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## Just How "Naughty"?

SOMEONE hit upon a happy phrase. It is colorful. To the popular mind it conjures striking pictures. It is perfectly suited to headline banners and lurid catchlines, but—is it true? It is "Babylonian Revels in the Colleges." In "Time" (February 9, 1925) is printed:

"Rape, carnival, all-night carousals, drinking-brawls, Babylonian revels. . . these, said the press, have been going forward at the University of Wisconsin. . . Judge Ole Stolen, magistrate of Madison, Wis., where the University is situated, stated that. . . 'Liquor and women have become a craze. . . The county jail would be filled twice a week if every offender were sent up.' University officials denied that such revels occurred except possibly in vacation periods. . ."

The "New Republic" (February 11, 1925) in an editorial headed "Babylonian Revels," assuming that such charges are essentially authentic, attempts to analyze the cause of such conditions, and lays most of the guilt at the door of the parent. It says:

"College students" are more or less naughty. They have a good deal of experimenting to do. Furthermore they do love to shock their elders, and to figure richly in the popular imagination. Especially in the winter time when there is nothing else to do. But behind all the trumpery of operative wickedness there is another and totally different phenomena, the tragic misunderstanding between age and youth."

These supposed "carousals" receive further condoning, when the "New Republic" concludes, "When adults make asses of themselves, when they show themselves incapable of perceiving the realities in the characters of their own children but insist on going on in vague formulas and antediluvian cant. . . it is sheer moral bankruptcy. . . There comes a time in the life of every youngster when the issue is presented to him whether he will follow the evidence of his own eyes and his own mind or the prejudices of his elders. When that point is reached he may seem to those elders to be bent on nothing but his own destruction, and to himself to be fighting the battle of his life for his inalienable birthright of independent judgement. Children are naughty because adults are stupid. Even college children. It is important to remember this during the 'breaking months' when the Babylonian revels are going on."

It seems to the Emerald that two distinct actions should be the outcome of these reports of "Babylonian revels." First, ascertain just how much salt should be swallowed with these reflections on institutions of higher learning. If untrue such news stories cause incalculable harm to the cause of education and their publication should be prevented. Second, providing these tales are substantiated, the public should insist upon an immediate reorganization of the administration of the universities affected.

Thus, whether or not the elders are "stupid" and "asses" would seem to depend more on their interest and persistence in determining just how "naughty" the accused university children are. If the "jam" really has been stolen, the elders should prove they do not possess wooden-heads and long-ears by ob-

taining officials who will spank the "naughty" ones.

In one of Conan Doyle's stories of Sherlock Holmes the point is brought out that few persons really observe many things which they see every day. Dr. Watson protests. The famous detective of fiction proves his statement by asking his friend how many steps there are leading to their apartment. The doctor cannot tell. How many students can state the exact name of the company painted in gold letters on the side of the red trolleys which pass in front of the Administration building every fifteen minutes of the day?

## Campus Bulletin

Notices will be printed in this column for two issues only. Copy must be in this office by 5:30 on the day before it is to be published, and must be limited to 20 words.

El Circulo Castellano—Will meet tonight in the Y. W. C. A. bungalow at 7:15.

World Fellowship—Group studying Poland will meet today at noon at Anchorage.

Sportwriters Association—Important meeting this noon at Anchorage. Be there.

Lecture on "Catholic Christianity" By Reverend O'Hara. Alumni hall at 7:15 tonight.

Ye Tabard Inn—Meets tonight. Shumaker cabin. Meet Journalism building, 7:30.

Those having acts for Junior Vot-Vil—Sign up at College Side Inn, 4 to 5:30 p. m.

World Fellowship Discussion Group studying Turkey meets at the bungalow at 6:00 today.

World Fellowship Discussion Group studying India meets at the bungalow at 5:00 today.

World Fellowship Discussion Group studying Korea meets at the Anchorage at 6:00 today.

World Fellowship Discussion Group studying Poland meets at the Anchorage at noon today.

Pan Hellenic—Meeting in front of Administration building at 12:45 today. Oregon picture will be taken.

Dr. Earl J. Elise speaks to students and faculty at Woman's building Thursday evening in the Alumni hall.

Women's League Convention Directorate—Meeting today, 5 p. m. Dean Esterly's office. Very important. Everybody be present.

Decorations Committee—Very important meeting of the decorations committee for freshman glee, tonight at 7:30 in Art building.

United Methodist and Baptist Young People's Societies will meet in Armory at 6 o'clock on Sundays for month beginning February 2.

### ABOUT HANDSHAKING

By the year 41,925, says a Harvard professor of paleontology, men will be hairless, toothless, and toothless. If the learned savant knew anything of campus glad-handing, he would doubtless predict that men would also be hardless. The man of the future must be hardless; he cannot help it. And it will largely be caused by the time honored custom of secret handshakes which collegiate honor societies insist upon practicing. A man cannot greet his friends any longer in the good old fashion. Instead, he must twine the third finger of his right hand around the fourth digit of his friend's right hand, or go through some form of gymnastics equally foolish. And men's hands are becoming horribly worn and twisted.

ADDITIONAL WING BUILT ON STUDENT UNION HALL University of Minnesota.—A billiard room, a dining room, and several new study rooms have been added at the University of Minnesota by the addition of a new wing to the Minnesota union building.

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## AIMS OF STUDY GROUPS STATED

Chairman of Committee Corrects Impression

### LEADERS HOLD MEETING

World Fellowship Work to Be Resumed Next Year

"Occasional light remarks current upon the campus concerning the work of the World Fellowship discussion groups, such as, 'attempting to cover India in fifteen minutes,' are based on misunderstanding," Ellen McClellan, chairman of the World Fellowship committee, said yesterday. "What we are attempting to do is to stimulate interest among the girls, by a systematized introduction to the study of these foreign nations, go on studying on their own initiative," Miss McClellan explained.

Girls Evince Interest In endeavoring to show still further the purpose of conducting the series of discussion groups which have discussed the political, industrial, social, religious and cultural characteristics of Australia, Argentina, India, Norway, Turkey, Switzerland, Italy, Korea, Mexico, and Poland. She continued, "We felt that after knowledge comes an understanding which would help to promote better feeling among nations. In some groups where much good material was available, the members have expressed themselves as already knowing something of the countries they studied. In other groups where there was less material at hand, girls have expressed the desire to go on with their reading." There has been no effort to make a complete study of the countries, Miss McClellan added, but there has been an effort put forth to encourage further study and individual research.

Committee Makes Report "We feel that we have laid a foundation for the work next year so that further study and discussion may be conducted by the World Fellowship committee," the chairman of the committee said. At a meeting of the leaders of the groups held yesterday at the Anchorage during the noon hour, a written report of the work accomplished, as well as the problems and difficulties arising was drawn up.

At the meeting it was suggested that the head of the World Fellowship committee for next year be appointed early in the spring term and she in turn choose the leaders of the groups so that they can begin training in the spring. It was also suggested that a meeting be conducted at which both the old and the new leaders are present, enabling the experienced leaders to illustrate the procedure and give hints to their successors. The present leaders made recommendations for those of next year. The names were selected mainly from the members of the discussion groups conducted this term.

Topics for discussion next year were suggested at the meeting also. Among them was "Americanization," including the various phases

## COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, February 18 7:30 p. m.—"Catholic Christianity," Reverend Edwin V. O'Hara, Woman's building.

Thursday, February 19 11:00 a. m.—Assembly, Woman's building.

8:00 p. m.—Debate, O. A. C. Willamette-Oregon, Villard hall.

Friday, February 20 7:45 p. m.—Basketball, Oregon-O. A. C., Armory.

of education, politics, social work and the like, all of which are current problems. The reason for selecting a topic of this nature, for discussion, rather than continuing the study of foreign nations, is that there is made for discussion where the subject matter is opiated and not simply a study of facts, Miss McClellan explained. Leaders of the discussion groups during the present term are: Katherine Reade, Josephine Evans, Deloris Pearson, Francis Dodds, Edna Spenker, Genevieve Chase, Maxine Koon, Gladys Calef, Oneita Wirtz, and Elsie Bolt.

### At the Theatres

THE REX—Last day: James M. Barrie's "Peter Pan," with Betty Bronson, the "perfect Peter Pan," Ernest Torrence and a Paramount cast; presented with an elaborate prolog, "Peter Pan's Dream," featuring Katherine Irvin Stang and her 'Tiny Tots' Ballet, with Mildred Baldwin, golden voiced soprano; Felix Cartoon comedy; International News Events; Robert V. Hainsworth, in solo and setting on the mighty Wurlitzer.

Coming: "The Man Who Fights Alone," with William Farnum, Lois Wilson and Edward Horton; "Frisolous Sal," with Eugene O'Brien, Mildred Harris, Mae Busch, Mitchell Lewis and Benny Alexander.

HEILIG—Tonight, Wednesday evening, Western Vaudeville, presenting five Orpheum and Keith acts of unusual excellence. The second show is crammed full of college specialties and is winning high favor with University students.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the Brandon Opera company presenting light and comic opera, with Theo Pennington in the leading role. The repertoire will be Thursday, "Bohemian Girl," Friday, "Spring Maid," Saturday afternoon, "The Mikado," and Saturday night America's favorite, "Robin Hood." Coming, Douglas Fairbanks in "The Thief of Bagdad."

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