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Down With the Frosh

Again thoughts turn to green caps. Let's look fairly at the idea of requiring freshmen to wear caps, pajamas, or anything else of any color you please.

We first read of hazing in the hero novels of other years. Tossing of freshmen in blankets seemed to have been the vogue. Breaking of the freshmen's pride and the desire of deity seems to fit the upper classmen's ideas. Sometimes cruelty to helpless, weak-boned freshmen was stressed in the story to point out the never-do-well.

Actually we find conditions different at colleges today. Probably without realizing it, upper classmen do freshmen a favor by making them show themselves for what they are. By the caps, they recognize and get to know one another. The caps form a link or even a flag for the freshman organization.

In our opinion, caps are collegiate. They also give a light touch to a dark atmosphere. They inspire friendly competition and act as a mild method of hazing. A good pompadour may even be cultivated in a year under the skull cap's guidance.

Each college has its own method of treating new men. Usually a freshman is required to wear some distinguishing mark. The idea is to keep the beginners looking forward and not inward. It begins in high school. In our first year at high school we are just "Bennies" to the upper classmen. Then comes the senior year. This is replaced by a freshman year in college, another seeming downfall, and then seniorhood again. Soon, the school of hard knocks will find the seniors freshmen again, still looking upward and forward.

A number is given to a class; the new class is the "class of '41." Now what in the Sam Hill can a seemingly dull name offer. We shall hear "41" yelled between the campus buildings, and we shall soon see it written on the streets. In another few years old men will gather at alumni banquets and proclaim the deeds of the class of '41. In love, business, or sports we like to win or lead. Activities enable us by sincere efforts to train for victory even though at present only for "41."

Street brawls, which are brought about on account of green hats, at the most are asinine. Men were not made to fight—brains were given for diplomacy and fair competition. Colleges are to train minds, not to promote the use of brute strength.

Of course there are a few advantages, such as self-assurance, which accrue to participants in brawls, but the disadvantages far outweigh any good points. In the past two years, an arm and a nose have been broken, but the real wonder is that more damage has not been done.

Objections to the wearing of caps might include the expense, the marring of the style of dress, the inconvenience of remembering the caps, and the dislike of being forced to wear them by persons with no legal authority.

We favor the continuance of the wearing of the caps and opine that the fellow who refuses to wear a cap and says, "I'll slug the first fellow who tries to take my pants," has no place here or in any man's society.

Pre-Rushing

Fraternity rushing at Armour begins at one o'clock on Thursday of the second week of school.

This is by agreement between the fraternities for the common good of all, and any violation of this gentlemen's agreement is a fracture of a bona fide rule. Even though a fraternity believes that other houses are also breaking the rules, this is no justification for doing the same thing.

What must be the attitude of a freshman who knows that there is an agreement among the houses when a fraternity rushes him illegally? His first reaction will be that the fraternity is very friendly toward him if it will break a rule in order to get him to join with the fraternity. But the members of this house would not necessarily make any better brothers than the members of fraternities who, in abiding by their agreement, do not stoop to illegal rushing.

A house which does engage in pre-rushing admits of its inability to stand on its good points alone, along with the other houses. Soon the freshman will realize that the fraternity which has been pre-rushing him has this relative weakness compared to the other fraternities, and his estimation of that house is apt to be lowered somewhat.

Houses at Armour have the advantage over those at larger schools that the rushing period need not be so long and expensive. At these schools a long rushing period is necessary so that all houses will get a chance to have dates with the large number of rushees. However, even at schools where there are weeks of rushing, trouble is experienced with pre-rushing, so a certain amount of the practice is difficult to avoid at Armour.

If freshmen could become aware of the significance of pre-rushing before the rushing takes place, the fraternities would discover that breaking the rules would not be profitable, and all houses would have an equal chance with rushees.

Being Human

The latest addition to the curriculum which we commend highly is the new elective course for juniors and seniors in "Practical Psychology." In keeping with the broadening of the social science studies, this course will offer aids to smoothness in human relationship.

Educators have recognized the need for social study for engineers but this is the first time a definite course has been offered here.

We have not learned the method in which this course will be conducted but the ideas presented by Mrs. Anna C. Orcutt in an article on the first page have sold "Practical Psychology" to us.

Changes Made in Institute Calendar

A new arrangement of the institute calendar was made by the officers of the school for the year 1937-38. This year instruction began on Monday with registration on Thursday and Friday of the preceding week instead of having registration on the usual Monday and Tuesday and instruction beginning Wednesday.

This change permits of a two-weeks period between semesters in which the preparation of assignments is not required. The first two or three days of the first week are for exams and one day of the second week for registration.

Besides this liberal vacation, the usual two weeks are given for the winter recess which includes Christmas and New Year's Day. Since these holidays fall on Saturday, there will be a full week of vacation before Christmas, giving plenty of time for shopping for gifts, or whatever one does in preparation for the festive day.

Possibly those who arranged the calendar for the school year did not have the desires of the students in mind when making the change, but whatever their motive was, we are "hearty in our approbation" of the change. Two days difference at the beginning of the year are not very noticeable, but longer vacations in the middle of the year are really appreciated.

One advantage of the longer mid-semester vacation is the alleviation of the strain on professors and the registrar's office in grading tests, figuring the marks for subjects, and getting the grades to the students before the second semester begins. Let's hope that a similar arrangement may be made in years to come.

The students and faculty extend their consolation to Dr. Irwin Perlin on the death of his wife last week.

Mailbox

Would you like to know something about Armour or have your problems solved? Drop your questions in the New's box above the drinking fountain on the first floor of Main. Don't forget!

The Slipstick

Cleave to the slipstick; let the slapstick fly where it may.

Last week we told you we hated you. Well, we do! We don't give a hoot if you don't read our column. We'll read it ourselves! We even hate to write this column because of its resemblance to "Sidelines." We hate that column. We could do better ourselves. As a matter of fact—we hate to admit this—we do better. The only ones we don't hate are ourselves—but we do hate each other!

I shot an arrow into the air,
It fell to earth I know not where
I lost ten of the d - - n things that way!

"Why does Geraldine let all the boys kiss her?"
"She once slapped a fellow who was chewing tobacco!"

Overheard in the Kentucky mountains—"Pour me out the interest on that mortgage, Zeke."

Speaking about Kentucky, the mother of a Kentucky family was packing her scant belongings in preparation to leaving the old homestead. A son lumbered into the room.

"Where ya goin', Maw?"
"Your paw traded me to neighbor Ezzy Jones for a horse."
"Wal, I allus said paw was a good business man."

Gee, but we hate to give you all these good jokes . . .

Husband (at wife's bedside in maternity ward)—Well, it looks as though I have another mouth to feed.
Wife (busily engaged)—What do you mean—you have?

Now if "Sidelines" could only write like this . . .

"WELL, I'VE LOST ANOTHER PUPIL!" SAID THE PROFESSOR, AS HIS GLASS-EYE FELL TO THE FLOOR.

Rastus—Ah got me an electric razor.
Moses—Man! You shore is up-to-date.

Rastus—Yas suh! Ah electrocutes mah opponents!

Never worry about the walls having ears because the walls are plastered and wouldn't hear straight anyway.

The little dog ran all over the street,
Along came a steam roller—and
The little dog ran all over the street

"I've stood about enough," said the humorist as they amputated his legs.

Fraternity Notes

PHI KAPPA SIGMA

With the turmoil of registration and enrolling in classes behind them, the Phi Kaps are anticipating with pleasure the activities of Rush Week. We hope that the program of banquets, dances, luncheons, and smokers which we have planned for the entertainment of the new students will serve to make them feel at home in the Skull House.

All new students at Armour will be cordially welcomed at the Skull Dance Saturday, October 2. The dance will be from 9:00 o'clock to 1:00 o'clock at the Skull House, 3236 South Michigan. If past experience is any criterion, a large number of couples will spend a gay evening dancing as the guests of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Brother Bill West of Alpha Mu '37 is living in the house at the present time. A graduate of M.I.T., he will leave next spring on a two year tour of the world to take photographs for commercial purposes.

PHI PI PHI

Gamma chapter of Phi Pi Phi is pleased to announce the initiation of:

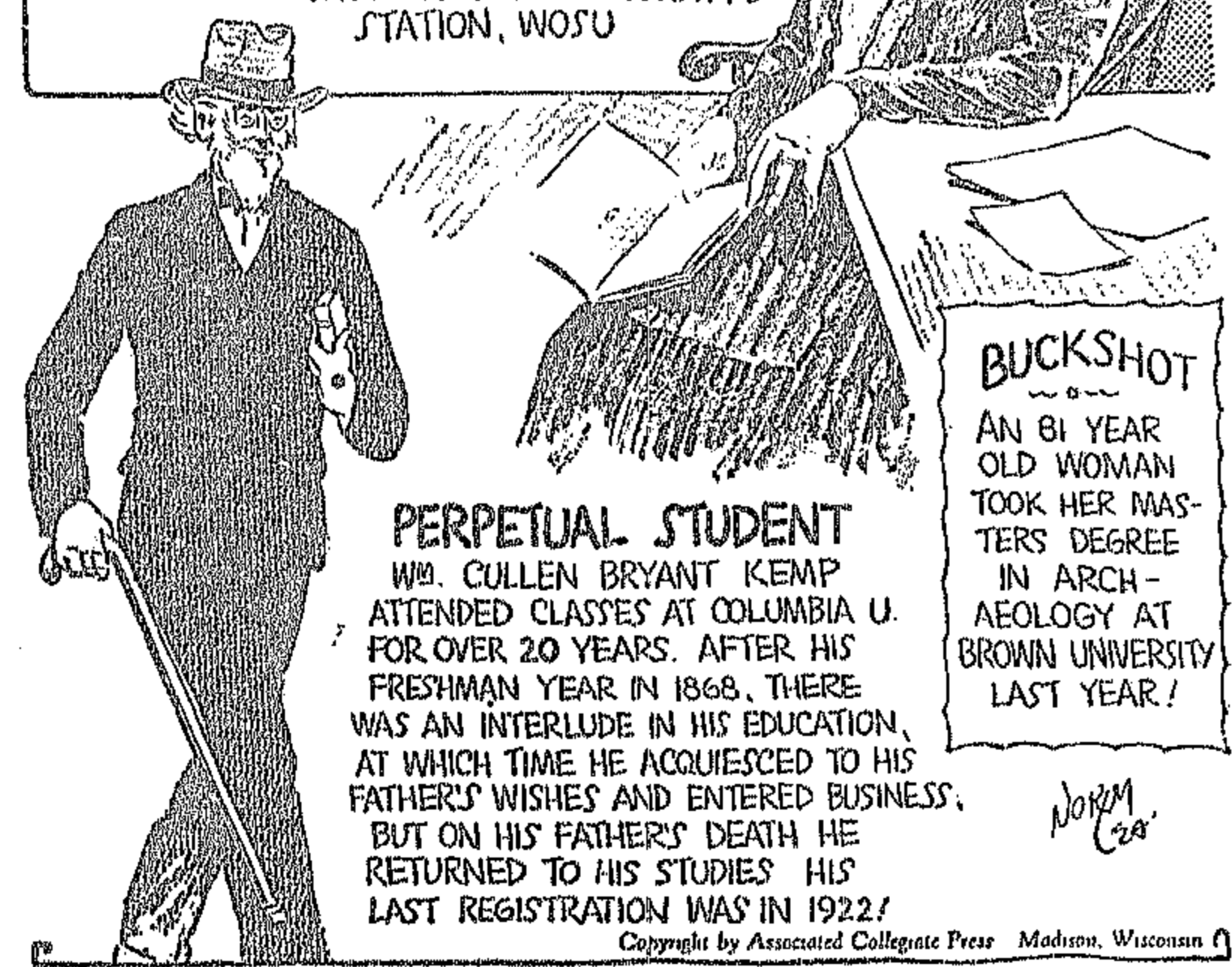
Thomas Collier
Henry Muehlhausen
Landrith Parker

The first floor of the house is redecorated, and the whole house has received a complete going over.

COLLEGIATE OLDSTERS

OLDEST COLLEGE STUDENT!

MRS. ANGELINE WHITNEY, 92, IS ENROLLED IN THE SOCIOLOGY COURSE AT OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY. MRS. WHITNEY DOESN'T COME TO THE CAMPUS FOR HER CLASSES, BUT FROM THE COMFORT OF A CHAIR NEAR THE RADIO SHE "ATTENDS" THE CLASSES BROADCAST DAILY OVER THE UNIVERSITY'S STATION, WOSU



PERPETUAL STUDENT

WM. CULLEN BRYANT KEMP ATTENDED CLASSES AT COLUMBIA U. FOR OVER 20 YEARS. AFTER HIS FRESHMAN YEAR IN 1868, THERE WAS AN INTERLUDE IN HIS EDUCATION, AT WHICH TIME HE ACQUIRED TO HIS FATHER'S WISHES AND ENTERED BUSINESS, BUT ON HIS FATHER'S DEATH HE RETURNED TO HIS STUDIES. HIS LAST REGISTRATION WAS IN 1922!

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Even the girl who is a decided blonde may have trouble making up her mind.

Young Lady's Lament
Dear Dorothy Dix:
I've never been dated
I've never been kissed
They said if I waited
No man could resist
The lure of a sweet and innocent miss.
The trouble is,
I'm fifty!

—Northwestern News.

"I'm sho drunk I don't know what my name ish," slobbered the first drunk. And, his pickled pal mumbled, "Aw, thasshallright; it wash a lousy name anyhow."

There once was a maiden of Siam
Who said to her lover, young Kiam
"If you kiss me, of course,
You will have to use force
But Lord knows you are stronger
than I am."

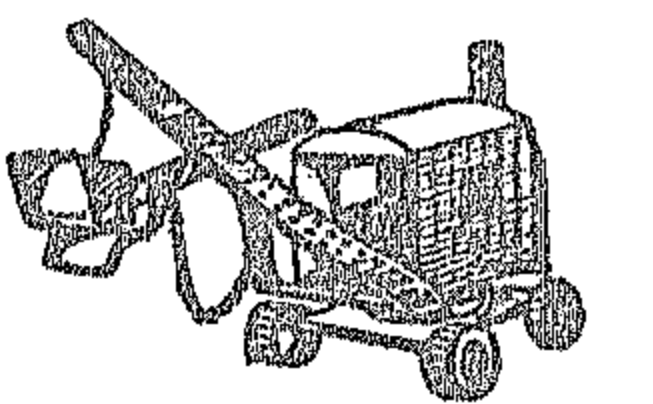
From the Wilson College Press we get this item about a Heidelberg student learning English. They say it might be authentic. The student was asked to conjugate the sentence, "I have a gold mine."

"I have a gold mine.
Du hast a gold dein.
He has a gold his.
You have a gold yours.
They have a gold theirs."

Now if only "Sidelines" could write like this . . .

WE.

The Steam Shovel



With June only nine months off, it seems that a few of the more serious-minded seniors are already contemplating matrimony. JIMMY DUNNE, GLEN PANGBORN and J. L. MASIN have already given their "futures" rings. Sid Kreiman is sitting back and waiting for his girl to save up enough so that she can pitch in for a band.

We all believe America needs a GOOD five cent cigar. B. Jaffee tried one last Friday so as to have a few days in which to recuperate.

Petro has a new pair of pants! Petro's pants are blue! And how! Stan will have a new shipment of smoked glasses next week.

Maurice Alexander, Armour's perennial freshman is back with us still. He plans to be editor-in-chief of the "News" and class-president of the incoming freshman class by 1943.

ATTENTION T. CUNNINGHAM: We haven't received our Junior Wings yet. What should we do???

The last few track meets found E. Brown on the bench. Who put the glue on the seats, anyhow?

Studies will be relegated to second or third place during the next week with a busy rush week.

RHO DELTA RHO

We take great pleasure in announcing the pledging of:
Myron Jackson C.E. '40
Ernest Mandel Arch. '40
Congratulations to the new men! Our rushing plans are now complete, and we have arranged several entertainments for our rushees. The new furniture is now installed, and the house looks fine.

DELTA TAU DELTA

Delta Tau Delta takes great pleasure in announcing the pledging of:
Stanley E. Healy Jr., M.E. '38
Carmen Basile, C.E. '38
New additions to the Shelter are a complete set of modernistic furniture, and a pool table.

With the new decorations, we believe that our game room is the best on the campus.

Everyone in the house is looking forward to a busy rush week and anticipating the making of many new friends.

SIGMA ALPHA MU

Enthusiasm and eager anticipation for the activities of rush week have been the spirit of Sigma Alpha Mu's fraters for the past week. An active program of interesting entertainment has been arranged for our

rushees and we cordially welcome all of them to our house during the rushing period.

Many of our alumni have returned recently for a visit and have been very pleased at the improvement in the appearance of the house. Last month alumnus Bob Brout, Arch. '29, returned from his studio in Paris where he has been studying and designing for the past six years.

TRIANGLE

The Armour Chapter of Triangle is pleased to announce the pledging of Howard R. Coyle, Science '39.

It is a source of satisfaction to everyone in the house that Brother Lundberg, Ch. E. '37 is back with us for two years on one of the Research Foundation's fellowships. Brother Lundberg has been appointed laboratory assistant and instructor for the Department of Chemical Engineering and intends to get that advanced degree or "bust".

The house-cleaning is at last completed after a final frenzied outburst of activity on the part of all concerned. The results are most gratifying as there are many improvements, including a completely remodeled bathroom and a new crop of furniture.

Our second house dance of the semester was held Friday evening and was quite a success. Refreshments were served, of course, and all seemed to enjoy their pop and pretzels.