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was right."

# Radicalism

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In the recent investigation of radical influences at the University of Chicago, it was triumphantly brought out by the accusers that the university had encouraged its students to ask "How do we know our system is the best one?" All good Americans are apparently expected to hear this with shudders of consternation, but somehow, we don't seem able to qualify.

In fact, it seems obvious that we can't know that our system is the best one; we may believe, and strongly so, that it is, and we may, without being treasonable or traitorious, disbelieve it, so long as we do not advocate overthrow of the government by violence.

It is clear, of course, that the University of Chicago is really charged with teaching that our system is not the best, and with advocating another. But President Hutchins has said that it is not so, and we can place far more reliance in his integrity, and in his judgment, than in that of some of the gentlemen who are peddling their newspapers by getting purple faces over the red menace.

President Hutchins has stated the position of the university, and his statement leaves no room for supposing that his school has any object other than to seek dispassionately whatever truths it can find about government and society. If it attempted to teach belief in any political creed whatever, it would not be an educational institution at all, but an institute of propaganda.

Then if the University of Chicago teaches its students to ask, "How do we know that our system is the best one?" it does no more than its duty as an institution of higher learning. We might ourselves ask that question, and we would have to answer that in all probability it will be replaced in time by a better one. Certainly it is not perfect; certainly men are worrying over its imperfections and seeking for ways to mend them; certainly no government has yet shown signs of lasting unchanged forever.

It is incredible that with all the evidence of history as to the impermanence of man's institutions, men should still cling to the old "whatever is is right" idea, or admitting that things are not as they should be, should shrug their shoulders hopelessly and say, "It will always be so." It has not always been so; we are far happier, more comfortable, and more secure today than we were a hundred years ago. That progress will continue.

Of course it is clear that much of our recent advancement has been in realms scientific rather than political. But there have been political changes before; if they are needed they will come again. Certainly when we know so much about how to produce, we will be able to find some way of utilizing our knowledge to the full for the good of all. When it will come no one knows, but somewhere on the horizon a golden age is dawning.

# "The Slipstick"

Cleave to "The Slipstick": let the Slapstick fly where it may.

There are many, many things I hate. I hate some more than others. I hate a flat-foot toe-dancer, And a hair-lipped guy that stutters.

But I save my most tremendous oaths To heap on the addled pate Of the pickled Frosh who late one night, Ruined that '38!!

The story is going around about a football player in a small college who was unusually dumb. To the surprise of everyone he passed all of his work, including a rather stiff chemistry course, thereby becoming eligible for the big game.

One of the instructors asked the chemistry professor how it was possible that he passed chemistry. The chem istry professor said: "I decided that I would let him pass if he answered 50% of the questions correctly.

"I asked him two questions-one he answered wrong. one he answered right. Therefore, I let him pass." "The first question was: 'What color is blue vitriol?'

He answered, 'Pink.' That time he was wrong. "The other question was: 'How do you make sulphuric acid?' He answered that he didn't know. That time he

The first hermit was really a Scotch golfer who sliced his ball into the woods.

WHEN TWO "RASSLERS" GET TOGETHER Schuman: Who's going to pay for the meal tonight? Schmidt: I'll toss you for it.

Gas Station Attendant: How's your oil? Negro motorist: Ah's fine. How's yo' all?

E. J.

# Fraternity Notes

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Junior Week, with all its furious revelry and intense competition, is ever. The gang is smacking their lips in anticipation of the ice cream promised by John T. "Butch" Even for every cup won by the house.

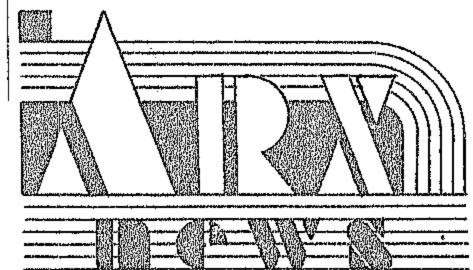
The Interfraternity Sing produced skin of the Circus Day Pageant. called, "A Tomb for a Bishop." "Mike" Stevens and "Em-Cee" Hampton are to be commended. We are now pulling hard for the tennis and golf awards.

We were glad to have with us last Thursday night Mr. Leake, our National Executive Secretary, at which ter of Delta Tau Delta at Illinois time plans for the Alumni Smoker, to | University. Our tennis team won be held on the evening of May 26, were discussed.

Now for the ice cream.

#### DELTA TAU DELTA

have drawn up plans and bids have chairman, Harry Stern. been received for the remodeling. | After their period of pledgeship Here's hoping that our teams make a



Let's start out with a little news | broadcast it for him. the first cup due to hard work by the about the Freshmen. Two of them Brothers under the leadership of made first mentions on their com-Ory Hampton. Congratulations are position renderings, and a few did in order for the house track team not fare so well. The two bright and who came in a strong second next shining lights of Prof. SUTER'S to the Phi Pi's, and also for Curt gang are Wiley THOMAS and "Uncle Bristol, our high point, versatile Herman" LACKNER. The frosh medals on the Hydro-Electric Plants, trackman. The culmination of the are at present at work again on a week brought us the coveted cup and new problem which is an Analytique

their first match in the inter-fraterity tennis tournament by defeating the Kappa Delts.

## RHO DELTA RHO

Davis on his recent appointment to ter were elected last Friday at the humor column). (As if you didn't the editorship of the Cycle. Last meeting of the active chapter. The know). week found our chapter quite busily following men have been elected to engaged in the various activities of hold office: Pres., Bob Simons; Vice Junior Week. Preparations are in pres., Abe Mandelowitz; Treas., Al Wednesday: Edward Paradise '38, progress for the remodeling of the Krause; Rec. sec., Bernard Nobler; Sidney Rabinowitz '37, Irving Sei-Shelter during the coming summer Corres. sec., Leonard Kaplan; Sgt. at denberg '38, and Simon Zevin '36. vacation. The Architects of the house Arms, Rubin Horwitz; and Soc. Our most sincere congratulations

Brother Laise spent an enjoyable the following men were informally habit of winning championships in week-end at the Beta Upsilon Chap- initiated into the fraternity last the future!

the members of the jury remarked, Phil was the only man in the class who had the "guts" to do something a little different on the last senior projet. Mind you, he was duly rewarded with a second medal, and we were not the only ones to be elated over his success. The trouble with Thil is that he is such a darned modest guy that you'd probably never hear it from him, so we have to

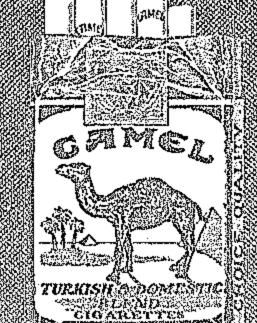
A few more of the seniors who hit the ball on the nose on the last projet were Al BURNES, Larry DAVID-SON, and Bob SAMUELS. All of these luds likewise received second and they too are the kind who could do with a little free advertising.

Milt KOHN tells of his experience And then there is the case in as a private detective. (Which proves which Phil FARO has made a mark | that size doesn't mean a thing). At for himself in design. As one of a certain rummage sale Milt caught two culprits red-handed. One of them was a gent who tried to walk out with a pair of shoes under his coat. That reminds us of the story of the drunk who leaned over the bar to his buddy and said, "Pst, don't look now, but there's a fellow walking out with your hat and coat." (If that strikes you funny, forgive We wish to congratulate John Officers for the coming semestus, because this is not primarily a

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