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### That Joyous Occasion

ELEVEN months of the year youth is somewhat reticent and ashamed to confess an interest in religion or the more stable and serious things of life. During the pre-Christmas season the mask of indifference is lifted a few inches and one can get a glimpse into the true hearts and souls of the human beings about us. College students are the most matter-of-fact people in the world. "You've got to show me everything; is Rodde-Dow" is a not uncommon attitude. There is little philosophy or indication of a single serious thought to be found in the every day life of the every day collegian; but down in their hearts—yes in their very souls, despite physiology and psychology—they all have their creeds and codes.

The atmosphere of a college campus does not permit their frequent public airing. The Christmas season is one time of the year when the inner being comes to the surface. e are actually surprised at ourselves for singing, Christmas songs and thinking about Bethlehem and all that it implies. Scoffing and joking is the collegiate way of discussing any sort of matter except the breakfast coffee. Fraternity men and sorority women get a real thrill out of singing carols, shopping for their families and friends. The Christmas Spirit is contagious. Festive garlands, brilliantly lighted trees and Santa Claus parties are as thoroughly enjoyed by students as they are by the tiny tots who have still to enter the great era of disillusionment, disappointment and sorrow which we allow to occupy eleven months of each year. Not that students are depressed crepe-hangers—at all; but they like the rest of the adult world try to find so much to do to keep ahead of the next man that they forget to be happy and enjoy living. We are all optimists at Christmas.

### Persecution of the Imagination

"HELL WEEK" is coming into prominence with the approach of mid-semester. The coming month will be filled with frequent pledge speculations, doubts and fears, and juniors and seniors will be on their toes to think up original stunts for the freshmen to perform during the "rough" days.

Along with the usual preparations, there has come in recent years a plea to lessen the brutality of initiations, treat the pledges with care, and be sure not to make them the least bit uncomfortable. "To hell with Hell Week" seems to be the cry. The S. P. C. P.—Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Pledges—is on its rocking horse galloping to the defense of the dear helpless freshman—the persecuted, buffeted, tramped on, utterly ruined freshman. Poor little chaps; they didn't realize how really badly they were being treated until some outsider pointed out the horrible tortures they must undergo. If one was to believe some of the tales told in the hair-raising articles pointing out the evils of Hell Week it is surprising that there are ever any fraternity men left to receive degrees. The mortality is something gigantic—on paper. Fraternities are being condemned on the grounds that they mistreat and break the spirits of their pledges. Rarely, very rarely does the rigor of rough week damage the body or spirit of the initiate. The various duties and stunts are not exactly pleasant. They aren't meant to be. Few fraternities cause freshmen any injurious bodily punishment. Instances of permanent damage to physical or mental ability are extremely rare, but is is the one bad grain in a wheat field that fraternity censors base their condemnation on.

Brutal treatment might have existed fifteen or twenty years ago. That was the era of "flying wedge" football plays, and bare-knisted prize fighting too. Progress has taken care of fraternity initiations just as it has the sport world.

Fond parents need have no fears for their dear sons' safety during the so-called "Hell Week." The few days of strict disciplining interspersed with sound paddlings may be the salvation of young men whose fathers neglected punishment in earlier years.

It is from the "touch not my darling son" parents that the greatest objection to rough week comes. In spite of the week-kneed training such adults gave their progeny, fraternities may be able to turn the spoiled boys into college men.

If fraternities can't have "hell week" in the average mild form it is conducted today the next step will be serving tea and ladyfingers some sunny afternoon between semesters while the president of the W. C. T. U. reads a chapter from the Wizard of Oz.

Little Lord Fauntleroy, don't forget your rubbers, dear.

### What is Life After All

CONVINCED from what he had seen of life that it was not worth the struggle, twenty-two year old Herman Moody Low, proclaimed intellectual genius at Columbia university, holder of three college degrees, turned on the gas jet in his Brooklyn apartment last week, thus ending his fruitful life. At the time of his suicide young Low was working for his fourth degree, that of doctor of philosophy.

Sporadically every year, the country is shocked by accounts of such acts. Students in the bloom of life with the wide world before them choose to end their lives, taking what they consider as the easy way out.

Certainly hard working students will agree that periods of depression occasionally accompany their diligent efforts. In the midst of their labors they will throw up their hands in despair and query if it is really worth while. Low apparently decided definitely that studying, work, and even life itself were not worth the battle.

There are two points of view one may assume in studying philosophy. He can readily see, if he chooses, the apparent futility of living a life, of meeting its problems of solving them according to a philosophy evolved after considerable study. He knows that to the uneducated person, life is much more simple and easy than to the student who knows its intricacies and complexities. But he can instead look at life as an opportunity for improvement, of enriching himself, and thereby his state, as a means of approaching the ideal, as an interesting study far too worthwhile to be discarded.

It is happy to note that the great majority of individuals are treading the second path. Countless hundreds of intensely philosophical students in universities throughout the world are energetically pursuing the basic motives underlying all thinking and living.

Nearly all, through their studies, are finding life richer, fuller, and more complete, though a much harder puzzle to solve. The perverted few who become deeply impressed with life and its possibilities nevertheless deserve sincere sympathy. They have sought the light and it has dazzled them to blindness.—Nebraska Daily.

WE EARNESTLY trust that some kind friends will give all our profs exactly what they want for Christmas. Now is the time for all good "back patters" to come to the aid of their scholarship.

# Tank

LARRY

Howdy folks—Why is it that the profs almost invariably postpone quizzes until this week?

Strolling here, ambling there, Everywhere we mooch; But we never heard such moaning Since Hector was a pooch.

THIS IS THE TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN WE BEGIN TO BELIEVE EINSTEIN'S THEORY. THAT ALL THINGS ARE RELATIVE.

### LITERARY SECTION

A well-worn path Leads right by The domicile Of Alpha Chi

Countless feet Have left their mark "Treading thru The pitchy dark.

And 'ere they tread All lights they douse, They're heading for The smoky-house.

This is NOT blank verse, but it might just as well be, because a person must be fairly blank to write it. In substance, it is a far-flung cry for independence—Propaganda, if you will.

### THE OLD ARMY GAME

(Which always hands us a big laugh.) He: (over phone)—"How about a date for Saturday night, kid?" She: also o. p.—"A date— Erah, erah, Now let me see— I don't know

Erah, erah, heh, heh, just hold the line a minute, willya?..... (55 seconds pass)—"Hello; are you there? Heh, heh, heh..... Did you say Saturday night? Heh heh, wah, I guess it's OK." He:—"It's OK then?" She:—"Yeh, it's OK."

### YE 'I' TANK DIARY

Sat nite—Didst this nyghte, after an greate deal of trouble gette mineself an wild-west sute and didst hic mineself to ye SAE 40 & 9 daynce withe ye faire damselle Fikkan, and to make worrie and maddenetic, albeit mine virginie wool shirt didst scratche and itche untill I didst thinke an cootie had lodged therein. So, nearing ye dwelling of ye SAE, didst note with ouakeing limbs ye walls which ver-lie didst breathe in and oute with ye discharge of blunderbusses within, and so didst draw an mightie gasy of ye goode night air and didst enerve ye front gate to be met by an shofte from an flintlock in mine ear. So didst crye in mortal agonie "I'm shotte!" And thenne didst hear singing of angelles and an far voice mutter disdalm-fulle "Pick yourself up, brother, you're only half shotte!" So thenne didst arise chuckeling heartille for ye jest was on mineself.

And now within, didst note withe greate interest ye wallings and ye huge pistole collection and ye sixe gunns, so didst whisper softlie "Odsbodkins! We have wandered into an arsenalle by mistake!" So didst turne to go, but didst espy an barre in ye roome so didst strolle nonchalantlie to ye barkeep for to gette an two fingeres of Tom and Jerrie. Refreshed greate, didst daynce happille amid ye gun shoftes and whoope untill ye hour of closing, and didst thinke it strange thatte no knave fell into ye moat.

### AGGIE SONG

For I'm an aggie now. Yes, I'm an aggie now. And when I'm roasting down below With every rib and romeo, I ain't the one to drop my hoe. For I'm an aggie now.

### THE MEANEST GUY IN THE WORLD

Cecil Hagen, because he had blank keys put on his typewriter so that his tong bros. wouldn't borrow it.

ONCE THERE WAS A GUY WHO QUIT SMOKING AND DID NOT SAY "I FEEL 100% BETTER."

### FAMOUS LAST WORDS

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SEE Y'ALL AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.

—LARRY—

### NOTED EDUCATOR ADDRESSES GROUP

Dr. Munroe Compares Success of Foreign Schools at Blue Bucket Dinner.

Dr. Paul Munroe, formerly of Columbia university, spoke at the Blue Bucket inn Monday night. He related his experiences with education in the Orient before President F. J. Kelly, the deans of all the schools, members of the faculty and student body. He compared the success of educational procedures in China, Japan, and the Philippines. This morning Dr. Munroe left for Pullman where he will talk on the same subject. Wednesday he will return to the Idaho campus for a several days' stay.

Although 150 more autos are on the Washington campus this year, the number of fines imposed by the college traffic court are considerably fewer.

U. C. L. A., Los Angeles. (PTP)— Because there are more cars parked on the U. C. L. A. campus than on any other campus in the United States, the regents recently appropriated \$24,000 for a permanent auto park.

Improvement in his game, scholarship and physical conditions is the help given by the friendship of a girl to a football player, according to the University of Colorado.

Sunday dinner guests of Gamma Phi Beta were Eleanor Berglund, Jane Renfrew and Janet Morgan.

Senorita Maria Careaga, Spain's first woman industrial engineer, recently took charge of a Madrid express train.

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An underground dive to which one gained entrance by a tunnel was the setting for the Tau Kappa Epsilon Apache dance Saturday evening. "Hard" characters in jerseys and sweaters danced, played cards, or leaned idly against the bar and talked.

A grave on the front lawn and a dummy man hanging by his neck on the porch were the gruesome objects which greeted the eyes of guests to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon '49ers dance as they entered the house. A rough bar at one end of the room and startling pictures and hides finished the decorations. Old time costumes were worn by the men and women. The shots and yells issuing from the house all evening were proof that the party was a lively one.

A white cavern with black cobwebs dangling from the ceiling, gaping skulls, and the unlucky 13 holding prominent places on the walls; were features of the Alpha Tau Omega "Hokum" dance given on Friday the 13th. Guests on entering the house were taken through a complicated maze which contained such unpleasant surprises as a skeleton seated in a chair wrapped in a shroud, with boxing gloves on its hands. "He died fighting," was the explanation given by the hosts concerning the boxing gloves.

Another "Friday the 13th" dance was given by Kappa Kappa Gamma. Horseshoes over the doors, and appropriate mottoes were used to carry out the idea. The fraternity colors were used in the decorations.

An English inn was the setting for the Pi Beta Phi upperclassmen dinner dance. Battle axes and spears decorated the walls, and a Christmas tree, evergreens, and mistletoe, gave a bright Christmas atmosphere.

Christmas decorations were used for the L. D. S. hall and Senior hall joint informal dance given Saturday evening. Similar decorations were used for the dance at Hays hall.

### CALENDAR

- Friday, December 20
  - Sigma Chi Christmas Dance
  - Kappa Sigma Christmas Dance
  - Beta Chi Christmas Dance
  - Beta Theta Pi Dance
- Friday, January 17
  - Phi Gamma Delta Informal Dance
- Saturday, January 18
  - Phi Delta Theta Formal Dinner Dance
- Saturday, January 25
  - Kappa Alpha Theta Informal Dance
- Saturday, February 1
  - Associated Miners Dance

The fourth annual Sigma Alpha Epsilon "Forty Niner's" dance was held at the chapter house Saturday night. The dance took place in the "Gold Pan Saloon" during a "big strike" and was enlivened by many bad "hombres" totin' hardware and in a setting of oil tapers, bearskins, lynching, gambling, and apple-cider "whiskey" flowing from the realistic bar. The most striking outside decorations were the "strung up" bad man and the grave of Dan McGrew. Characters were portrayed from "Sky Pilots", miners, sheriffs, cow-punchers, and from dance hall girls to the most buxom belles and preachers' wives; bartenders and bouncers saw that law and order were enforced and booted all disturbers outside. During the intermission, entertainment was furnished, featured by a Daniel Boone wedding with the bartender and Chief "Spare-Ribs" daughter, "Buckwheat Cake".

Patrons and patronesses were Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sowder, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Poulson, Glenn Jacoby and

Marguerite Fox. The guests were: Ruth Turner, Edith Eklund, Charlotte Ginn, Eleanor Berglund, Bonita Lowe, Belle Porterfield, Pearl Walters, Constance Woods, Maurine Perkins, Bernice Parrish, Mildred Smith, Janet McCoy, Lavernigh Thomas, Florence Porter, Thelma Melgard, Frances Larsen, Martha-Jene, Tanner, Kathryn Hanson, Kathryn Collins, Janet Morgan, Ruth Reid, Elizabeth Merriam, Margaret Stewart, Helyn Newman, Regna Campbell, Esther Bartlett, Ruth Miller, Dorothy McCauley, Helen Kerr, Zaida Newcomb, Luya Mae Jensen, Helen Parrot, Margery Jones, Margaret Keegan, Ruth Crowe, Merle Meadows, Josephine Thompson, Teresa Connaughton, Dorothy Wright, Dorothy Chapman, Margaret Picken, Elizabeth Ashworth, Catherine O'Neil, Beatrice Stalker, Ralph Hagen and Dan McGrath.

Tau Kappa Epsilon entertained at their annual Apache Dance, Saturday, December 14, 1929 at the chapter house.

Patrons and patronesses were Mr. and Mrs. J. Hugo Johnson and D. R. Theophilus.

Guests were Estelle Longetieg, Francis Gallet, Sara Allison, Ine-marie Minger, Louise Fredrickson, Louise McCormick, Agnes Ramstedt, Ruth Ramstedt, Linn Cowgill, Norma Longetieg, Minnie Anderson, Helen Clark, Jane Haley, Ellen Jack, Bernice Schwerdfeld, Helen Douglas, Genevieve Frazier, Doris Snow, Dorothy Kienholz, Lois Porterfield, Betty Driscoll, Ethel Tobey, Helen Gray, Alice Nash, Blanche Evans, Lilly Gallagher, Thelma Munson, Katherine Mattes, Austa White, Elsa Elsing, Myrtle Rach, Ruth Johnson, Fay Bauscher, Anna Snow, Violet Baker, Dorothy Messenger, Julia Hunter, Mildred Han-

sen, Grace Green, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Matthews, Joe Neely and Watson Miller. Out of town guests were Ruth Hellmer and Theodore Vocchis of Pullman, Florence McGonigle, Cheney; Jere Long, Spokane; Forest Brigham, Lind; and Ralph Peterson and Tony DeSantis of Potlatch.

The house was decorated as a French dive, with stone walls, and low arches between the rooms. One room was the bar room and had tables for cards. The ceilings were made of confetti through which lights were mingled around. The feature of the evening was an accordion concert by Tony DeSantis of Potlatch.

The pledges of Kappa Kappa Gamma entertained their upperclassmen with a dance Friday night. Clever signs and decora-

tions in dark and light blue were used. Each member was presented with a small corsage. Those who attended were Mrs. Elizabeth Shaw, Prof. and Mrs. Pendleton Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brenn, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lattig, Evelyn Du-

Sault, Cedric d'Easum, Bill Cadigan, Goodwin Hussar, Dana White, Stoll Holmes, Jay Christians, James Porteous, Aldon Tall, Bob Bailey, Jay Taggart, Carol Allen, Elmer Poston, Asael Tall, Winfred Jansen, David Sweeney, Gene Ware,

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Administration, Athletic, and Art Sections Progressing Rapidly

With the greater part of the semester gone, a large amount of the work on the Gem of 1930 is rounding into shape, according to Allen S. Janssen, editor. The athletic section is nearly complete except for basketball. The football cuts have been approved and sent to the printers, and the majority of the copy is written. William Pohlman is editing this department, assisted by Bud Metzgar. The administration section, under Paris Martin, is also progressing nicely. Warren McDaniel has finished several pages of the art work for the opening section, which promises to be exceptional this year. Dale Goss is in charge of all art work, and it is planned to introduce as much color and boldness of design into this phase of the publication as possible. Silhouettes will probably feature the subdivision pages. The end sheet, designed by representatives of the Western Colorotype and Engraving company of Seattle, is to be in six colors, and a radical departure from the conventional design is promised. A general staff meeting has been called by Allen Janssen for the week after the Holidays. Work done so far will be reviewed, and plans worked out for the apportioning of the remainder of the work, insofar as possible. It is also possible that the Gem of the Mountains Board will be elected at this time.

**BIBLE ON SCIENCE**  
U. C. L. A., Los Angeles. (PIP)—Dr. Harry Rimmer, one of the world's leading scientists and Bible students, recently delivered a lecture at U. C. L. A. entitled "The Harmony of True Science and the Scriptures". Dr. Rimmer is a lecturer in paleontology, a specialist in embryology, a curator for the Kansas State Teachers museum, the welterweight boxing champion of the Pacific coast, and the holder of the present record for the 26-mile marathon run.

Strictly apropos. You can take a jelly bean out of high school but you can't take high school out of a jellybean. And these freshmen are some day to become seniors!!!

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Sunday dinner guests of Pi Beta Phi were Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Graue.



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### WHITMAN BATTLES VANDALS TONIGHT

(Continued from page one)

Collins and Carlson at guards and Thompson at center. Stowell and McMillin are both three year veterans and they are the only men on the team that seem assured of their places when the tough conference schedule opens.

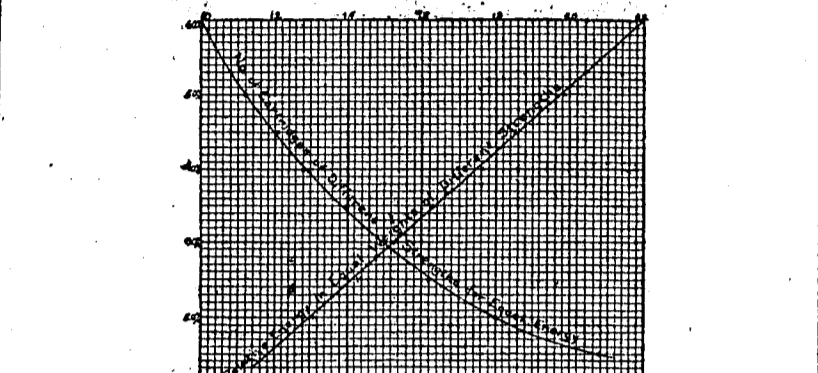
**Lanky Center Looms.**  
Troy Thompson, six foot three center, is improving but so is another chap who is out for the job and it looks like a battle. Thompson still has the inside edge for the tip off but if Ed Hurley, a sophomore who stands about six foot one, continues to show the fight that he has been this last week he is going to be a mighty hard man to keep off of the team. This situation, of course, does not worry Fox in the least since there is no such thing as a surplus of tall men on a basketball team. Miff Collins will start at a guard but

he can be called to the center job if it becomes necessary. The other guard will fall to Harold Carlson, a reserve on last year's quintet. Jay Christians and Stanton Hale give Fox a good pair of reserves for the guard berths. Toughy Estes, a reserve and Jack Lee, a star of the frosh team last season will probably get into the game shortly after Fox starts substituting forwards. The tentative starting lineups:  
McMillin.....RF.....Hove  
Stowell.....LF.....West  
Thompson.....C.....DeVange  
Collins.....RG.....Croxdale  
Carlson.....LG.....Applegate

The University of California has appropriated \$24,000 for a permanent auto park in order to protect the 3,000 student automobiles from the weather.

Jimmy Phelan, ex-Purdue mentor has signed a three and a half year contract with Washington. He fills "Baggy's" shoes who resigned because of internal strife.

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Sunday dinner guests of Sigma Chi were Mr. and Mrs. Donald DuSault, Mr. and Mrs. John Leudke and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Montgomery.

Gene McEver, the Tennessee Terror, has had time out taken for him but once in his six-year football career—in high school, when he lost the seat of his pants.

## Comfort Satisfaction and Economy

are all part of the service you get at this modern shoe shop.

HIGH GRADE materials are used by expert workmen to repair and restyle your worn shoes.

### Spellman's Shoe Repair Shop

100 EAST FRONTAL AVENUE  
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## DOES HE SMOKE-THEN

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### Blue Bucket Inn

"Built For You—Come And Enjoy It"

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During these strenuous shopping days when everyone is wildly searching for just the right gift, we feel that these suggestions will prove most helpful and economical. These intimate gifts such as lingerie, pajamas, robes, dancing sets, negligees and hosiery are always appreciated, and when you see the wonderful displays of this lovely intimate apparel, priced at incomparably low prices, you will realize that your gift shopping will be a simple matter and most inexpensive.

- Trillium Silk Underwear  
The very finest Stepins, Dance Sets, Teddies, Pajamas and gowns .....\$3.50 to \$18.75
- Fine Silk Underwear  
Silk Crepe, lace trimmed, tailored and hand made .....\$1.95 to \$3.95
- Lounging Pajamas  
These popular Pajamas are shown in all their latest styles .....\$4.95 to \$15.00
- Lounging Robes  
In Silks, Rayons and new Flannels \$2.75 to \$18.75
- New Crash Smocks  
Flared Skirts, fitted waists, new Patterns \$1.95
- Gordon's Silk Hose  
Individually proportioned hose for women. No excuse this Christmas for giving the wrong stocking .....\$1.35 to \$2.50
- Handkerchiefs  
From the finest, dainty, handmade handkerchief down to those for children at school. 5c to \$2.50
- Hand Bags  
Bags that she will love to have 98c to \$15.00
- Gloves  
Fabric Gloves and Kid Gloves — lined and unlined .....68c to \$4.95

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## BUSTER BROWN SHOE STORE

The Useful Gift Store

Take home Hosiery, Socks, and House Slippers for Christmas gifts for the family.