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PARAGRAPHICS

Howmanymendidyouallget?

Greeks once worshipped gods, but now they worship gawky freshmen.

Says that literary incorrigible, H. L. Mencken: The cosmos is a gigantic flywheel making 10,000 revolutions a minute. Man is a sick fly taking a ride on it. . . . Religion sanctioning their son's attempt to is the theory that the wheel was designed and set spinning to give him the ride.

King George says that bobbed hair reminds him of horses' tails. No wonder the Prince of Wales falls. . . And long hair the queen!

The student body has begun to corsaw a big ole dog stealing candy out | American college has become a lark for | of an honor box. . . . This year's football games and club-life. Pro-

A member of the staff foolishly went to N. C. C. W. while that handsome Lindbergh boy was there. Now he's sore against the whole United States army, aviation in p'tickler.

The state association of bootleggers is petitioning the legislature to es tablish another college somewhere.

OPTIONAL CLASS ATTENDANCE: IS IT?

(D. D. C.)

niors and seniors. But a defect in oppractice of daily roll-calling.

quent absences, if the attention of the perative. professor be attracted daily to them, have a psychological effect none too son would make unnecessary this ingly with the history of the Univerbeneficial to the absentees. No mat- frantic repudiation of classroom sity after 1875, dwelling especially ter how kindly an instructor may duties. And there are some upperstrive to forget that John Smith has classmen with whom entertainment of Kemp Plummer Battle, and the stone missed twenty classes, he cannot put freshmen is no excuse for mere aca- seat which has recently been dedi-Satan behind him on the day when he demic laziness; to them a longer cated to his memory as a student of grades John Smith's term of work.

What necessitates the tallying of absences for any classes is unknown feel that their success is made on to us. That professors are justified in pledge day might not change their lowed by addresses from Professors visiting "pop" quizzes on their stu- simple minds, but sheer common-sense Frank Graham, Albert Coates, and dents is clear. But if the University would force them to realize that a de- Horace Williams, who will present feels that it should know how many ferred bid-day would enable the fra- further traditions of the University collegians attended Math 40 on Oc- ternities to watch them loaf or work. and tell something of its alumni. tober the tenth, it should be willing Hence, they would have a stimulus to to allow the members of that class to maintain a good scholastic appear- Reviewer Finds Magazine Has submit their own absence slips. This ance certainly until the great day honor system plan is followed by pro- had passed. And worthwhile habits fessors at several large Northern uni- once formed are invaluable. versities. Indeed, instructors gladly

transfer this task to their wards. optional class attendance, it recog- timated by fraternities. At present, Horace by the editor who, quite modnizes the efficacy of a student's spend- athletes are lords among the fresh- estly, has placed them about the cening some class hours elsewhere than man prospects; their unjustified ter of the book. The first, "in the in a numbered room. However, there superiority, early assumed, subse-manner of a pedant," reads delightare professors who still openly or inwardly brand absences as offenses worthy of academic punishment. Since they cast baleful glances at each tion. junior or senior who misses their allimportant lectures, it becomes evident to the student that the unfairness of speak now.

a few men nullifies optional class attendance for him. Few upperclassmen can face a grumpy taskmaster and be so reckless as to continue to arouse his choler.

Though it is true that there are some classes which are always vital, there are others whose day by day grind is deadly wearisome. Juniors and seniors learn only to bite their nails, drum with nervous fingers, tive buildings, broached the subject or squirm about during such bores. of obnoxious noises after nine o'clock. Professors might be sued for the bad After some profound cogitation, the vokes in some students!

Others wish to alternate Math 40 with History 21 or with some other study in which they are interested. Why should an upperclassman surrounded by excellent lectures be compelled to confine his attendance to of consideration.

Hence we appeal, not to the dean, who has already contributed his share, but to those professors who. cognizant of their power to do so, jealously guard the roll. No doubt many have continued to mark upperclassmen absent simply from force of habit. At any rate, roll or no roll, it is to be hoped that liberality in the Oates McCullen A.B. school will remain unsullied.

FRATERNITIES AND FRESHMEN

(D. D. C.)

Fraternity men may make higher grades on their college work than do unaffiliated students, but their system of rushing on this campus is an indictment of fraternity intelligence.

We believe that the rushing season is far too short. It is almost impos-G. E. Hill sible for rational groups to choose J. M. Henderson desirable men during the feverish campaigning which now prevails. They are compelled to rely unwisely on the unctuous letters of recommendation sent them by alumni. The writer ventures to say that 99.44% of all alumni are pure ivory and the

On the other hand, the freshmen How the mighty are fallen. The are incapable of penetrating the superficiality of these social groups within the time allotted them. Before Red Riding Hood has a chance to discover the huge teeth in her dividual presidents, who represent the Greek wolf, she is gobbled up. With feminine logic, ambitious mothers (and fathers) who would not think of select a four-years' wife in one scant tion of unnecessary noise. month send that same son to college to embrace entangling friendships equally as long and perhaps more seductive.

compelled to neglect their studies. that rowdies are bibulously unbearrupt the beasts. The other day I The first term of every fraternized able. student council ain't worth a damn. fessors lecture to sleepy, unhearing old campus going wet on Friday and freshmen, agonizing upperclassmen, Saturday nights? or empty seats.

> Again, scions of wealthy or select Dr. Patterson Tells families are given to understand that their college careers-in fact, their earthly and celestial destinies-are determined by the bids which they receive from social organizations. Nothing remains to provoke enterprise in young Joe College; for his reputation is made by his election to membership in almighty Gamma Tau.

were a year in length, fraternities plate which had a peculiar history. The college of liberal arts, under might discover, before the mistake is According to Dr. Patterson, the plate the leadership of a liberal dean, has made, that their protege was unfit was one which was placed in the corextended bountiful privileges to ju- for them. He, in turn, might have nerstone of Old East, when it was time in which to perceive the nigger laid in 1793. It was lost when the tional class attendance remains to in their woodpile. Surely when fra- building was remodeled, and turned embarrass those upperclassmen who ternity brothers room and dine to- up fifteen years later at a foundry in make use of it. We have in mind the gether, and such is often the case Clarksville, Ohio. The foundry was here, this intimacy makes a careful under the management of an alumnus It should be obvious to all that fre- selection of members especially im- of the University, who recognized the

> Further, a prolonged rushing seaseason would be a god-send.

First-year men who customarily doors.

If pledge-day were farther removed from the period of brawn-worship, As we understand the privilege of football heroes would be less over-es- see two translations of the Odes of quently exalts them to campus office. fully like a poetical paraphrase of the Chapters "push" them from the start. prose translation. The second, "in

The Interfraternity Council has in- Heywood Broun made translations of augurated some good rules. Let it Horace, Ovid and others into slang

NEW STUDENT OFFICERS

(D. D. C.)

The presidents of the dormitories and their constituents have done much to insure a comfortable year for the University dormitory residents,

advertised a pow-wow in the respec- well put. habits which their forced oratory pro- members of these dormitories decided men, subsequently chosen, act in conjunction with their different presidents. The composite group is em- the editor of the University catalogue.

and the duly elected council have ated in the intelligence tests. wisely endorsed the action of the dor-

to this new disciplinary agency.

officers were democratically elected. was made were bill-boarded several finishes Mr. Spearman's work. days ahead of time. Every member of each hall was given the opportunofficers, directly elected.

Further, even if the student council Berta Ruck. had seen fit to appoint these men, or if the elected hall presidents had Maidens, has no place in a literary made such choices, there would have magazine. For newspaper consumpbeen nothing undemocratic about the tion, it might do very well. In fact, business. In our national government it did enjoy quite a bit of publicity the executive department is allowed to select administrators of its will. Since the central council and the inpolicy-making executive phase of our government, are empowered to select subordinates to enforce student laws. Such a law is the regula-

But must the new dormitory tribunals tacitly admit that there are times, namely Friday and Saturday nights, when unnecessary noise after The present system here makes im- 9 P. M. is permissible? Surely such passioned rushing so urgent that laxity would defeat the ends of the freshmen and upperclassmen alike are | measure, for it is on these very nights

Late hour racket is characteristic of tipplers. What then, is our good

Brass Plate History

Applied Science Dean Shows Chapel Students Historical Brass Plate.

In an address on "The Spiritual Values of the University," Dr. A. H. Patterson, Dean of the School of Applied Science, exhibited to chapel stu-If the season of mutual inspection dents Thursday morning a brass plate, and sent it back to its home.

Dr. Patterson then dealt interestupon the life and work of President nature and a lover of the out of

Dr. Patterson's lecture will be fol-

Only Meagre Literary Merit; Material Yet to Be Unearthed

(Continued from page one)

More time is needed for cool delibera- the manner of a Sophorome," is a little out of date. Don Marquis and about three years ago. Dirl Blethers.

standard set by poets. His Romanti- papers alone. cist and Realist at least conveys a These leaders, having called and definite idea and the idea is rather

Hell's Bells!

Capel is noble. The author must have how to write stories. spent many weary hours searching to elect silence monitors. These for the needed information which was necessary for his endeavor. We consign these questions and answers to powered to expel from the building We might remark in passing that it any resident who becomes unruly af- would, perhaps, be an excellent inter 9 P. M. on all nights except Fri- novation to require all freshmen enone class? Surely one who faithfully day and Saturday. Expulsion, of tering the University to know the ansits on a diversity of classes is worthy course, is the most drastic measure. swers to the questions set forth by The president of the student body Mr. Capel. This might be incorpor-

> After reading Hell's Bells we loudmitory residents. In fact, it takes no ly exclaim "Hell's bells, how that boy discerning eye to perceive that the can write." The "true confessions of measure originated in extra-dormi- a bell hop" ranks equally with A tory circles. The inauguration of sil- Catalogue Examination in literary ence monitors is a distinct advance value. Part of the article consists of from the barbaric bedlam which once buzzes and room numbers but the rest prevailed in university residence purveys genuine humor. Mr. Spearman excells himself in this story. We However, there may be objections learn how a German speaks broken English, how comical a drunk can be, Some intimate that it is undemocrat- how bold some women are and how ic, having no origin in the student condemning humanity is in general. body. With these quibblers we disa- The author chose a very appropriate line with which to loose the story. In the first place, the new student "And so on, far into the night," originated by Briggs who draws the The meetings at which their selection comic sheet Mr. and Mrs., cleverly

> > Book Reviews Slump

Tom Quickel has been working for ity to vote; of course outsiders were about two years on The Geisha, a not invited to meddle in internal af- story of the Philippines, and has at fairs of this nature. So these moni- last beaten it into shape. The plot, tors are duly constituted dormitory that of a man torn between love and duty, shows that the author has read

Mr. Harden's article, Three Chinese

Note Books Tablets Fountain Pens And All Student Supplies

FOISTER'S

journalists, has his first bit of poetry that should not provoke its appear- Gardner reviews Brother Saul but accepted. Though the poem probably ance in the Magazine. Above all, the also becomes too vivacious, consequentcame out like a ribbon, it lies flat in photo of the Chinese maidens is out ly missing the book entirely. H. A. the slush. Joe Mitchell's contribu- of its element. Newspaper stories Breard gives a good review of a good tion more nearly measures up to that and photos should be confined to news- book. Contributors tells who the

In the Pasture, the editor tells of the books that he had read and also tells some mythical person to "keep those cigarette ashes off my pillow." A Catalogue Examination by Tom He defines literature and tells people

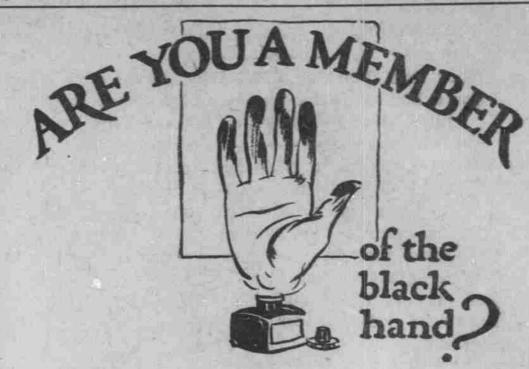
> The Book Bazaar slumps a trifle. William Burton, in reviewing Marching On, uses many words and is over-

a pseudonym for one of our eminent in the state papers this summer but enthusiastic about the book. Mr. writers are and what they are doing as if such information mattered.

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> > ARE UNEXCELLED

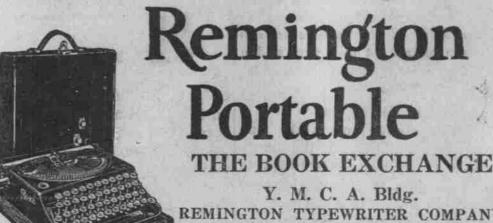
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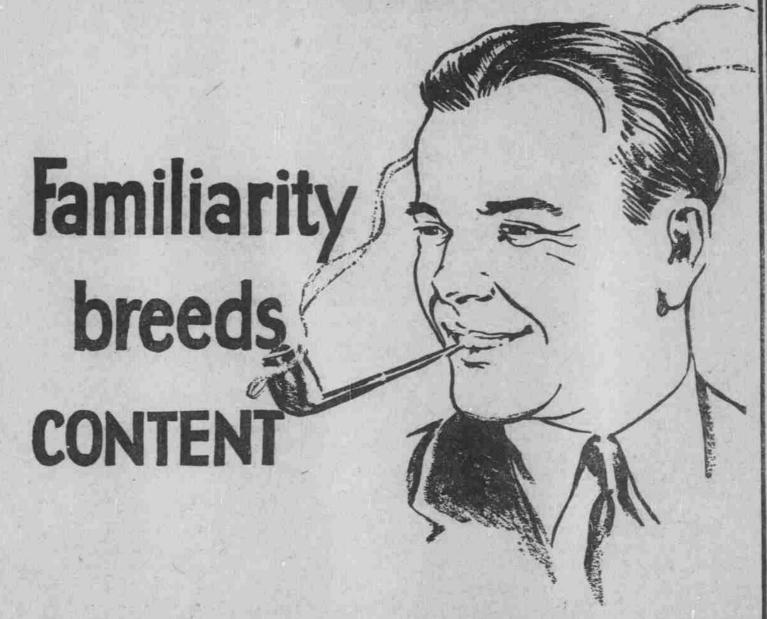
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