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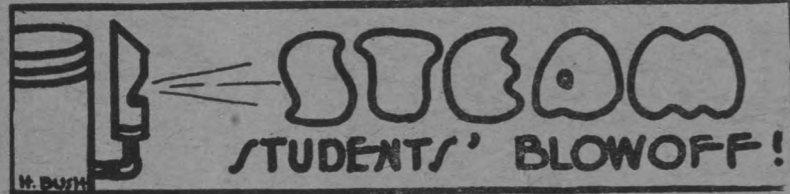
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Self Respect in College

Read what Vierling Kersey has to say about the attitude of the State of California toward intoxication among students of its institutions and you will learn of another penalty which drinking brings upon its addicts. This warning from state authorities is extremely timely as far as our immediate campus is concerned. An alarming increase has been noticed in the amount of drinking among State college students, not so much at the college-sponsored dances as at public affairs. Numbers of students who, it is believed, can not fairly be classed as the drinking kind, are gradually letting down the bars of self-respect and good judgment, thus jeopardizing their standing with their fellow-students, with the townspeople, and, perhaps most important, with the faculty members to whom they must look for recommendations upon graduation.

Intoxication, with its degradations—faulty control over mind and body, absence of self-respect, of courtesy, of honor—immediately marks one a liability to the college, a blot on her good name. —P.H.



ABOLISH FRATERNITIES?

Editor The Roadrunner:
In a rather scathing article in a recent College Humor on this subject Philip Wylie presents some 15 or 20 bad points labeling practically all fraternity members as lazy, lying drunkards and evidently completely forgetting all of the good such organizations have done since their beginning.

To summarize some of Mr. Wylie's criticism we are confronted with the view that the downfall of man is possibly a result of being a fraternity man. Mr. Wylie says, "College fraternities make fools of tens of thousands of young Americans annually, and in the best, they bury virtue so deep that a national crisis is needed to uncover it." He goes on to illustrate that if one should take the roof from the Delta Rho Gamma fraternity house we could with careful observation find cleverly concealed a still in the cellar and rooms upstairs where drunken orgies are main Saturday night functions. Of course the aim, the sole aim in fact, of the organization is to see how cleverly such things can be concealed—"to make everything look all right and better than all right if possible."

Mr. Wylie continues, "At great many people have hobbies, but not in fraternities. Hobbies often become life interests, frequently lead to the ultimate profession of the original and the great. But you can't pursue any interest in a fraternity that is removed from the common standards." Strange, isn't it? Odd that fraternities should have any members at all if such is the case and odd that so many famous fraternity men have pursued hobbies, in fact, have acquired new ones doing days in college.

The students only essential grind in college is to just pass his courses and of course, that is made as easy a possible for him by his fond brothers, Mr. Wylie continues to explain. Studying is merely a minor issue—be athletic and you have a course cinched and honors for your fraternity as well. However, no mention is made by Mr. Wylie of the grade standard maintained by fraternities or of the competition among the Greek letter organizations for supremacy in grades. No mention is made of the disgrace and many times the giving up of a pin which members face who do not make their grades. Still again no mention of the eligibility necessary for athletics and a student still has to earn his marks regardless whether he is all-American

and the professor a football fanatic. And show us the fraternity, however smug and satisfied they may be, that will feel pleasure in the fact that a brother has driven fast in his elegant car and was killed as a result. Mr. Wylie claims that the fraternity feels pride in being established as dare-devils. That stretches the imagination just a bit too far.

Again to quote Mr. Wylie, "If there were no fraternities, no conventions, no politics, no mass-construction-personally-enjoyed—luxury in college, there would be an opportunity for individuals to develop. . . . To my way of thinking, it would be better to give up all morals relative to sex ever contrived than it would be to allow these boys—these bad imitations of adult rake-hells—to become so lazy and such liars."

Imagine a civilization progressing and individuals developing with absolutely no conventions and no moral standards. That sounds very likely. True, they would probably develop but in what way. Such a development may have a big noise at first and such people as Mr. Wylie would howl of its success but where would be the rock bottom base our civilization was founded on? Wasn't that founded on the belief in mankind, the feeling of brotherhood? And it is this same feeling of brotherhood which fraternities are now carrying on however wild the tale may be circulated by narrow minded or jealous people. How many fraternities could exist year after year, increasing every year, building better reputations if drunken orgies, wine women and song were their main functions? They couldn't. There is so much more to fraternity life than Mr. Wylie's pictures of gin fizzes, etc. Many a mother has seen an undisciplined son return from college with a much better manner than he left with; many are the stand-offish boys who have stand-offish boys who have before hidden, brought out as a result of fraternity life; many a convicted wretch with a million dollar evaluation on a five cent package has lost much of his self importance from fraternity discipline.

Watch a group of men, graduates of college meet some old fraternity brothers and see that sour look vanish. No matter where a man goes, some brother is discovered. It produces a kindred feeling the world over. Is this deplorable? Is the fact that men and boys are

Dehumanized Warfare



Ye Kampus Commente

By CASEY BEE

THE OTHER day.
I WAS reading.
A MAGAZINE article.
AND IT told.
ABOUT the student.
OF THE college.
WHO WAS curious.
AND HE took French.
AND GERMAN.
SPANISH AND Italian.
AND WANTED to take.
JAPANESE AND Chinese.
BECAUSE HE WAS curious.
AND IT told.
OF ANOTHER student.
WHO WENT to college.
TO GET AN A.B.
BECAUSE EVERYONE else.
WENT to college.
TO GET A B.'s
AND HE was to go home.
AFTER HE got his A.B.
TO WORK for his dad.
IN A mechanic garage.
AND IT told.
OF AN athlete.
WHO COULDN'T make grades.
WHO JUST moved around.
FROM THE science department.
TO THE education department.

TO THE business department.
AND FINALLY ended.
IN THE school of fine arts.
AND IT told.
OF ANOTHER student.
WHO WAS taking.
A PREMEDICAL course.
AND HE knew why.
HE WAS going to college.
AND IT told.
OF ANOTHER student.
WHO WAS too busy.
WITH OUTSIDE activities.
TO MAKE his grades.
AND HE thought.
HE WAS learning.
TO MAKE contacts.
AND IT told.
HOW \$4,000,000,000.
WAS SPENT every year.
BY THIS country.
TO MAINTAIN colleges.
AND I wondered.
IF THIS would continue.
IF PEOPLE continued.
TO GO to college.
TO LEARN how.
TO MAKE contacts.

I THANK YOU!

The Compensated Dollar

One of the most pressing economic problems of the immediate future is the stabilization of the purchasing power of money. The problem is world-wide, more acute in some countries than others, but present in some degree everywhere. We have made great progress in the realm of finance during the past thirty years. The adoption of the gold standard was a marked achievement in American history; the Federal Reserve System has put us abreast of the best system of controlled banking and currency anywhere in Europe. But we still lack a stable medium of exchange. At present the American dollar is worth approximately one dollar and forty-nine cents. In other words your dollar now will buy fifty percent more than in 1926.

By the order of the Constitution of the United States, congress is authorized "to coin money" and to "regulate the value thereof;" but curiously enough, this order has never been fully executed. The American congress has regulated the weight of the dollar but has never passed legislation to control its value. In other words the value of the gold dollar must now dance to its weight; it is time a reversal took place which would cause its weight to dance to its value. We have the yard as an exact measure of length, we have the pound as an exact measure of weight, but we

not been represented in these grades.

Isn't it something to think about and strive toward, that our college band be among those present next New Year's day? Can't arrangements be made to show the public what a good band we have and that there is a college up here in Santa Barbara?

—D. MacQ.

From the Old Bird's Nest

By FRESH EGG

"Good day, folks. This is station BAT, located in the belfry of the Old Bird's Nest. We will now turn the microphone over to the Fresh Egg."

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Appropriate to the Manchurian situation:
A Letter From Wall Street to Washington, D. C.
(In the Form of a Poem).
China lay at peace. In its unhurried way
It pursued the affairs of everyday
Life, without hostility towards
others.
And hoping and wishing they
Would leave the dragon to its
troubled sleep.
From the West came Nippon's great, embattled horde,
Brandished boldly the naked, hungry sword,
Throned with fire, men, and steel,
Japan as
Manchuria's "chosen" lord,
And treaties, courts, the League,
with hauteur scorned.

Lo! In fear and pain a peaceful nation cries;
Peace dishonored, profaned, and bleeding, lies;
Justice screams for vengeance for her sister's
Black shame, and upon clear skies
Of freedom gather clouds of tyranny.
Leader of the world, America, to thee
Falls the task to uphold fair liberty,
Right, and world tranquillity. The pact that
Nine powers once signed, and the
Old Open Door treaties, must you defend!

Weapons, food, equipment, steel, to aid the fight
We control, and to aid the cause of right
Nobly we will all supply (at our price)
All thoughtless of self (though might)
We reap sweet graft from contracts, stocks, the pit).

Let the monster cannons roar!
Let death-spitting airplanes soar!
FOR THERE CAN BE NO WRONG IN WAR
WITH U. S. STEEL AT FORTY-FOUR.

Answer of Washington, D. C.
(As it Wouldn't Be).
Go to h—!

While writing letters, the Fresh Egg adds the following note to his friend and fellow columnist, Casey Bee:
You Now
There Here

My dear Kay Seebey:
Relative to the subject of last week's "Ye Kampus Commente," I recommend that you read the one-act play "The Warrior's Husband" by Julian F. Thompson, which you will find in "The Appleton Book of Short Plays" edited by Kenyon Nicholson. I am sure you will find it very amusing.
Cordially yours,
FRESH EGG.

Very unwisely, one of the editors of the other day grew very enthusiastic in F.E.'s presence over the plans for the "Roadrunner" for next semester. It seems that, as all the intercollegiate journalism contests are over, the "Roadrunner" can blossom forth with a little less conservatism than has been shown to date.
There is on subject on which the Fresh Egg is more cynical or pessimistic. Frankly speaking, he doesn't believe the present chiefs of the paper have enough courage to print anything that would not be approved by the college en toto, the D.A.R., the P.T.A., and the Santa Barbara Ministerial Union.
In this case, however, it would be more fun to be proven wrong than right.
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"Even in the most conservative circles it is now regarded as perfectly proper for a girl to go to a dance with a man."—February magazine article on "Modern Manners."
Not really?
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"Daughter, tell me the Facts of Life."
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The Fresh Egg is still, wondering whether "Tiny" Cash meant anything when, while singing "Trees" with the College Trio at the Unitarian church last Sunday night, she looked directly at him on the words "Poems are made by fools . . ."

Spoken of a certain very somber person:
"Did he laugh? He laughed until you could almost hear him."
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"Mitz, run over to Auntie's to play. Your Daddy's been on a spree and has come home drunk again."

NOTE—We do not consider slightly "off color" wisecracks as either particularly liberal or enlightening, although we are fully in agreement with the Fresh Egg that a little less conservatism would be a great improvement on the campus, and for that reason try to give our feature writers full freedom in expression.—
The Editor.

POETICAL RAMBLINGS

very truly yours?

bunny worries she doesn't want to sign herself very truly yours to the manager of the citizens national bank she says	she isn't HIS truly or otherwise my god bunny you might as well be true to a bank manager as any other kind of a man
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tical illustration is as follows: Suppose we have 1,000 ounces of gold in the treasury when our composite index is at 100. We declare that gold is then valued at \$20 per ounce and issue \$20,000 in "yellow backs." Supposing that a slight deflation would occur which forced the index down to 95 cents. At this point, in order to bring our index up to normal, we reduce the weight of our gold dollar by issuing another \$1,000 in certificates, which makes an ounce of gold cost \$21 instead of the normal \$20. To keep the dollar from growing in value we make it shrink in weight and, if inflation instead of deflation had taken

place, we would make the dollar grow in value by making its weight increase.
The plan is quite simple and could be put into effect with but slight disturbance of foreign and domestic exchange. However many people rebel at the idea because of its seeming appearance of changing the dollar when, in reality, it endeavors to keep it from changing. Professor Fisher was not the first to introduce the "compensated dollar" but he has made changes in its organization and has done much to popularize it in Europe and America.
—H.W.

POET'S CORNER

The Quarrel

"Conscience," said Mind,
"You are a meddling prude,
Illogical, biased, crude."

"Mind," said Conscience,
"You are a dangerous fool,
Unprincipled, inhuman, cruel."

Mind and conscience
Long squabbled; then I sighed
And named my heart to be my guide.
—C.B.—'34.