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Always remember that this is only pretence, so that you are not to believe a word of it, even if it is true.—Kingsley



WHEN a student does anything unusual the rest stand back and hand him a few. The idea seems to be that anything that everybody does is all right and anything that everybody can't, won't or doesn't do, is bad form.

When a student gracefully accepted the invitation of the young woman who sang "Cross Your Heart" in "The Umpire" and walked across the stage with the show girl on his arm, the crowd was delighted. After it was over many voices accused him of trying to show off.

The incident is trivial in itself and THE SPHINX has no opinion to express on its

propriety. It merely illustrates the student-point of view.

In small matters there is no tyranny like that of a democracy and no democracy so intolerant as a student body. Each student must conform to a hundred little conventions of dress, speech and manner or suffer for it. This influence is in many respects a good one, so good that we could hardly get along without it. Thanks to it, the freshmen from the country soon learn how to act, or more properly, how not to act, for the principle beneath student ideas of good form is this, "When in doubt, keep quiet." The trouble is that men learn the lesson of *laissez faire* too well. There were many men conscious of Wisconsin's need of athletic reform before Jordan's articles appeared. They did not act

because they had been taught that it was bad form.

One reason that Wisconsin has no distinctive customs or traditions is because no student dares to inaugurate them. We are all afraid that our friends will think that we are pushing ourselves forward and that our enemies will kill future additions to our Badger summaries.



We have opinions on the matter of hazing. We do not believe in compelling a man to turn handsprings until he faints, nor in applying the hair cut and iodine treatment to a man who has been maliciously misrepresented. If under classmen

persist in violating upper class resolutions they will have to take the consequences. We approve of the plan formulated by the Student Conference committee, and expect to see their resolution ratified by the various classes. The report which was approved a week ago provides that men going to and from regularly organized university meetings shall not be molested, that the demands of property holders shall be respected, and best of all, that W men, class officers and members of Iron Cross and the Conference committee shall have the right to interfere in any hazing episode which has, in their opinion, gone far enough. Under this plan we shall not lose the benefits of hazing—which exist in spite of the *Madi-*

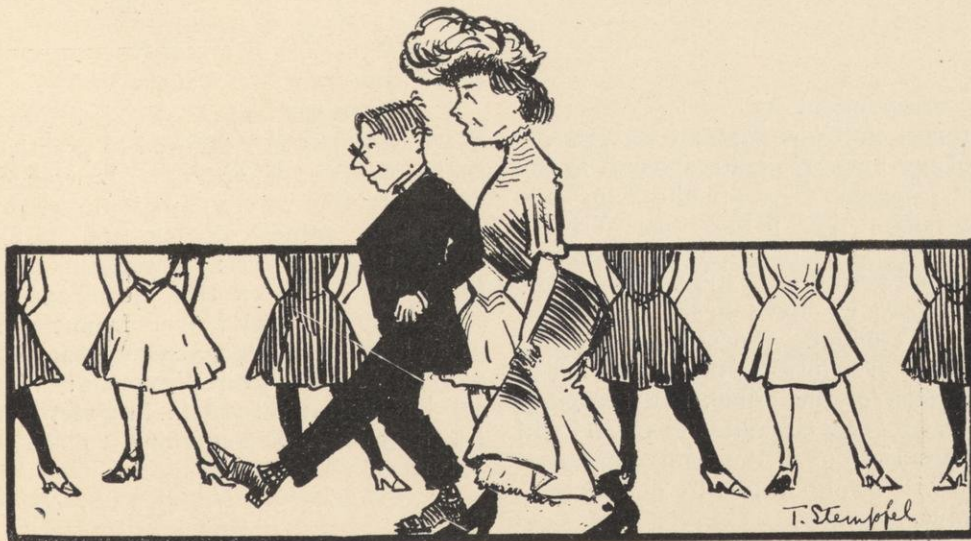
son Democrat—and we shall not be likely to afford the *Milwaukee Sentinel* any excuse for sensational stories.



We want contributions. If you have invented a joke, composed a limerick or drawn a cartoon, send it in. We prefer material with a local and not a personal flavor, but anything goes that is good. There are always places on the board for men who will furnish the stuff. Just now we are trying to get out more pages than usual. The board is small. It is nearly a year since we have elected a new man; we will welcome new members.



We hope that members of the lower classes will not continue to encourage the Proc graft by buying the copies on sale at the book stores. A Proc must be authentic to have any value as a souvenir. The so-called Freshman-Sophomore posters which were put up this year were no more the work of the respective classes than they have been in previous years. The Freshman challenge was a slight variation of one printed by a grafting student in the name of the class of 1907. Such a copy has no legitimate purpose, and ought to receive no consideration.



TO THE TEAM.



They have rallied again to the standard
 To fight for the time honored red;
 They have given the lie to the quitters
 Who hinted athletics were dead;
 They will gallantly work for Wisconsin
 And struggle her name to redeem.

Let them say what they will,
 We are proud of her still,

And we offer a toast—

"To The Team!"

With "Hustler Hutchins" to coach them,
 They can rival the vict'ries of King;
 With twenty-five hundred behind them,
 We can give them the backing to win.
 Our contests may not be of moment,
 And yet they are more than they seem,

For our men are true gold,
 They are not bought or sold,
 So we give you this toast—

"To The Team!"

Let us gather about on the campus,
 And cheer as we have in the past;
 Let us follow them on to the gridiron,
 And stick by the team to the last,
 For our playing surpasses in cleanness,
 The sport of a faculty dream.

So let us turn out
 And join with a shout,
 In a rousing Rah! Rah!—

"To The Team!"

—Mu.

Our correspondent had an ice cream social to report and was unable to attend the rush, but we have read all about it in the Milwaukee papers. These publications have said more about the "fiercest rush Wisconsin ever saw" than our limited inventive genius would permit us to state. However, we might say we have heard since that hundreds of students were ducked without permission or even introduction. We haven't received a list of the killed, but if anxious subscribers to the Cream City papers will send us descriptions of their missing loved ones, we will send our private detective to the morgue.

Lawrence has had five weeks of practice; Wisconsin was not allowed to practice until the University opened. Lawrence has eight or nine veteran players who have played in games against the strongest teams in the West; Wisconsin has but three "W" men on the squad, and is not allowed to pick new players from the freshmen class. Lawrence has a great deal to gain in a victory over Wisconsin; Wisconsin has nothing to gain in a victory over Lawrence. Are you going to the game Saturday?



'Till there has yielded to its crash
 Eight months at least of college hash,
 'Till it has learned to stab discreet,
 To thrill K. M. or co-ed cheek
 Let no mouth hold the pipe perique.

Ere it has plucked the flowers gay
 That grow in Madison in May,
 Ere it has held a thousand quite
 Of wee soft fivers, ivory white
 Let no hand wield the cane polite.

'Till cons and flunks and other hell
 Have stopped its tendency to swell,
 'Till it has learned the grand eclat
 Of age, experience and that,
 Let no head wear the derby hat.

Senior Resolutions Adopted by the Class of 1905.

1. "No freshman shall smoke a pipe or be seen to carry a pipe when on the street or outdoors within the city of Madison.
 2. "No freshman shall carry a cane or walking stick at any time unless such a cane or stick is necessary because of injuries making it impossible for him to walk without the aid of such cane or stick.
 3. "No freshman shall wear any derby or stiff hat whatever during the year until May 1, save only upon 'prom' night.
 4. "No freshman or sophomore shall under any circumstances whatever sit upon the fence in front of the gym. This rule applies to all freshmen and sophomores without exception."
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When Procs Are Out.

Little Freshie on the hill,
 Stopped to read an auction bill;
 Sad to say, but I've been told
 'Twas the Freshman that was sold.

Summer Improvements.

I quite agree, about old Main Hall,
 With the sophomore girl who sings
 The praise of the "Hill" as a "heavenly
 course"
 Since the Hall has a pair of wings.



These are Them.

More Don'ts for Freshmen.

DON'T wear a Derby. There is a tradition against it; and anyway, when you become a sophomore you will immediately need a hat four sizes larger. (Observe 1909.)

DON'T sit on the gym fence. There is a tradition against it. (True, we have never yet seen any one chucked off it, but we once knew a freshman who fell off it, and sprained his thumb.)

DON'T smoke a pipe. There is a tradition against it. Besides, it will make you sick.

DON'T maintain silence in the library. There is a tradition against it.

DON'T monopolize the spoon-holder. We want to use it ourself.

DON'T overeat. If you are in a boarding house, you can't. Anyway, don't.

DON'T go to the Farmer's Home every night. There are plenty of other places in town equally deserving of your patronage; besides there is nothing like variety.

DON'T forget to subscribe to THE SPHINX. It isn't always as bad as this. Besides we need the money.

Fie!

Thusly did our Prexy speak
At the convocation:
"Shamie, soph'mores! Do you think
Throwing freshies in the drink,
Putting Chadbourne on the blink,
Proper occupation?

"You should use them tenderly,
You should feel maternal.
If you love them, they'll love thee,
Let your attitude agree
With the etiquette of the
Homely Ladies' Journal.

"Ay, caress them lovingly,
And should one resist
Do not chuck him in the lake,
Do not make so crude a break,
But for Alma Mater's sake
SLAP HIM (on the wrist).

"But if he be *very* fresh
Him to the Committee!
In a dark and secret place
They will settle with his case
While naught-nine and ten embrace.
Wouldn't that be pretty!"

Rah for the Committee, and
Rah for moral suasing.
Be as mild as new mown cream.
Isn't that the cutest scheme!
Rah! Rah! Rah! for Prexy's dream,
Fie and fudge on hazing.

—H., '08.

Has it Come to This?

The foot-ball candidates of the local high school met for their first practice on Friday night and a crowd of some fifty spectators witnessed a lively scrimmage. Coach Hardtackle, a former half-back on the Ripon college eleven, expressed himself as well pleased with the outlook for a successful season. Challenges have been issued to Carroll college and the University of Wisconsin. While the local team is scarcely confident of winning from the former formidable aggregation, it has strong hopes of holding the Badgers well in hand, the state institution team, as we understand, being considerably weakened by athletic reform. Let all good citizens come forward and support our team.

—Honey Creek Boomerang.



h, a brave bold man named Archie
Journeyed hence from Vandersee
Just to get a bunch of learning
At ye olden 'Varsity.

So he hip-hipped him to Riley's,
O he hip-hipped him hipped he.
And he laid down ten big boners
Where the other boners be.

“Now my education's paid for,”
Spake our man of might and brawn,
And to show the boys a thing or two
He straightway gat him gone.

And he eke did swagger greatly,
With his chin held high in pride,
And a score of brimming tankards
Did he sit him down beside.

That night when fearless Archie
Sat a-smoking unawares,
A multitude of mighty men
Came marching up the stairs.

But this was meet for Archibald,
And one great knotted knee
Took many times unto itself
The other one in glee.

Then to the wide arena
In front of Chadbourne Hall
They marched our fearless hero,
Nor did he let a bawl.

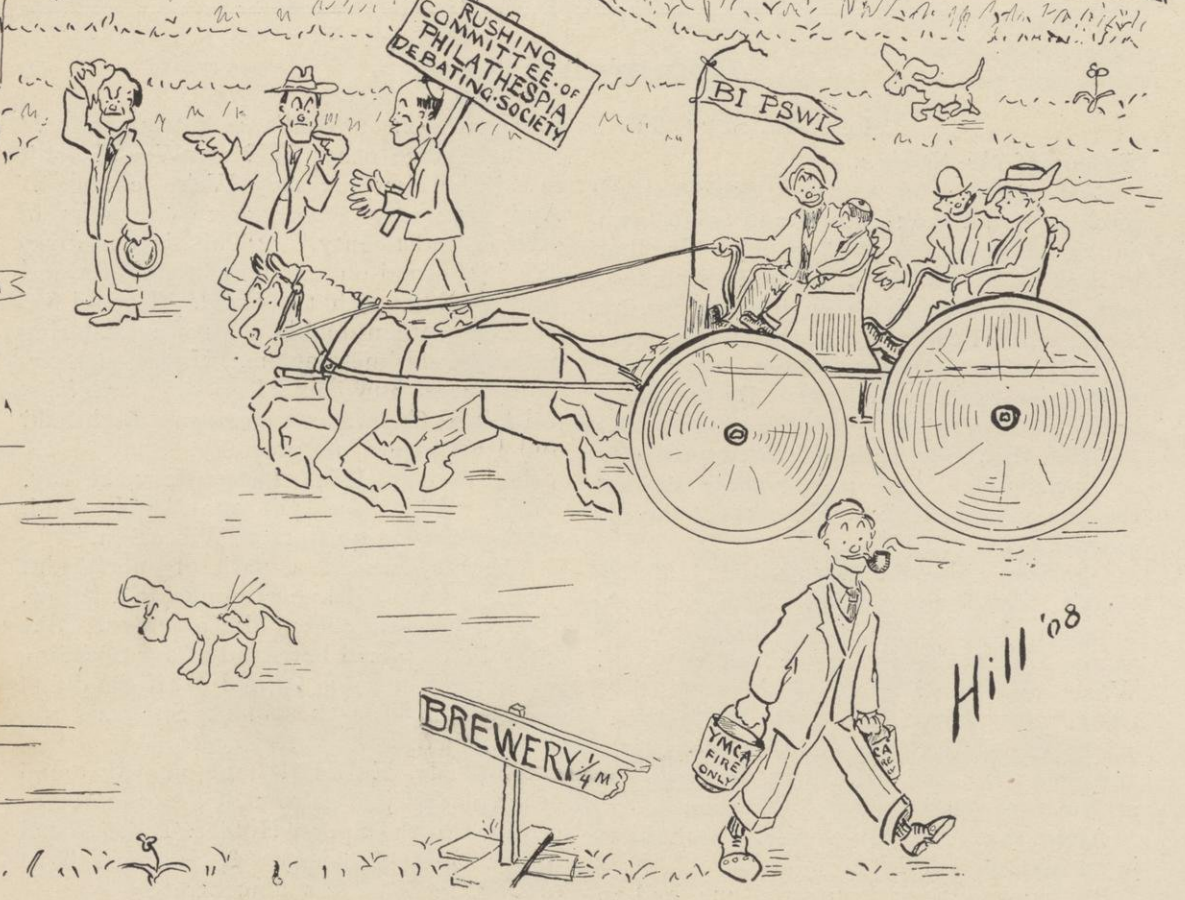
And on the roof fair damsels
Did form a mighty jam
To see him fight a rooster fight
With another freshy man.

But, alas and alack, was Archibald
Sore beaten in the fray.
The dainty thumbs were all turned down,
'Twas Archie to the spray.

Right merrily they swung him
This crowd of mighty men.
They swung him once, they swung him
twice,
They swung him thrice; and then—

Well the cunning sea babe triplets
Who fetched this wond'rous tale,
Said, “Arch keeps house with a mermaid
At fourteen Fathom Dale.”





RUSH AN RUSHING.

Barbarossa.

Der junge Barbarossa
 Wer Emmet Angel heist
 Hat einem Bart gewachsen,
 Und looks wie mein goodness.

Sein Bart hat seit letzt' Frühling
 Attained ein grossen Size.
 Ein Wachtum hat arisen
 Das sollte take erst Prize.

Die parasitic Germen
 Which durch das Germ-schloss roam
 Spiel' hide und seek in seinem Bart,
 Und machen sich at Home.

Sein Bart ist nicht von Flachse
 Obgleich es looks sehr neat,
 But es besteht aus etwas
 Das looks wie shredded Wheat.

Und einmal ging er quickly wo
 Sie hatten Soda thin,
 "Ach, leg' den schöne Foam," er sagt',
 "Clear auf dem Bottom hin."

Barbarossa sagt zu Elsom
 "Geh hin down town Herr Doc.
 Mach schnell und find' den Orten
 Wo mein razor ist in Hock."

"Und wenn ich hab' geschaven
 So set ich up die Beers,
 Ich will nicht Barbarossa sein
 Die nächsten hundert Years."

—D. S. B., '08.

Communication.

MADISON, SEPT. 30.

Editor of the Sphinx:

Last night, after a day of extreme and prickly heat, I took a towel and went down to the lakeside for a cooling dip. The foot of Park St. struck me as properly secluded, and I was just about to prepare for my swim, when I fortunately looked about me.

Estimating conservatively, there were seventeen couples in sight. By couples I mean pairs of persons in such close juxtaposition that they were not distinguishable as individuals. One pair, visible against the moon, looked like a silhouette of the Siamese twins.

I heard a noise like a slap-stick. But it wasn't, for a feminine voice said, "Oh, do it again, Jack." He did. Then a stick snapped and the first voice said, "Jack! What was that?" "The thirty-third I think," he said "This is thirty-four." There was a noise like another slap-stick, and then she said, "I never was good at arithmetic. Let's begin over again."

After that, can you wonder I wanted to jump into the lake?

Pretty soon they discovered me and an embarrassed silence fell. Then I heard

whispers, viz: "What's *he* butting in for?" "Where's the other one?" "Well, I don't care if he *does* see us. We're engaged." And presently arose angry murmurs of "Three-and-twenty." "This is our busy day." I stood on one foot and did a nervous twiddle with the towel. I could feel those seventeen double pairs of eyes staring out of the darkness at me. Under such circumstances, how could I go swimming?

I felt as *de trop* as a clove in a high-ball, and I withdrew, ungracefully.

Just as I left I heard a gentle voice say, "Now, Will, you quit that." He said, "There are no quitters at Wisconsin."

Then I crossed a path of moonlight. There sat a girl I knew alongside a fellow. He was treating her like a lemon. She knew I recognized her, and at our boarding house next morning I asked her if she didn't feel ashamed, at the time. She said she felt crushed.

Now, Mr. Editor, I have myself found other places, just as romantic as the neighborhood of the Spoon-Holder (I like to call it the Stone-Crusher). If we must have fussing, let it be less concentrated.

PRO BONO PUBLIC.

Lawrence Expects to Defeat Badgers.

(A head line which recently appeared in the Milwaukee Sunday Sentinel.)

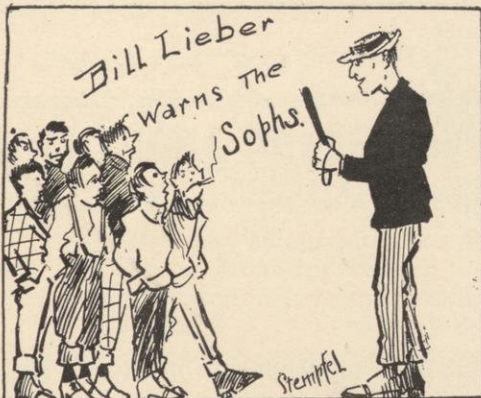
Is it thus that Wisconsin honor
Is trailed by the weak and small?
Is the hope of a third-class championship
The prize that we win this fall?
Alas! for our Badger traditions,
That ever the time should be
When the Lion of many a gridiron fight
Should be swallowed up by a Flea.

At the Rush.

"But why don't the guards tell them to stop being so rough?" asked the maid of nineteen ten.

"They will as soon as things get quieter," her sophomore companion assured her.

Snap Shots at the Rush.



[Yesterday one of our slyest correspondents stuck a hat pin through the slit in the English theme box and drew forth this skillful character sketch. It is written by Louis Pickleblister, of the sub-freshman class.]

Pres. Roosevelt.

President Roosevelt is a grate man. He's ben workin fer the government 6 yrs. and aint ben shot or fired. He has glasses and big teeth and keeps all the countries of the world from pickin on to every other country. Pres. Roosevelt is called Teddy because all Theodoors is called that, and he wants to be one of the boys.

Come to think I wunce knowed a Theodor what was called slim. But he's dead now anyway. He goes around the country speakin and tellin the people how glad he is everybody is happy fer which he gets \$ fifty thousand dollars a year. Havin lots of kids of his own Teddy has announced that he don't believe in race suercide.

He has a daughter who dives off from high places. A feller named Nick who hasent nothin but a job in the congress married her and got her life insured.

He says he wont run fer presdent again, so I'll close now and wright my next theme on Williams Jenny Bryan.



"Pride goeth before a fall."

Assurance.

Though the on coming storm
Of football reform
Had given us students a fright,
We still felt no lack
Of a good quarter-back
For we knew that our man was all Wright.
—Mu.

“You remind me of a royal flush,” said
the faithful lover to his 300-pound lady-love.
“Why?” came the expectant question in
a dainty whistle.

“Because a man seldom succeeds in hold-
ing all of you at once,” he answered, strain-
ing under the weight of her soft white hand.

“Two dollars this year for a locker!”
Au, cut out those howls,
Don't they wash all your towels?—
So why be a confounded knocker?
—Mu.



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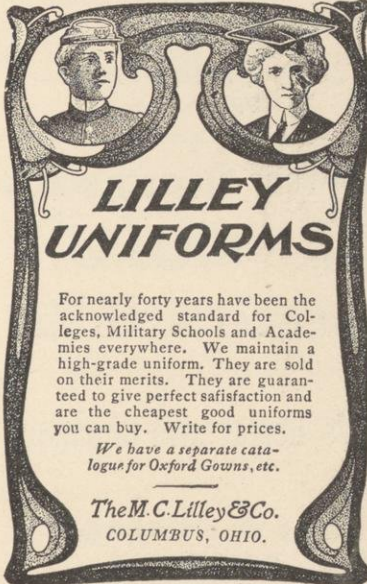
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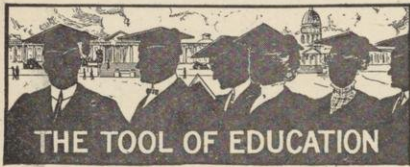
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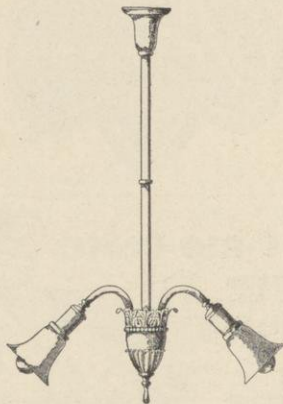
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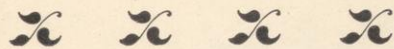
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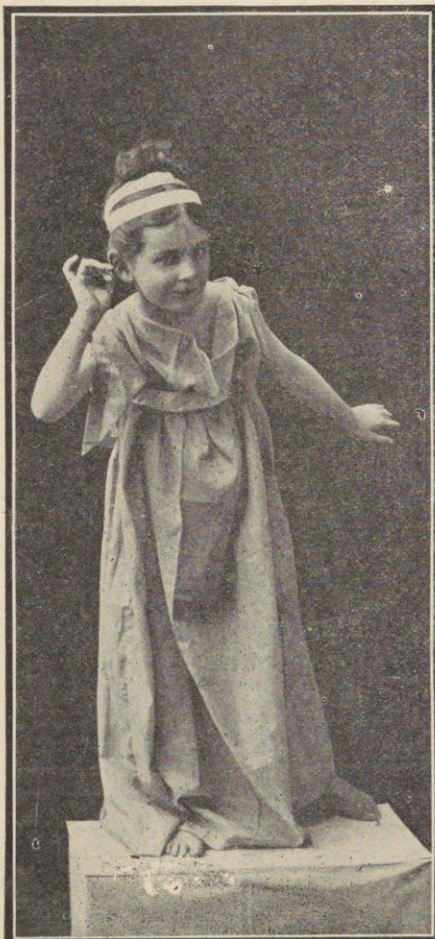
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