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**How It Looks From The Last Days**

*The Freshman Year*

*By an Upperclassman*

Almost before the student enters the University, he begins to come in contact with student organizations. If he comes from a town which is already well represented in the student body, he has heard something of fraternity life, or he has seen a Sombrero, a senior book, a University catalog, a copy of the University paper, or the Y. M. C. A. hand-book. If his friends at the University are fraternity people, and he is fitted socially and financially to lead a similar life, he has been informed of the nature of fraternal organizations, and has almost decided to become a member of the one which claims his closest friends.

But if, on the other hand, the new student is not blessed with so much of this world's goods, if he comes from a rural district and has not had the advantage of the town's social life, his ideas of the University are more vague. He has probably received a copy of the University catalog, and a Y. M. C. A. hand-book, and from these he forms his idea of the University.

When a student of some means and a number of friends first comes to the University, it is usually in company with his schoolmates, who are anxious to secure him for their social society, and who do all they can to "show him a good time," and get him started in the way they would have him go. But the lad with small means who comes from a small village or the country—the one who expects to pay a great part of his expenses—finds that he is starting out upon a new life, where his acquaintances are few and his experiences are many and varied. He may have a letter from his high school instructor to some friend who will give him valuable suggestions as to getting a start. Or he may have been directed to the Y. M. C. A., which is always a welcome home to students in need of any kind of help. In the Y. M. C. A. rooms he meets others of similar condition, and soon forms new friendships. The friendships thus formed during the first few weeks of college life are very often the firmest ever formed, and many of them last through the entire course, and perhaps on into out-of-school life.

The freshman is not long at the University until he is invited to the literary societies, which give open receptions a couple of weeks after the opening of the school term. Here at first he goes through the ordeal of meeting stranger after stranger; but if he continues to attend the society meetings week after week he soon begins to feel at home, and becomes interested in the work. However, it is not customary for a student in his freshman year to do much in either society or debating club. It usually takes about six months or a year for one to become well enough acquainted with University institutions to make a wise decision as to which fraternity, society, debating club, or other organization he will join.

The regular daily program of the student who works his way through school is brief but comprehensive: from his room to the University, from the University to his boarding house, and from the boarding house to his room to study for the next day; when he will repeat the process over again and so on day after day, and week after week to the year's end. Such a process is sure to make narrow, unsympathetic, uncultured bookworms. Some diversion is necessary, and while the "aristocracy" of the University indulges in fraternity functions, the more economical and democratic class find their mental recreation in the Friday evening meetings of the literary societies and Saturday meetings of the debating clubs.

Another organization whose novelty attracts the freshman is the military department. When the young hopeful dons his first cadet suit, buckles on his cartridge belt, and shoulders his government gun, he is the proudest person on the campus, and begins to look

forward to the time when he will wear stripes and shoulder straps, and carry a sword instead of a gun.

The athletic field, too, must not be forgotten. The football team is just beginning to get into shape, and soon we'll be fighting fierce battles upon the gridiron. The gym classes are being organized and basket-ball is beginning to receive considerable attention.

Everything is new and strange to the poor freshman in his first weeks here. Every day brings new surprises. He looks with awe upon the chancellor and the the professors and instructors. He has a sort of reverential respect for juniors and seniors, and a feeling of antagonism toward the sophomore, who delights in making fun of freshman mistakes and laughing at his blunders. But some day he will be a dignified senior, and then he will wonder if he was as green in his freshman days as are those underclassmen now, and if he could possibly have been so awkward, and felt so out of place. The time seems far away, and the four years seem long when we are looking ahead; but when we get nearly through, and begin to look back, how short the time seems!

Wednesday dailies: About fifty William Jewell students left the college Tuesday morning for their homes as a result of the faculty refusing to bar fraternities from the college. Nearly all of those leaving are Baptist ministerial students. They gave as their reason for asking that the fraternities be dissolved that nearly all the trouble that arises among the students is due to the fraternity men; that the college is regarded by many people over the country as a preachers' school, and consequently the ministerial students have to bear part of the blame.

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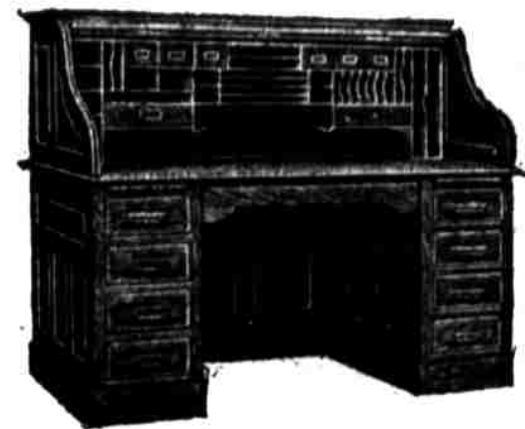


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