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The Rushee's Problem

Although a large percentage of the fraternity rushees have already indicated their choice, many have wisely postponed their decisions until the final period of silence. Quite a few men must decide by tomorrow afternoon whether they wish to become fraternity men, while others are wavering between two or more chapters.

The one great virtue of fraternities is the pleasure and companionship they afford their members. A vast amount of hokum is spilled by frat men during the rushing season about their undying allegiance to one another and to "dear old Alfa Alfa." The intelligent freshman realizes that life in a fraternity is by no means idyllic, that fights, bickerings, personal antagonisms, dissensions of all sorts frequently arise—or if he doesn't, he will discover it very soon indeed after he is pledged. But most fraternity men derive genuine pleasures from the social contacts they form in their chapter, and they would not willingly deny themselves these pleasures. Fraternities have a decided value in undergraduate life; with all their apparent weaknesses, membership in them is desirable.

The question for the first group of freshmen—those who are undecided about whether they wish to become fraternity members—involves finances almost entirely. If the costs attendant upon fraternity membership will not place too great a strain upon the finances of the rushee, his problem is comparatively simple. One of the greatest tragedies of undergraduate life occurs when a new fraternity member finds that he is not compatible with the group. If the ideals and aspirations of the other men conflict with those of the new member, he is in a bad way. Many fraternities attempt to recast all their new men in the same mold, to make them conform to a set pattern. Unless the newcomer is a spineless sort of person, with no desire to preserve his own individuality, this procedure will only serve to increase the discrepancy between him and the other members of the group. Thus the prospective pledge who is undecided as to which fraternity he wishes to join should exercise the greatest care in making his selection. He should determine the group in which he would be most at ease, in which he would be free to follow his own inclinations and achieve his own aspirations.

A man willing to work and unable to find work is, perhaps, the saddest sight that fortune's inequality exhibits under the sun.—Carlyle.

This Business of Seeing the Birdie

(H. J. G.)

The annual agonized call has been sent out from the offices of Wooten-Moulton, the photographers. Every year a major portion of the student body cheerily pays for the Yackety-Yack and then sits back and waits—for the last minute.

It's a great American habit, this business of waiting for the last minute to get things done. We may be a nation of go-getters, but when it comes down to it, we are generally busy getting something else, just as long as we have a day or a week to put off the pressing matter which should be getting our attention.

Cries for cooperation on this, and most other campi, are enthusiastically seconded—and then forgotten. But there is something more than cooperation in getting Yackety-Yack pictures taken early this year.

More than seven hundred pictures must be taken for the student annual. Each picture receives the maximum amount of care and attention that is humanly possible. But when, toward the end of November and the beginning of December, a sudden flood of students descends upon the studio, the pictures must necessarily be taken hurriedly.

It isn't necessary to point out that he who comes earliest is served best, so we won't do it. We won't even mention the evident fact that the editors of the Yackety-Yack and the photographers will be saved much needless hair-tearing if the pictures are made early and on schedule time. It is left simply up to you. If you want to have your picture taken carefully and well, have it taken early.

You look as well now as you will in three or four weeks, so straighten your tie and get a shave, or powder your nose and smooth your hair, and have your face recorded for posterity and your grandchildren. And if your grandchildren point derisively at your Yackety-Yack photo many years from now, and say "Why Grandpa (or Ma) how funny you looked when you were at the University of North Carolina"—well, if they do, it wasn't our fault.

Durham And The Negro Middle Class

The so called "Negro problem" with its multifold aspects is not one which may be treated in one paragraph nor easily in one volume. The variety of problems, at present in existence, pertaining to the Negro is too great, presents a complexity which cannot adequately be dealt with in any brief discussion. However, it might prove somewhat interesting and profitable to look at a situation in our immediate vicinity.

Durham, North Carolina, has been termed "the capital of the Negro middle class." There are the business men of the colored race, the Negro bankers and participants in industry and businesses. Some years ago James Merrick, a Negro slave who had lived in Chapel Hill, was given the opportunity to establish a barber shop in Durham. Here the business grew; he gained capital, and engaged in other branches of business.

So, with our men. C. C. Spaulding, a Negro millionaire, is connected in executive capacities with a number of businesses in Durham. Negro business is growing. There is a rapid development of what, until a comparatively recent date, was unknown: the negro middle class. And Durham is their capital. This establishment of a middle class is, in all probability, for the betterment of the situations and conditions now existing within the Negro realm.—By John Mebane.

IN THE WAKE OF NEWS



J. E. Dungan

"If you will join my fraternity you'll be a big man on the campus," said the Greek. "To begin with we'll make you sub-assistant to the associate manager of yo-yoing."

Officer Blake of the Department of Protection and Bell-Ringing has moved his beat from the left side of the Y to the right side. All criminals beware!

All Chapel Hill Mourns the passing of "Carolina" Brown and "Pink" Guthrie, particularly do his Phi Damma Gamma boys.

Last Saturday The Los Angeles Times printed the contents of a letter received by the management of the Alexandria Hotel, and written by one Okamoto, the original yo-yoer.

"Gentlemen: Having found the well hotel name of yours I have the honor to write you.

I am an amateur of collection of hotel labels and cards. If I can have some brilliant Labels of famous Hotel of Los Angeles of U.S.A. (which will, no doubt, glorify my album exceedingly), how should I be full of happiness and thankful.

I am an advocate; if you desire some thing in Japan I will procure them for you with youthfulness.

Yours truly please,  
I. Okamoto."

Oswald opines that the something in question might be Geisha girls.

News from Portland, Maine, through the medium of the New York Herald Tribune tells of Herbert L. Pye, a veteran ash hauler, who has recently been made the heir of a \$1,500,000 fortune. When interviewed Pye was very much concerned over his future business. "If the story spreads, boys, I'm ruined. Competition in this business is terrible. If my customers get the notion that I am rich, they'll give all their trade to my rivals." Here, if ever, was a genuine example of being called to a task.

An inventor in Boston has perfected a device that detects dirt which is imprecitable to the human eye on various substances. The kid brothers and sisters are in for plenty of torment when this infernal machine is adopted into the household. Sunburn and tan will no longer be excuses, and as for dirty ears and necks, they'll be things of the past.

In the Open Forum of the Baltimore Evening Sun an irate subscriber and football fan writes in to complain of the rudeness of the City College rooters, and ends with this rebuke—"I suggest that if the City College fellows are not taught football manners at their school that they ought to take a few lessons from Poly."

Those Old Meanies, always getting boisterous at football games.

Philip A. Edwards, Olympic champion and captain of the New York University track team, was married to Miss Edith Margaret Oedelshoff, daughter of a former German government official here. This all read well enough until you get this fact—Edwards is negro and Miss Oedelshoff is white. This is the marriage that George Jean Nathan predicted to his friends and acquaintances some six months ago. New York doesn't lynch their negroes, they make track captains out of them. Down here?—Well.

Readers' Opinions

Intramural Athletics as a Substitute for Gym

Editor Daily Tar Heel:

Various freshmen, among others, have raised the complaint that gym classes interfere with intramural athletics, primarily, tag-football. It is easily obvious that men in the dormitories and fraternities are taking a great interest in tag-football this year, and since this sport is entirely optional, these men are to be commended. Gym classes are from around four to six o'clock daily, which covers approximately the time that the contests between the different teams are held. Some of the boys say that it is next to impossible for them to take their regular gym classes and play in the contests also. Therefore, they desire that a plan should be made enabling them to be excused from gym on days that contests are held.

Coach Bob Fetzer, in the Intramural handbook, has this to say about the subject:

"The introduction of intramural athletics and its development as a real working organization, has furnished an opportunity to every student in the University to participate in some form of competitive sport. Such participation provides not only physical exercise and healthful recreation, but enables the contestants to learn by actual practice the invaluable lessons of sportsmanship. The traits of character such as honor, fair play, courtesy, unselfishness, courage, determination, and the proper regard for the rights of others, developed on the athletic field, are some of the fine ideals which are welcomed in the business world and are splendid assets to carry into the battle of life.

There is little difference of opinion as to the value of athletic participation, the benefits to the individual both physically and morally, but the majority of students prefer to applaud the other fellow instead of entering into active participation themselves. Intramural athletics has removed any barrier that may have existed to prevent any normal student from engaging in athletics, but furnishing a class of competition in which marked athletic ability or athletic experience is not a prerequisite. The Intramural slogan, 'every student in some form of healthful exercise', is a splendid ideal, and every student should avail himself of the opportunity to participate in competitive sports."

—Paul Michael

The National City Bank of New York recently became the biggest in the world, nosing out London's Midland Bank, Ltd., by a bare 83 million dollars. Its merger with the Corn Exchange Bank and Trust Co., swelled its resources to \$2,386,066,401.

BARNETT TELLS JOINT MEETING OF Y OF CHINA

A joint meeting of the three Y cabinets was held Monday night at the Y at 7:15. Jimmie Williams, president of the junior-senior cabinet, presided.

After a few announcements were made, Eugene E. Barnett gave a short talk on "The History of the Y Work in China." Mr. Barnett told very interestingly how the Chinese Y had started from a small group of college men and has grown to what it is today.

All of the cabinet members who attended this meeting thoroughly enjoyed the talk. The program was closed with a word of prayer by H. F. Comer.

Theta Kappa Psi Initiates Seven Men

Upsilon chapter of Theta Kappa Psi medical fraternity announces the initiation of the following men: A. E. Barnhardt, Concord; Haskell W. Fox, Statesville; Charlie H. Gay, Charlotte; J. W. Kitchin, Hendersonville; E. V. Moore, Shelby; H. M. Price, Hickory, and W. A. Fritz, Hickory.

Following the initiation yesterday a buffet supper was enjoyed by both the old and new men.

The chapter also wishes to announce the pledging of Henry Harrill, Ellenboro, and William Flythe, Hamlet, N. C.

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