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### FRATERNITY UNITY

One of the unfortunate characteristics attached to fraternities on the Duke campus is the lack of group unity. There are too few occasions on which the chapters combine as a distinct part of the undergraduate student body.

If Duke fraternities are to be recognized as a powerful unit and if they are to make a definite contribution to campus life, the Greeks must join hands and present a solid front.

The Chronicle has noted that fraternities should act as class leaders. The present attitude that a man need not be accepted merely because he is a fraternity member should be maintained. But there is no reason why Duke fraternities should not attempt to make Greek membership a mark of distinction.

A step in this direction will be the pledge dance tomorrow afternoon in the Women's gymnasium. The fraternities are sponsoring the affair in honor of the year's pledge group, Mal Hallett, whose orchestra will play for the Pan-Hellenic tomorrow night, has been contracted for the pledge dance as well. Fraternity men who have purchased tickets for the evening dance will be admitted free in the afternoon.

Every activity in which fraternities act as a group promotes unity and makes Greek membership more worthwhile.

### MINERVA OR BACCHUS?

American education is suffering from an over-emphasis on formalism, was the opinion of several prominent educators recently gathered at an international conference. By formalism they referred to the stress being placed on such mechanistic functions of education, as assignments, term papers, class attendance, and examinations. Too strict conformity to these elements tends to lead to such things as evaluation of worth on the basis of marks only, and an inversely proportional indifference to activity of other than a scholastic nature.

As a result, we are producing a college society that falls for the great part into either of two classes: text book "bonds," or loafers. Either one of the students in our educational institutions either become slow, plodding, slaves to Minerva, fast-stepping children of Bacchus. The one class concerns itself with a rigid, blind subservience to the professors and the text; the other extreme spends four years in equally blind aversion to those same things.

Happily, there is a medium which some follow; the golden mean, between the two classes. There are some who through training, experience, or innate good sense, trace the temperate path. They find of the rigid, didactic formalism; yet at the same time have enough ingenuity and good sense to question texts and professors. Good government cannot succeed without an opposition party, nor can a professor succeed with a class of unquestioning "yes men."

In determining the proper sense of values, and striving to find this sense between text book "bond" and loafer, one of the chief tempering influences can be found in the many extra-curricular activities which the University offers. There are organizations that cater to almost all interests, and in such a way that they tend to lessen the extreme, so matter which way the student leans. If he is a pedant, they will broaden him; if he is diligently inactive, they will stimulate him.  
 —Daphne Duke.

### SINCERITY OR PRESTIGE?

Last year the Woman's Student Government association adopted a new method of nomination of candidates for Student Government office. Under this system any member of the association could nominate herself for as many offices as she wished merely by putting her name and the office she wished to run for on a piece of paper which she deposited in the ballot box, or someone else might nominate her by putting a petition signed by two members of the association in the ballot box. All the women thus nominated were summoned before the board which examined them and selected from them the three best candidates for office. The result of the trial of this system was that the women, in many cases, instead of limiting themselves to one or two offices, ran for many different ones. Consequently, there were numerous candidates for every office which showed clearly that it was not genuine interest in the work of any particular office which prompted their running for it, but rather a desire for the recognition and prestige which went with the office. It also meant a great deal of extra work for the examining board. The members of this board were good enough to give up their time to assist the women in this matter; it is unfair to ask them to take upon themselves a lot of extra work for the sake of a few greedy individuals.

The Woman's Student Government has found a solution to this problem in the two amendments to Article IX, section 1, which are now before the student body for consideration and are to be voted on next Wednesday night. These amendments, among other things, limit the number of student government offices a woman may run for to one, except in the case of a rising senior, who may run for two. It is hoped that the women will realize the wisdom in this move when it is time to vote on these amendments.

### CAMPUS COMMENT

The Technician, student newspaper of State College, is giving its support to a crusade for more attention in minor sports. From their editorial columns the impression is conveyed that most of the minor sports are being financially sacrificed for football.

There is some justification in the criticism aimed at athletic boards that they over-emphasize variety football at the expense of minor sports. Frequently, however, the critics do not consider the fact that football profits balance the budgets of losing minor sports. Cutting the football budget would result in even less money being available for minor sports.

Duke students question the discrepancy in the collection of the North Carolina state sales tax. Because the university stores are honestly adhering to the code, the "dope" shop collects the tax on drinks and food purchased at the fountain. Four of the five Duke drug stores, which the consumer reporter investigated yesterday, did not collect the tax on drinks, magazines, and sandwiches.

Why on earth can the code be enforced in the "dope" store and not in Durham drug stores?

AT LEAST SOME APPRECIATE OUR SCHOLASTIC ATTAINMENTS EVEN IF OUR PROFESSORS WON'T

If our parents and our home towns did not appreciate us, who would? But it is more than a little disconcerting on occasion to discover the appalling truth that we, as college students, are considered only by his little "puberty" as a well of knowledge on our particular subject.

We go home for a quiet and restful vacation in June only to find that already we have been appointed teacher for the "12-13 Junior" Sunday School class. Some fond uncle let the fact be known that we studied a course in religion at Duke for an entire semester so should he well prepared for such a duty.

The pre-med student at the completion of his freshman year finds that his professional advisors is requested already. The neighbor children come racing to him to have cut fingers tied up and splinters removed. Even his Aunt Sallie asks that he diagnose the queer pain in her head. Good for one's ego, but a little exciting.

The senior mathematics major is confronted during spring holidays by an unexpected seventh-grade brother with the joyous, "Now I'll make it on this darned arithmetic. It's stocks and bonds, Joe." But Joe remembers an engagement in town.

"What does sociology mean?" Mary asks her college sister as she studies her language lesson for tomorrow. Even Mrs. Parham next door, who used to go abroad each year before the depression, looks upon Mary with respect and asks the approved way of arranging one's hair among the younger set this season.

Then, naturally, one is expected to have kept up with all of the very newest books. "Won't you give us a survey of the literary movement of today on our Thursday Morning Book-club meeting? We have been looking forward to hearing this from you," said Mr. Van der Zant. "You studied French while you were in college, didn't you, Anne? Won't you help us with our one-act French play to be given on the 17th for the Near East benefit? Our accent may be a little rusty."

Yes, we are recognized as accomplished creatures. Much is expected of us that we cannot refuse to attempt, for the sake of old association and the very fact that these people sincerely believe in us. But occasionally we find ourselves at a complete loss to meet these expectations. Perhaps the prize example of such a predicament is the one in which a psychology major has recently found himself beset by a letter from her mother. The appalling question reads: "A woman (unnamed) jumped up in the middle of church service yesterday and shouted, 'Now you tell us what, psychologically, made her do it?'"  
 —HELEN RUDEN CROSBY.

### OPEN FORUM

#### TO THE EDITOR:

Recently there has been much comment on the present system of housing for the freshman class. When the new system was introduced, the Administration stated that the object of this system was to segregate the new men so that they might have the opportunity of knowing their own classmates better before the usual Duke year did. One of the other reasons advanced was that the new men would not be distracted by the coming and going of the upperclass men, and that if distractions were removed they would have more time to devote to their studies.

It seems to me that the freshman housing system has failed to accomplish all these things, except better acquaintance with classmates, which it set out to do. Perhaps the freshmen are not distracted by upperclassmen, but they are even more distracted by their own classmates. The amount of noise in the freshman quadrangle exceeds that of any other place on the campus. For the studies, the two classes who have been the subject matter of this experiment have had less success, going by their unusually high preparatory grades, than several of the preceding classes.

—A READER.

## Duke's Mixture

### GOLD WEATHER

Gold may be merely a name to you, but the beads and other blinding ornaments of the wags members of the Supreme Court waded and wiggled in many a hot argument over the same little name. Of course your writer has never even seen the stuff which from all reports has a golden color, yet he feels that it would help the poor American college student abroad if the United States went back to the gold standard. The American dollar is only worth half as much abroad as it was in 1922 and half as much abroad as it buy much wine or bread. But far be it from me to argue with the words of the Supreme Court.

### ALAS AND ALACK!

Alas and alack! It seems that once more the fair blondes of love have been whittled. It all started when she selected what he was not driving any too carefully, she suffered most dearly from her worst suspicions were confirmed. — she berated him on the effects of his "dope" shop. Duke Hiram — he defended the right of every man to his liquor. — she pulled the old one about "dope that much longer, etc. etc." — she said "Nuts" and when they pass each other the temperature drops rapidly.

### LOYALTY

Reverend A classroom in Page Auditorium.

Character: One student suffering from last night's binge; and Bill Durham.

Bill: "I tell you I have to have some one write my column for 'Fit Day'."

Student (nervously): "And I tell you."

### I'm feeling too low, but not low enough to write Duke's Mixture.

Bill: "Think of our friendly Student." "You think of it—You too tired."

Bill: "If you write the column I may pay you the five bucks I owe you."

Student (shaking of the five dollars and his shaking head and the need for peace and quiet): "All right."

(Glad Durham walks happily away and Student settles himself to sleep peacefully through his class.)

All of which is to tell you, dear readers, that the infamous Bill is off at a weekend. This trend will probably be found in each case 'till wardrobe. Split shirts seem to have disappeared as quickly and definitely as they appeared.

### EASTERN SPORT

Bill's East campus stage stint in the following news: "We said that the Zeta's have Funny Scales which is one night of saying it, not satisfied with having more, the said in the last set are playing jacks. In fact, the news goes round that they intend having a tournament, when they start playing with dolls I hope that I am no longer."

Not your hero, Bill Durham's GROOM.

## THE SOCIETY:

### Announces Pledging

Zeta Tau Alpha takes pleasure in announcing the pledging of Gertrude Potter, Erastus, D. C. Fox, George Stoville, N. C. and Genevieve Taylor, New Bern, N. C. last Wednesday afternoon.

### Pi Epsilon Pi Pledges Seven

Pi Epsilon Pi takes pleasure in announcing the pledging of William Landis, Statesville, Pa.; John Champ, Fayette Springs, N. C.; George Waller, Washington, D. C.; Harold Shubert, Tarrytown, N. C.; Edmund Miller, Hamburg, Pa.; Elmer Gale, Clinton, N. C.; and Carl Burton, Winston, N. C.

### Sigma Nu Entertains Visitor

Mr. Newton Free will be the guest of Sigma Nu during the coming week. Mr. Free is a member of the athletic body at Georgetown university.

### Announces Pledging

Delta Tau Delta wishes to announce the pledging of Wilbur Cransell, of Albany, N. Y.

### Psi Delta Theta To Give Dance

Psi Delta Theta has announced its plans to give an open pledge dance on March 2 Johnny Long and his Collegians will play for the affair.

### Kappa Alpha Pledges

Kappa Alpha takes pleasure in announcing the pledging of Ken Goodson, of Salisbury, N. C.

### Psi Phi Celebrates Founders Day

Psi Phi observed Founders Day by holding a pledge tie dance and buffet supper in the Union hall last evening. Dr. and Mrs. John S. Rankin, and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Shields were the guests of honor at the celebration.

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## Fashion Favorites

Although there will be no Pan-Hel now at the dance tomorrow night, every one is expecting a lead-out of the season's smartest fashions for this initial spring formal. The routings of starched tailfats will supplement Mal Hallett's harmonies to which each dressed in wispy chiffon and lace will alternately glide and which.

Precious suggestions that an irregular headline will cause waves over fashionable dance floors this spring. Straight lines with muted and prominent nose, but a tidal wave of battle effects is expected to rush into the current of the mode a little later. This trend will probably reach its zenith in summer orgies.

An extreme delicacy with a jacket for less formal occasions just made found in each case 'till wardrobe. Split shirts seem to have disappeared as quickly and definitely as they appeared.

Femininity plus is the keynote of spring dance frocks as far as materials are concerned. Plaid and figured taffetas, tulle, chiffon, lace, purey prints, and smooth crepe all clamor for attention—and each receives plenty of it.

Things have reached a mid-way point with belts commanding the center of attraction. They are of varying widths, but distinctly wider than usual, in velvet, ribbon, leather, and a new glaze fabric. Old as it seems at this time of year, ribbons and other again belts also take honors.

The Duchess of Kent chose one evening gown for her troupe—a black satin with a natural pliskie belt.

An informal number of the first range is that of plaid taffets with perfectly huge, stand-out pockets to give character to its otherwise s.d.g. pattern.

## IT WILL BE

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