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With TOMMY WRIGHT

The days of the old west are not dead! The time when the vigilantes blazed a trail of plunder has returned again to 11th street. Honor of the house must be upheld, so the dear, dear pledges of the Sig Ep domicile take the law in their own hands. As far as I can discover "Rabbi" is neither slanderous, or libelous, but a big dozen frat lads can be mighty convincing, so we took our Chamberlain umbrella in hand and tried the appeasement path, pending a conference with our lawyer. And that is what you might call THAT. No apologies; no retractions; no nothings, I hope.

CAMPUS WHISPERS
More pins go the way of all good things with Marie Gabel, Sigma Kappa's notorious girl purloining Frank Albrecht—at last . . . Pifi Alden Gates breezes out in a Bill Regner effect . . . and Kay Dillard, of the Pifis also, gets one of those elusive things, but we understand she had to slug him for the count and he was still unrecognizable . . . Bob "Red Dog" Davis, SA and E, donates his pin to the Laverne Littleton cause . . . Gordon Ries, Zeta's Sherlock Holmes counterpart, gets plagued with a hall detective monicker . . . 'tis understood that Les Bradley of the same hall sticks to studies since acquiring a wife—a holiday blunder . . . Lois Welborn wins the pin of Sig Ep grad, Hugh Hoffman . . .

THUMB NAIL SKETCH
Hugh B. Collins (can't vouch for what the "B" means), of the law school super conversationalists, sometimes known as Hamilton Kennedy II, is widely known as prexy of "The Bees and Esses Club," which has many members on this campus. Hughie (his mommie calls him that) hates publicity about himself, is girl crazy, but is afraid to do anything about it.

CONVERSATIONS . . .
Just a dirty dozen of what a writer of this kind of columns hears most.
1. I heard—
2. They say—
3. Of all the—
4. She waas—
5. Don't say I told you.
6. Between you and me—
7. This is good—
8. Where in blankety blank did you get that stuff?
9. She said he—
10. It isn't true.
11. How did you find out?
12. This reserved for unprintables.

CONCLUSION . . .
If you happen to see me dripping wet and without any hair upon my head, you'll know that the Sig Eps caught up with me. yours sincerely,

Campus Calendar

Scholarship chairmen of all women's houses will meet this afternoon at 4:30 in Alumni hall.

Social chairmen of all houses are to meet Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the AWS rooms on the third floor of Gerlinger hall.

Phi Beta will meet this evening at 7:30 in the AWS rooms on the third floor of Gerlinger hall.

Community service group meets at 3:30 today in the YWCA bungalow.

Amphibian will meet tonight in the first meeting of the term at 8 o'clock sharp. All members and pedges please come.

Tabard Inn will meet Thursday night at 7:30 in the north end of Alumni hall, instead of in the men's lounge, as formerly announced. Important meeting.

Students who signed for positions on the Emerald copy desk and night staffs for winter term will find the schedules on the newsroom bulletin boards.

All-campus tryouts for one-act play for both men and women are to be held today at 4 p.m. in 103 Johnson.

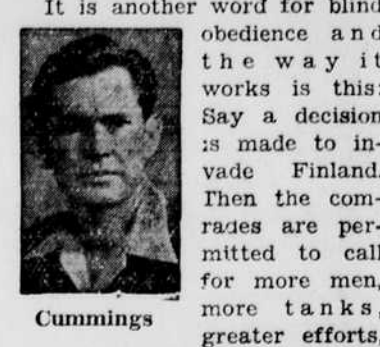
The weekly YW tea will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock, honoring all new girls. The Y's hospitality group will meet during the tea hour.

The community service committee will meet in the YW bungalow at 3:30 this afternoon.

International Side Show

By RIDGELY CUMMINGS

One of the things I have never liked about communism is a little shibboleth the comrades here called party discipline.



Cummings

It is another word for blind obedience and the way it works is this: Say a decision is made to invade Finland. Then the comrades are permitted to call for more men, more tanks, greater efforts, but it is treason to question the wisdom or desirability of invading Finland.

"Constructive criticism" is allowed, but anything else is sabotage. When a decision has been taken everybody has to fall into line. The reason I bring this up is that Tuesday night I wrote a little piece about conscription. Wednesday morning I dashed into the College Side for the coffee eye-opener and a glance at the Emerald. Alas, there was no "International Side Show" anywhere in sight.

Not Space Trouble
Ah well, I thought, it's probably space trouble. But later in the day I cornered Hal Olney, associate editor, and he told me the editorial board had decided not to run the questionable column for two reasons. One was that it might lay the Emerald open to a large fine and two was it might make me eligible to five years in jail for obstructing the draft.

Now I ought to preface the rest of this in self-protection by saying that the piece in question did not call upon anybody to resist the draft. It started out with a news story taken from the United Press wire, which is not apt to lay itself open to large fines, telling how the Association of American colleges is scheduled to meet in Pasadena today and Friday to discuss, among other things, the problem of deferment of military training for college students.

Omits Comment
As long as the pedagogues can discuss draft deferment openly it seems to me a humble columnist should be able to do the same. However, in tonight's piece I'll omit the editorial comment which put me in the Emerald dog-house.

Dean Herbert E. Hawkes of Columbia college, Columbia university, was interviewed in San Francisco on his way to the meeting and told a reporter that deferment of military training for college students throughout their scholastic careers might create a bad psychological effect. Said the dean: "Deferment of military training for college and graduate school students should be restricted to allowing for the completion of the term's work—and not to the entire scholastic career of the student."

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They Can't Afford to Wait

AN ASUO committee of nine, appointed by President "Tiger" Payne met yesterday to discuss the much-discussed class card issue. They had two advantages over most of the other committees which have discussed the problem. First, they knew what they were talking about, and second, they showed a willingness to really get to the bottom of the question.

The committee was composed of all the class presidents and several law school students. Most of them had a background of four years' experience with the question. They have seen it grow from a small cry to a thing of campus-wide importance.

That the question has grown beyond the limits of a class problem is indicated by the fact that Prexy Payne decided to devote his time, and the time of the committee, to suggested methods of solving the problem. It now appears that if any definite action is ever gained it will be through an ASUO committee.

The committee yesterday heard all the arguments on both sides and postponed any further action to a later date. If the final opinion then favors some method of solving the class card problem the group will recommend action to the executive committee of the ASUO.

JUDGING by the caliber of the men on the ASUO committee it appears that the possibility of the problem's being solved is greater than at any time this year. The president and the committee have decided to get to the bottom of the question and they will probably do so.

However, it must be pointed out that past committees have promised to reach a solution and have failed to do anything after weeks, even months, of controversy. The present committee may—although it seems unlikely at the present—break up without any real solution.

In the light of past experience independents organizing under a new freshman class rule, and in other organizations, would be extremely unwise to drop their movements in the hopes that some future action may give them a voice in the existing classes.

Until definite action is taken, until the independents have a tangible result in their hands, they would be foolish to abandon the course they previously adopted.

They cannot afford to wait.

A Good Start

COMPARISONS are odious, or at least, we have been led to believe they are. And yet, comparisons may, under some circumstances, be particularly valuable. For it is only by comparison that anything may be judged.

For this reason when the interfraternity council decided over a year ago to resume the practice of publishing house grades we felt that the decision was wise. It is obvious that there were, probably, a number of other angles to the problem that more directly affected our decision. Nevertheless, we find ourselves forced to believe that the comparison angle must have been the underlying philosophy that influenced our decision. We believe that the accuracy of this impression has been amply demonstrated.

Perhaps the accuracy of the first statement concerning the disagreeable side of comparisons is the most logical argument for publishing house grades. Certainly the added incentive to maintain high scholastic standards can have no other than a desirable effect. It might be argued that the desirable results were not sufficient to warrant the embarrassment to the scholastically lower houses. That, probably, is a moot. It boils down to consideration of how much you are willing to pay in order to raise scholastic standards if, indeed, they should be raised.

IT is obvious now that the publishing of house grades has had a tendency to raise scholastic standards. Fraternities and sororities have suddenly acquired a profound interest in maintaining good house grades. The scholastic rating demanded of fraternity and sorority pledges to be eligible for initiation has been boosted all over the campus. Every house has fallen into line and raised the GPA requirement at least one-fourth of a grade point. Some houses have even set up a system whereby pledges receive tutelage in their tough courses.