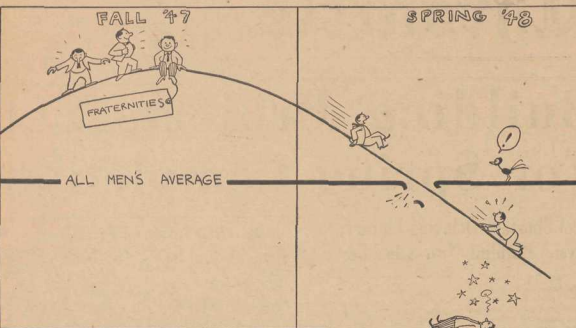


Fraternities Making Grade F Effort In Scholarship



The Greeks have a word for it—the West campus Greeks that it . . .

Evidently the word is GOOF-OFF.

Leave us examine the facts of the situation. A lineup of fraternity grades at the end of last year's fall semester shows that of the 18 fraternities on campus ONLY FOUR (Sigma Chi, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, and Delta Sigma Phi) were BELOW the all-men's average.

But in the spring when a young man's fancy obviously turns to almost everything but thoughts of school work, the fraternities hit the skids and 12 fraternities were BELOW the all-men's average. Only Zeta Beta Tau, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Nu, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Kappa Sigma, and Sigma Chi were in the winner's circle.

Here are some more figures on this grade F record:

Fall 1947	Spring 1948
1,242 All-men's Average	1,310
1,270 Fraternity Average	1,229
1,227 Non-fraternity Average	1,389

* including associates.

Statistically, the West campus Greeks are in worse shape than a surveillance statue. Don't get us wrong—the CHRONICLE is definitely in favor of fraternities and believes that one of the most important factors in making up the ideal college career is membership in a Greek organization.

At Duke the main driving force in all student activities stems from fraternity and fraternity members. Because of this the fraternities must realize their deep rooted influence and heavy responsibilities. Since the fraternities are the true leadership organizations on cam-

pus they must recognize that they have as their primary purpose the development of the well-rounded individual. This entails a trifle more than giving cabby parties and dances.

FRATERNITIES MUST DEMAND AND ENCOURAGE THEIR MEMBERS TO FULFILL THEIR OBJECT IN COMING TO COLLEGE. AND THAT IS, OF COURSE, TO GET AN EDUCATION—AND GET IT GOOD.

This is not a challenge that can be accepted or rejected; it is an inherent duty.

Six fraternities at Duke are accomplishing their primary purpose. The rest are failing miserably.

To the rest we say: "Get wise to yourself. Quit goofing off."

C. F.

Letters To The Editor

Letters to the CHRONICLE must be signed, and preferably not longer than 150 words. The editor will print all letters received, reserving the right to make deletions for length or good taste. Names will not be withheld.

Editor, the CHRONICLE:

Legitimate restrictions on the dissemination of student tickets to football games are, of course, necessary to prevent scalping and other undesirable practices. But when the restrictions are imposed neither sensibly designed to curb the abuses at which they are directed nor conducted by the efficient distribution of tickets to students entitled to them, they should be eliminated.

I am referring to the rule of the athletic department that to obtain a student ticket to a football game not held in Duke Stadium one must present his athletic book in person.

This rule is ostensibly intended to prevent students from getting tickets and passing them on to those not entitled to them, but no one can seriously maintain that it eliminates this practice or otherwise substantially discourages it. One bent on getting extra tickets can still collect athletic books from other students through the line more than once or get someone else to go through for him.

But even conceding that the new restriction only slightly or curbs scalping, its harmful effects outweigh the benefits derived from it. While the restriction causes little hardship to those going to a game singly, it does discourage dissent and going in groups. If for some reason a student and his date are unable to arrange to be in the line at the same time, they are forced under the rule to take a taxi. Students who are unable to get to the athletic office during the specified period, but who might otherwise have had someone get their tickets for them, are precluded from attending the game.

The athletic office may have some unexplained justification for using this system. If so, it would be enlightening if it were made public. Otherwise, I think it fair to assume that it is the result of either stupidity or of an intent to discourage student attendance, thereby leastening more tickets to be sold at full price.

W. H. ADAMS, III.

Editor, the CHRONICLE:

Now that the excitement of last night (Tuesday, Sept. 21) has died, the time seems ripe for a sober observa-

tion on your altogether astonishing editorial in the last CHRONICLE. I refer, of course, the lead story on the first page.

You commence your article by quoting Mr. Al Sharpe, president of the SGA, "Freshmen who persist in this highlighting of traditions . . . may find themselves subject to dismissal from school." I must confess that I am a struck dumb by such a statement. Are your readers to understand that a student of Duke University may be expelled because he is ignorant of some football yells?

I take issue with the editorial, which pervades your idea, that school spirit can be created backwards, as it were. That is to say, I do not believe that school spirit can ever be promoted by a group of leaders who are ignorant of its real causes and who, therefore, attempt to stimulate the spirit by artificial means. It is among results that I should classify such things as a knowledge of the Alma Mater, a knowledge of the school's history, etc.

And as for the cause, what are they? . . . I am of the opinion that that university is most deservingly of its students' affection which most effectively removes all impediments in the path toward learning. That will be the day when we eliminate from our classrooms the dead weight of wasteful ignorance which can afford to keep itself in school by manipulating a curriculum infested with "crip" courses. That will be the day when our schools will decline to put its stamp of approval on people who have only the most rudimentary knowledge of their own language and are unable to read or write. And that will be the day when our schools will merit the respect and loyalty which, in the mind at least, identical with "school spirit."

CLARENCE BROWN.

Editor, the CHRONICLE:

As a follow-up to Chuck Gray's letter which appeared in the CHRONICLE last Friday we should like to relate our experiences in seeing how cheerleaders are selected at Duke.

For the three years we have been at Duke we have competed for cheerleader, only to be eliminated each time by the selection of Sigma Chi's. We are not complaining because we were not chosen; but rather because they chose Sigma Chi's instead of choosing those who showed the most enthusiasm for the school who have made the best cheerleaders. For instance, among those who tried out this year was a fel-

Notes and Quotes Around the Campus

PETE MAAS

FASHION NOTE: Well known feminine accessories will be referred to in the future as bemoos!

Just in passing, it seems to us that Bobby (the Six-Killer) Welch could find a lot more to constructive things for SGA to do than in stamping out football parties. We won't bore you with a list of them. From our position, SGA is never going to get the student support that it has long been seeking by becoming a police body before a legislative one. Maybe we've awfully cynical about SGA, but after four years of watching it get nowhere (and it has made several very valid tries), something like this latest effort strikes us as a rather comical one.

Just to prove a rather unimportant point on SGA effectiveness is this football party "crackdown," which we're not so sure we're for. Just as many parties were circulated around as last year, and more who wanted to play one had any trouble locating a source. Nothing even accretive about it.

We'd welcome the opportunity to eat these words about SGA, but are not particularly worried about such an eventuality. Just goes to show you . . .

We sure had a great time at the State game. Right at the kick-off in front of us sat on our hat, and it wasn't until the third quarter that we got our head out of it. We've heard that Dero's knee hurt him as much as it did just a year ago, but in that first game. If that is true, it's had sleep to the Blue Devils to say nothing of Al who lives and sleeps football.

Here and There: Someone asked Janie Wharton how she found herself these chilly mornings. Said she, "Oh, I just throw back the covers and there I am." Don O'Brien said that he didn't know she was a golfer when she asked him to play around . . . and putting one thing after another, what ever happened to alumnae Bob Mitchell?

This attitude is exemplified by a remark made by a quiet bystander at the Pep Rally last Friday night. He said (quoted), "I can rally to Duke University, but I will not rally to Sigma Chi!" We sincerely believe that if the Student Body, or someone else, were to select the cheerleaders they would be better and more "school spirit" it would be shown by the students.

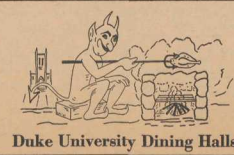
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Duke's Mixture

By **CHIEF MCLEAN**

This college... the game was successful for the party people... three enterprising young men (certainly from State) came equipped with well-stocked boxes... after Duke fans pass in three quarters they tend to yodeling... glad to see so many freshmen on a four hour pass... lots of rah-rah college spirit... cheer leaders and lots of side line action.

But did everybody have to go to Millers afterwards... seen through the smoke... Luby Lynch and Marilyn Bally trying to recapture that summer time rapture... back for the week-end and getting a royal Duke welcome—Sue Gietner, Kitty Morrison, Zeno Edwards, GI McLean, Ed Thomas, and the two Vinas... a great Jack Sheibe dancing with a blond... Timothy Brown doing his soft dance and yacking it up...

Notes on a sold call... a two-week trial period doesn't excuse rudeness to roommates... you know what and who we mean... then there was the freshman with the football helmet in her room, we asked her where it was, she said here, we asked her what position she played, no response... open houses proved hectic as expected... even a sorority girl blacked out... Freshman, remember, everyone here was a wheel in high school... too!

Using heroes... now it can be told... those guardians of school spirit who never make ODK, the devil in the blue Dr. Denton's are... Paul Fitzgerald and Bill Evans... campus agitators... Pete Maas and O'Driscoll... how about the guy in Dr. Leake's short skirt class who interrupted a digression on style "Babony" he said and walked out... There's an inside story, he asked to be excused early and Leary said okay on the condition that he be... To talk with you out loud in front of all those people...

A word to the wise is sufficient... when talking in the late show on fourth floor of the Delt house bring along a rope ladder for easy escape... it's not the movie it's the door... or did you

Quoting The Campus

By **CHUCK GRAY**

After Saturday's game the Chronicle took a cross-section survey of the freshmen and their opinions on the cheering on the Duke side of the stadium. Names of freshmen and their comments are listed below:

Bob Jeffries: "All the freshmen I know came home from yelling but I doubt that any of the upperclassmen did. I think the freshmen could sing the songs a little better if we knew the tunes."

Steve Spear: "I didn't go to the game, but I listened on the radio. We didn't have any trouble hearing State yell, but we don't even know where they were any Duke students there."

Sidney Genette: "I think the freshmen did almost all the yelling."

John Williams: "The upperclassmen didn't even yell at the pep rally, when they should have been teaching us how to yell."

Don Singletary: "It didn't sound like the State cheering section, but I think our cheer leaders are a lot better."

John Dunham: "I asked a guy who sat in the end zone and he said Duke's cheering was better."

Buddy Howell: "The freshmen did a good job of yelling, and why don't the Engineers try yelling with the Student body, it might sound good."

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Organization	Number of Freshmen
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Duke Players	17
Religious Org.	19
(Concert Tickets)	5
Engineers Club	6
Commodore	3
Informant	29

The graph above represents a CHRONICLE poll made of approximately ten per cent of the freshman class revealing approximate freshman membership in student activity organizations.

The poll revealed that there has been an expenditure averaging \$11 per freshman for campus organizations. This does not include additional membership fees for which the class will be canvassed at a later date. It does include organizations which certain students are obligated to join but have not yet joined (NROTC—Commodore; engineering students—Engineer's Club).

have to jump... while on the subject of jumping, ask Duke Bordon about his leap from Hollow Rock... and nobody missed him for an hour...

There are other ways to make the Mix... Georgia Forbes pinned up Dr. Wilmer Betts... Alice McLeod wearing a brand new diamond from Sonny Hunt... Pin-ups Marcia Nesbitt and Walt Parker taking in the morning sermon... Ann Leconte settles down with ATO pin... Shorrie Frause and Charlie Tutun have had it... Roger Kirclofer footloose and fancy free... we can't believe it, one whole week-end and no freshman pin-up... who will be the first?

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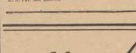
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Ambassadors Bow In Saturday

By **HANK SCHMITZ**

When 808 and Bander's presented the first big dance of the year this Saturday night, the students will get their first look at the new Duke Ambassadors. Looking over the talent on the program in the Women's College gym, Duketers will see Bob Ambassadors, least trumpet man, and Ambassadors of music standing Harvey Kitch and the student vocalists and Jimmy Carter will handle the vocal work. Tommy Farr will cover the lead spot in the trombone section.

Silvana Success Twenty-five year old Tommy has been playing the trombone for a long time. When he graduated from Charlotte High School in 1945, he went to UNC where he was the lead man in the trombone section of the dance band there. Before he could complete even his first year of college, he was picked up and sent to the trombone section of the dance band there. Before he could complete even his first year of college, he was picked up and sent to the trombone section of the dance band there. Before he could complete even his first year of college, he was picked up and sent to the trombone section of the dance band there.

It was Metronome, the musical magazine, that gave him his big break in 1941 with a feature article presenting him as the trombone star of the year. From the many offers that followed, Tommy chose Tony Pastor.

With Pastor, he traveled on a tour which Tommy says was over 50,000 miles long and included such stops as the Paramount Theater in New York, the Roosevelt Hotel in Washington, and the Steel Pier at Atlantic City. Also during his year with Pastor, he was with the band on the Fifth Band Wagon and did in some recording at RCA.

In 1942 when Farr was 19, he signed with Woody Herman, with whom he came to be known as one of the country's top lead trombone men. Herman's band was recording for Decca at the time, and the two radio spots that Tommy can remember are Com and a Performance and Coca-Cola's Spotlight Bands program.

Served in Army The draft cut Tommy's career short in 1943.

In 1935 Sonny Burke organized the first dance band on the campus to be known as the Duke Ambassadors. Since that time, Gene Burke has risen to become one of Hollywood's leading music producers and has backed up Dinah Shore, Mel Tormé, and other radio performers.

Famous Ambassadors The Ambassadors have come into a long way too. Ambassador alumna Gene Williams now has stings.

his own band playing at the Click in Philadelphia. Last year's pianist, Norm Smith, is reported to be joining Gene Krupa's outfit this year. In 1942, the Ambassadors had a sharp contest named the Carpenter, this year, Carpenter's band is considered to be one of the tops on the west coast.

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