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SOPHOMORE-HOP



OH, YES, S'TRUTH!

Isn't it strange that the Sophomore Hop should be such an event in our lives? Living in a community so rich in entertainment as the town of New London it would seem that we should be satiated with amusement, positively wearied with amusement, positively wearied with the variety of our recreations, blase', and exhausted from adventure! Let us give a curse-ory glance at the fertility of the town in music, the drama, the dance, and all the other

arts.

Musical New London seems to be represented by the Salvation Army, which plays so feelingly before that den of iniquity, the Crown Theatre, many times and oft, to catch the sinners waiting for the Norwich car. I believe that it is only in the most advanced communities that music is offered to the public free of charge, which proves, beyond a doubt, that New London is one of the leading musical centers of the world.

At the Crown, the Empire, or the

At the Crown, the Empire, or the Rialto, you can see drama, that, although it is silent, is so intense that sometimes it is almost worthy of being sometimes it is almost worthy of being called Drayma. You can see any number of ex-prize fighters, heavily disguised as heroes, hanging by one gold eye-tooth to a burning rope, leaping down trap doors into boiling oil wells, protecting the blonde heroine with one arm and mutilating sixteen bandits with the other, or perhaps it is thirty-two handits you are ant to look thirty-two bandits, you are apt to lose count in the scuffle. You can see a modern version of Comus which would turn Milton green, with an innocent heroine, pure and undefiled lin the wicked city, with not a villain daring to touch a hair of her permanent wave. You can see any amount of drayma—

Last but not least there is the dance. For the royal fee of seventeen cents you are able to enjoy, not only the most superlative dancing, such as only the Lyceum can offer, but to breathe

(Continued on page 4, column 3.)

GREETINGS! FAIR SIRS.

Gentlemen, from without our clois-ered gates,—we greet you! We run tered gates,—we greet you! to meet you,—we extend to you the "glad hand," as it were, and we offer it heartily. For one wonderful, exquisite, marvellous,—alas, adjectives fail me,—week-end, you are to be with Your feet will presently tread our campus,—along with other feet,—smaller feet. Your shoulders will swing gracefully along under our street lamps (lucky street lamps!)—I say that with no murderous intent. Your shoulders may swing, and your feet yet be upon terra firma. Our campus, our sky, our river, our time and talents are at your service. You may walk about,—but avoid the rocks. You may lounge in our reception room,—but don't stray too far down the corridors

and don't be too observant.

We have prepared lavishly—nay, slaved for your coming thou long-looked for, eagerly-awaited throng!

With aching backs, stiff necks, and torn and bleeding fingers have we bedecked the Gym as it has never been decked before. (Do notice it and compliment before. (Do notice it and compliment us.) We await your pleasure. Honestly, we are awfully glad to see you and way be demure and very shy in expressing it, the gladness is there all the same.

WELCOME.

The class of nineteen twenty-three welcomes its guests with all the en-thusiasm and cordiality of which it is capable. We hope you will have as good a time as we shall have. We can

WHAT?

What turns the little brook to sobbin', And stops the singing of the robin, When you're not here?

What starts my happy heart a throbbin', And sets the whole wide world a bobbin', When you come, dear?

WHICH IS WORSE?

On Being a Committee Chairman. Have you ever realized what a hectic life is that of the committee chairman? No! Not unless you were one once. I think about it a lot. It just comes into my head whether I want it there or not! Something to do with reflexes, or association areas I suppose.

reflexes, or association areas I suppose. But, like Hazlett, I digress. We were discussing committee chairmen.

By rights they should be imaginative people, and as such they should be carefully handled lest that divine spark of imagination die out. I am going to meet with the dining room committee to discuss the matter of a separate table for committee chairmen. I hardly think they get enough calories, or perhaps not the right kind. The or perhaps not the right kind. The college at large is supposed to be fed the kind of calories that help one take notes and find page and line references. That won't do for the committee chairman. She must have ideas, her own ideas, something to keep her committee busy.

It takes more imagination than even I possess to keep five husky girls busy all day, allowing of course, the minimum time for class attendance. I was forced to resort to tricks. It was the duty of one member of my committee to bother the other four, so that I should have time to think up tasks as rapidly as they could execute them.

rapidly as they could execute them.

But that wasn't entirely successful. I would find my committee idle! That is a reflection on the chairman! So I turned to hysterics. You can't imagine how quickly a dissenting committee can be brought to obedience, or a hard working committee be made to slow up by hysterics. I admit it is wearing and also humiliating, but who would not sacrifice herself for such results? All committee members have as their official privilege the right to be nervously hysterical at will. I practise in my room from six to seven every Continued on page 3, column 1.)

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DO YOU LOVE TO DANCE?

Apologies to Don Marquis.

I just love to dance! Really you can't imagine how much good it does me to go to a dance. Dancing is so important to the soul's development, don't you think? You know, when I am at a dance, I just forget all about life's serious problems and thoroughly enjoy myself. I get so interested in swaying about aimlessly to the music that I know I do queer things with my feet, but I always hope my partner understands that I am a person of temperament, and not one of these jazz

Sometimes, though, I get very serious at dances. I remember once I was suddenly moved to say to my partner while I was dancing a perfectly lovely waltz, one of those waltzes, you know, that bring life's realities very close to you—
"Oh, Mr. Jones. I feel as though this little dance of ours were somehow in harmony with all the great unchanging laws of the cosmos; don't you think it is?"

And you know, he didn't know what I was talking about. Poor man, he hasn't found out the great truths of life. So few of us do. I often thank Heaven that I have been so wonderfully blessed with such an insight into

matters of the soul.

But to continue about dances. I wonder just what significances dances have? I have a little theory, you know, that everything in life from a seemingly inconsequent pebble to the great ball of fire in the sky, has a purpose. Dances, I think, are meant to be periods of relaxation from the great

periods of relaxation from the great every-day struggle of life.

You know I belong to a club of Serious Thinkers which meets every day in the week. We discuss all of life's problems. You can't imagine what a relief it is for me suddenly to drop all life's problems and just relax.

Oh yes Tiust love to dance M. I. 21. Oh yes. I just love to dance. M. J. '21

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THE INSURANCE POLICY.

The Hop Man to the Freshman Waitress.

Tho I've no fear of dire events, Of burglary or accidents, Bewitching maid, dare I endure
Thy bright-eyed, coy vivacity,
Thy smiles inviting lure, Thy lips' half-shy audacity, 'Til I my heart insure?

EXPERIMENTS OF PSY-CHOLOGY.

References: Breeze, Ocean Beach and Dr. Morris.

EXPERIMENT I

Taking a Chance.

Date: October 1 to December 11,

Subjects: At least three men from your own home town. Your brother if you have one. A friend's secondbest (man.)

Experimenter: Any Sophomore, Materials: One quire of pink writ-ing paper; six envelopes; six special delivery stamps; six two cent stamps; a fountain pen; small change for long

a fountain pen; small change for long distance telephoning.

Procedure: As early as possible in the Sophomore year, the Experimenter should make a list of her masculine acquaintances. In classifying them for eligibility as escorts she should use the following formula in the point system:—Dancing 80 per cent., looks 10 per cent., conversation 5 per cent., wealth four per cent, manners one per cent. When the status of the various gentlement have been determined, the gentlement have been determined, the Experimenter may write cordial special delivery invitations on pink note

paper. In case the first invitation is paper. In case the first invitation is refused the Experimenter must proceed hopefully down the list. As a nnai resort she may telephone ner brother imploring his assistance. Oftentimes the brother may be dard of neart and refuse to sacrifice his prestige. In such an extremity she should rush to her best iriend s room and cast herself on the bed. If an onion is concealed in the Experimenter's handkerchief. in the Experimenter's handkerchief, large tears may be wept quite easily. If the best friend is of a slightly emotional temperament she will soon begin to register sympathy and if the weeping is continued for about lifteen minutes, the best friend will offer to ask "Edwin" for the Experimenter. Then the Experimenter should lift her head from a damp pillow and joyfully kiss (this is important) the best friend.

Graph: The Experimenter make a graph of the rising and sinking of her emotions during the interval be-tween Edwin's acceptance and his arrival. If the curves of the graph fall oftener and farther than they rise it should be concealed from the best friend.

Results: Edwin arrives, he dances like Vernon Castle, he looks like Wally Reid, he is as clever as Oscar Wilde, he is as rich as Pierpont Morchesterfield. He is a perfect man. Somehow the Experimenter decides that he muse cease to be the property of the best friend. For months after the Hop the Experimenter receives biweekly specials from Edwin. The best friend regards the Experimenter with cold-eyed distrust.

Mistakes and Comments.

1. Edwin may forget to come. In that case you retire to your boudoir with "Indian Love Lyrics" and a box

Edwin may break his leg on the way up from New Haven or down from Boston. If so, your first aid training will come in conveniently.

3. Edwin may have an unexpected exam and send a friend in his place. The friend is likely to be club-footed. or cross-eyed, or feeble minded. This the greatest test of character. you can conceal your disappointment you can probably qualify for assistant gate-keeper to St. Peter.

"This the end," as Rags said, when he bit his tail!

SUFFERING FOR BEAUTY.

This morning I picked up a magazine, and, in glancing through the advertisements, I came across a lovely lady with abnormal quantities of hair rippling about her knees, and large printing under her portrait proclaiming, "You Must Have Beautiful Well-Kept Hair to be Attractive." Further down the page were directions—a weekly shampage were directions—a weekly stand-poo, a little warm water, a few tea-spoonfuls of "rich, creamy lather," more warm water, a mere trifle of a breeze, and your hair is transformed into a mass of glinting lights and shin-ing waves; or so ran the words of the advertisement.

From the deep recesses of memory rushed various stirring pictures of my weekly shampoos, differing astounding-ly in detail from those of the printed page adorned by the lovely lady. How futile indeed is the quest for beauty and how painful for the seekers thereof!

Of course there are those who can walk into a "parlor" attracted by a display of wavy false hair in the win-dow, and a boy in uniform at the door --seat themselves in a plush-lined chair, and dream in peaceful content while a perfumed and be-aproned Aus trian count applies the warm water and "rich, creamy lather." emerge shining, fluffy and unfatigued. But there are also those who, because

of cruel circumstance or wayward inclination, manage the rite without the

In the last class am I, unafraid, un ashamed, and experienced beyond my years. I have often spent my summers in a tent on the shores of a softly lapping lake where hot water might have belonged to an effete civilization long forgotten. Many times I have sallied forth on a bright, unclouded morn to cleanse my hair in the lisping waves aided by a cake of floating soap, and a kind friend. By long experience. and a kind friend. By long experience I discovered the simplest method. I prostrated myself on a dock fully a foot prostrated myself on a dock fully a foot above the water, and, with the kind friend firmly grasping my ankles, I hung half over the end of the dock violently scrubbing my apoplectic head, clutching at the slippery soap which the waves coyly tossed hither and yon, and mouning vile imprecations against the Biblical gentleman who proclaimed woman's hair her crowning glory

Again, I have shampooed with a Again, I have shampooed with a nice, shiny spray on the end of a blond, rubber tube conveniently attached to the bathtub faucet. After having spent some time regulating the volume and temperature of the water, I have aimed it bravely at my head just as the tube sprung a large double leak sending one stream into my eye and another soaring heavenward to return to a big, comfortable puddle in the middle of the comfortable puddle in the middle of the

I have stood on my head in a basin built far too low for a normal human being to rest her head in, while my position has resembled that of a gentle giraffe at his evening prayers. Thus I have gotten soap in my eyes, and water in my ears, rendering myself blind and deaf, and very nearly mad.
But all of these things are as nought!

I am upheld by the knowledge that I gained in the magazine this morning. gained in the magazine this inversions. "You must have beautiful, well-kept hair to be attractive." With that in mind I would suffer anything! I not only would,—I do! C. F. '23.

ASK SIR OLIVER!

Through the medium of the Ouija three noted poets have sent to us poems particularly written for our Sophomore Hop.

Transmitted by K. Francke.

TO THE SOPHOMORE, TO MAKE MUCH OF TIME.

By Robert Herrick.

Gather ye kisses while ye may, Old Time is still a-flying And this same man that smiles today To-morrow may be hieing.

Then do be coy, don't lose your time And while ye may, go marry, For having lost but once your prime, You may for ever tarry.

TO THE FAT MAN'S PARTNER

By Alfred Tennyson.

ee my fat old partner yet-His double chin, his portly size, And none he danced with could forget. The busy wrinkles round his eyes, The slow, wise smile that round about His shining forehead damply curls. Seem's half-within and half-without, And full of meaning for the girls. His rotund form, his beaming smile, Fair Roscoe dear cannot excel. The fat men charm me for a while I'd like a thin one for a spell. Without the smile, without the weight, Without the plump, perspiring paln; The fat men surely must be great— Thin men do hold a certain charm.

REMINISCENCES OF THE SOPHO-MORE HOP.

By Edgar Allen Poe and Annabel Lee

It was many and many a day ago. In a college by the sea, That a maiden there was whom you

may know

By the name of Jazzy Belle Lee.

And this maiden she lived with no other thought Than to shimmie and glide with me.

I was a man and she was a maid
At this college by the sea
And we danced with a toddle that leant
toward a waddle
I and my Jazzy Belle Lee

Which attracted to us the mild roving glance Of our dear faculty.

And this was the reason that long ago
At this college by the sea,
I found that I loved a Sophomore tall
By the name of Jazzy Belle Lee,
And as I told her of my love Up came the faculty.

But our hold it was stronger by far

than the voice
Of those who were older than we,

Of many far wiser than we,
And neither the glances of Seniors
around

Nor the words of our dear faculty, Could ever dissever my cheek from the cheek

Of the beautiful Jazzy Belle Lee.

ON THE EVE OF THE HOP.

By John Milton. Transmitted by E. Taylor '23.

Hence, hateful thoughts of books dis-

Hence, hateful thoughts of books dispised,
Of spurned descent from ancient,
mis-named sage
That cared not if some age
Would tortuous hours spend with
books advised!
Flee back to season's yore,
Where Plato, ill things learned of
Souhacles

Sophocles, Still more augmenting these

There, spiteful spirit breathed from books, go dwell And cast thy baneful spell

On them, whose soul possessed by fiend, thee bore.

But come, thou joyous festival, O Earth's best gift convivial, Named feast, named ball, named glad what-not.

But by us, best named—a Hop, Not Goddesses nor Gods e'er were, Surpassed our mortal him or her; Not wine that touched bold Sappho's lips

A Hop's sweet nectar could eclipse; Not revels of Olympian Mount, Nor wondrous balls that bards re-

count,
Not feast e'er spread by Epicurus,
Nor mountain nyades' dance—could

From sweet enchantment such as this, Where earth enriches Heaven's kiss.

Haste, O Hop, and in thy train
Bring stalwart youth and graceful
swain,
Of gold, of black, of auburn hair,
With smile, with love, for maiden fair;
Send shafts of wit and mirthful jest,
Returned by whimsies, coyly stressed.
Bring madding dance, pulse bounding
whirl. whirl,

whirl,
In ebon splotched rainbow swirl.
Then as rapture summit vaults,
Begin a dulcet, rythmic waltz,
Diffuse a rare elusive scent,
From God's beloved flowers lent;
Pervade the place with mystic light,
And breathe a charm from fay filled
night. night

Since then the power's thine to wield, These gracious favors pray us yield—We'll well return that ecstasy, In fervid, soaring eulogy.

which is Worse?
(Concluded from page 1, column 3).
morning. And next year I shall give a
course in nervous hysteria for all who
expect to be chairmen of committees.
This is not an advertisement see it goes right in with the news, being news itself, as it were.

But my motto is:

"Remember number one", or in other words: "give everyone the opportunity you have for the enjoyment of life."

On Being a Committee Member

On Being a Committee Member
by One Who Knows.

I was on a committee once. You
may not believe it from my looks. But
I was. That vacant expression that
comes just before I register pain or
pleasure is due to the habit of waiting
for my chairman's emotional reaction.
When one is a committee member one When one is a committee member one learns to conform. It makes for smoothness and things run so much better where there is smoothness.
Some people become habitual com-

mittee members. They thrive on it. grow fat, and all that. I didn't, I worried, couldn't help it. What would you do, taking for granted of course that you never had the servile experience, if you were told to produce a marble bench, or a life-like ham? Why, you undoubtedly would be astonished. I wasn't. One gets used to such things. As a committee member one should

know the price of lobster salad for five hundred people, how to hitch the col-

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mittee member.

While I was a committee member I acquired the embarassing habit of carrying:— needles, pins, and a hammer with me wherever I went. Did you ever reach for your handkerchief while at dinner, and surprise yourself by drawing out instead a hammer? Did you ever recite the seven tentative names for Sophomore Hop instead of the Sacraments, and have the instructhe Sacraments, and have the instruc-tor gaze at you with an expression of the mild sympathy and amusement one

feels for the kitten that chases its tail? Yes, I was on a committee, once. But I don't remember why, unless it was to borrow bed-room slippers from the faculty, and make talcum powder cigarets. If you have not yet been on a committee, let me advise you never, under any circumstances, to make talcum powder cigarets. What they do to smoker who forgets and inhales is nothing to what she does to you afterwards. If your chairman demands these imitations, tell her in a very bold tone, being careful all the while that the hammer is still in your pocket, tell her that you buy yours ready made, it takes too long to roll your own.

J. B., '23.

A SOPHOMORE'S FATE-A

TRAGEDY.

Now this is the tale of a Sophomore,
Who was witty and pretty and always wore

Gowns which were certainly not home-

made,
And were fitted for any dress parade.
This damsel also had plenty of money, And smiles that were sweeter than any

honey; But in spite of her beautiful eyes so bright,

This maiden was now in a dreadful

plight.

For she was a Soph'more at dear C. C.

And the glorious Hop was soon to be;

And this poor girl who knew dozens of men.

Couldn't decide to take up her pen
To ask one man to become her guest, For she didn't know which she liked

the best.

Now what could the poor girl do?

There was Archibald who was much too

And Petey who didn't look well sans

nat.
Billie always laughed too much,
While Tommie ever appeared with such
An expression on his fair, young face
That father would ask him each time to say grace;

Horace was youthful and very shy, Allen was too old and very dry;

240 STATE ST.

Ben seemed by far too haughty, While all the boys calley "Shorty."

Now out of all this fine array, You wouldn't think she would need to pray For aid to help her decide which one

Would give her joy and also fun. But what could the poor girl do?

As she was an undecided Miss She at last determined to do just this: She would write to every man she knew

(Of course, 'twas a foolish thing to do!) And the man who answered first her letter

Should be her guest; she could do no better.

Her letters gone, she began to worry And got herself into a fearful flurry, She knew they all would fly at once, And called herself an awful dunce. But what could the poor girl do?

For the next few days the answers came

Signed with many a masculine name And everyone bore the message sad:

"It really is awfully too bad But I've an engagement, don'cher know And therefore I shan't be able to go". Day after day the letters kept coming And some of the men had the wires

humming, But ever the verdict was the same, "I just can't come, it's a dreadful

So what could the poor girl do?

Finally there but remained one chance That the Sophomore would get to the dance.

white

She looked as though she would vanish from sight,

She wouldn't sleep, nor eat a bite, And she sighed with all her main and might,

At last the morning before the Hop A letter came and her heart went plop! But that letter should have been bor-

dered in black
For the message read "alack! alack!
I cannot come to the Hop, I fear But I hope you'll have a good time, my

Now what could the poor girl do?

The day was dull, all hope was gone There was nothing left but to sit and yawn

Shakespeare Notes the evening through.

But what in the world could the poor girl do?

E. P. A., '23.

ZAT SO?

The Freshmen girls look all amazed, And even Senior girls look dazed. Has C. C. opened wide its doors To Co-ed members by the scores? Men, men, they're here and everywhere Their very presence fills the air. "What's all the fuss?" Calls up the cop?

'Tis, merely, sir—the Soph'more Hop. R. H. K. '24.

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KATIE'S KOLUMN OF KLOTHES KUESTIONS.

Uniqueness in wearing apparel is the mode this season. If you are in doubt about any vital question you will find the answer in this column. If you don't find it, write to me enclosing fifty cents in stamps and I will answer it free of

For Street Wear.

The most truly apropos mode orig-nated in some time comes from New London, a quaint sea-board town, where sailor hats gaily bedecked with plumes of Cherry Blue are being worn by all of the leading set.

Under no circumstances does one wear furs about the neck. The popular small animal scarfs are hung about eight and three-quarters (8%) inches apart, tail downwards, from a belt balanced with careless savoir faire upon the hips. This gives the much sought after Charlotte Russe effect achieved by all of our prominent actresses.

Speaking of furs, the banana skin has come into its own.

If you possess an onyx ring, wear it over your glove on the thumb. If you do not possess one, wear it on the in-

dex finger.

In New Haven recently at an impromptu affair held by the Yale Students in their arena a new and novel idea in foot apparel attracted a great deal of attention. Heavy woolen stockings were being worn in loose, careless folds rippling about the ankle. Here also the prevailing motif seemed to be a great variety of impedimenta covering the neck.

At the rendezvous of the Club de Hocker not so long ago, the smartest of the smart, Roberta Paige, one of our pioneers of fashion, introduced coquettish artificial nosegays coyly peeping from the shoe-top.

For Evening.

Just now simplicity is the note in evening gowns. At Plant Hall the other evening a stunning creation was seen-one of extreme simplicity expressed in terms of gold thread and charm.

A whisper to débutantes. I can furnish upon request the name of a very exclusive little shop where one may procure an unlimited quantity of passe hosiery upon which to build sat-isfactorily the new victory arch coiffure. These have been proven a Bang-up success.

For College Girls.

The middy tie is an invaluable part of every college girl's equipment. At present I have on hand an extremely limited supply of transparent ties which (a word to the wise) may prove quite practicable in typewriting classes.

Connecticut College girls have found very convenient an odd contrivance consisting of metal-lined pockets with a tiny spigot attached. These can be changed from one dainty frock to another and aid these clever misses in removing liquids from the dining hall for future consumption. G. R., A. G.

OUR NEWS STAND.

The SportsmanD. Randle
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HOARY LOCK'D SENIORS.

Oh, the joy of sitting by,
And looking on the show!
What pleasure, just to rest ourselves,
While plannings come and go.

For three long years we've decked the

gym, And matched up colors gay, Ye've ordered eats and orchestras, And once—sent them away.

We've worked and worried, clashed in

strife,
And cast our friends away,
Because they wanted other plans,
With Hop due in one day.

But this year, down we sit in peace, And smile with gracious joy; Not a single thing to do The pleasure to alloy.

Our time we take, to choose a man, No hurry to decide; Not a single stunt to plan, No dashing of our pride.

Oh Soph'mores while you plan your

Hop,
We watch, and beam and glow,
We know now how Seniors felt,
O. L. '21.

OH, YES, S'TRUTH!

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Among all these attractions what is a mere Hop to us? Just one more tune, just one more twirl to add to our load of social and artistic excesses!

Magnus O'Kane.

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