oh I just adore Dr. Rondthaler! or "Somebody gimme a tack," etc. And can't you still feel the drum drumming of hammers (at least that's better'n knock, knocking); the banging of trunks, the loud squeaks of old friends meeting; and do you have nightmares about electricians, plumbers and what not, roaming around the dorm?

All such confusion is over now but it still lingers on in our minds but are we really glad the first week is over? Gosh no!

ANNABELLE'S ANSWERS

By RAY THOMPSON



DEAR ANNABELLE: CAN YOU TELL US WHY THE MODERN WEDDING RING IS SO MUCH THINNER THAN WAS OUR GRANDMOTHERS? BEE.

Dear Bee: SURE! IN GRANDMA'S DAY THEY WERE MADE TO LAST A LIFETIME!
ANNABELLE.