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The Innocents' Place in School.

MONDAY night new members of Innocents society were officially instructed in the performance of their duties. The criteria upon which the selection of these men was based included past accomplishments and work they are expected to assume in the future.

Upon Innocents falls the responsibility of leading the way, expressing the sentiments of the students as opposed to all other forces; standing behind student enterprises, not biting them in the back in an effort to attain the grace of a more omnipotent body.

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Men, Meet Our Pledges. "Meet our pledges" parties at which freshmen of all sororities are introduced to the campus, have become part of the year's activities of California in particular.

Men are expected to stay 15 or 20 minutes at each house, be introduced to the receiving line, consisting of the house's pledges, be served and then move on to the next house so that a large number of meetings may be made in one afternoon.

In this way pledges, new to the campus, who have had an opportunity to meet only a few prospective escorts are able to alleviate this condition to some extent. Similarly, men may gain at least a "hello" acquaintance with a large number of the incoming freshmen.

From the sororities' viewpoint, such receptions are an inexpensive yet effective means of entertaining fellow classmates. Many incoming freshmen lack the opportunity or initiative to make friends readily and need some occasion to get a foothold on college life and customs.

Freshmen women often feel a "letdown" after the intensive rushing period when they have been the center of attraction. Introductions to men on campus a few weeks after pledging would do away with this sensation to a large extent and keep each woman in contact with fraternity and college life.

With rushing pretty well finished for the year, and plans for next year's season under way, this practice of western colleges is worthy of consideration by the local Pan-Hellenic and individual sororities.

A Little Idealism Needed In College Sports. Yesterday's announcement of a clash in policy between alumni and faculty members of the board of athletic control vividly brought home the old battles of idealism vs. practicalism, commercialism vs. amateurism in college athletics.

The alumni representatives on the board rationalize their insistence on added control over the Stanford coaching staff by asserting that "since the public and the alumni support athletics, whereas students and endowment finance the other departments," they have a right to determine whether or not the coach is doing his job.

They believe, apparently sincerely, that the gripe letters, sometimes numbering over 100, which they receive after each football game, are an adequate cross section of alumni opinion.

Most of these letters, in reality, are from those comparatively few alumni who have personal reasons for being interested in the rather meager satisfaction that "victory at any cost" affords.

It is this determination on the part of alumni minorities to run college athletics—not merely at Stanford, but all over the country—that forms the greatest danger for amateurism.

It was the forerunner of flagrant proleptizing, favoritism in selecting teams, the "win or else" philosophy, and nearly everything that has made college athletics so incompatible with the fundamental things that great universities stand for.

To permit this to go on will eventually bring complete severance of the already slim threads that hold college athletics and colleges themselves together.

More idealism less practicalism are essential if amateur sports hope to withstand the lure of professionalism and remain amateur.—Stanford Daily.

A Woman's Vocabulary. Some brilliant young person in West Virginia decided that there were six words in a woman's vocabulary, five adjectives and one verb.

The adjectives were: Gorgeous, ideal, marvelous, magnificent, and exquisite. Read along the first letter of each word and you get the verb.

Is there some girl—a prize might be offered—who can classify as tersely and more exactly a man's vocabulary than this does a woman's?—Daily Kansan.

Sucker's Bet. The Junior Collegian of Los Angeles gives some interesting figures which we all might do well to note. Twenty-four million to one. That's a sucker bet.

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CONTEMPORARY COMMENT

The American Mercury Leaves College.

Not so many years ago the cult of Menck-enism flourished on the campuses of the nation. College agnostics and iconoclasts made the American Mercury their catechism.

The green cover of that cynical monthly became the badge of collegiate skepticism. It was the era of the debunker and Henry L. Mencken, editor of the Mercury, was appointed chief apostle.

The Rotary club chairman, the bucolic evangelist and the president of the United States were impaled impartially on the sage of Baltimore's pen. The Mercury's sweeping policy of destructive criticism endeared it to many college readers.

But a change has come over the Mercury. A skeleton of green cover and format is all that remains of the old Mercury—the spirit has fled.

Under Editor Paul Palmer the magazine has become a stronghold of pious conservatism. The Mercury has lost its bright, impartial, devastating touch. From negative liberalism it has turned to provincial reactionism.

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NEWS PARADE

Only One Small section of the new relief bill was struck down by the circuit court of appeals of the District of Columbia, but according to the court this was enough to condemn the whole act. The act provides for nearly 5 billion dollars for work relief.

Of Course.

the decision of a circuit court of appeals is not final, but only the supreme court can overrule its findings. Officials connected with the relief program stated that they would immediately appeal to the supreme court.

EDITORS GAIN MORE RIGHTS UNDER NEW STATE LIBEL LAWS

"Qualified Privilege" Used As Defense, Declares Kansas Professor.

ST. CHARLES, Ill., May 19.—Newspaper editors are gaining increasing rights under the libel laws, especially as they apply to the defense of "qualified privilege," said Prof. E. N. Doan of the journalism department of the University of Kansas.

After pointing out the haziness that had in the past attached to the word "privileged," defined by some as a permission to print freely of court proceedings, and by others simply as a defense to be offered should a libel suit arise, Professor Doan quoted the Kansas supreme court:

"In connection with the coming election, it is the right, if not the duty, of the publisher of a newspaper to call to the attention of the citizens facts which he honestly believes to be true, together with such comment thereon as is reasonably connected therewith, for the purpose of enabling the voters to vote more intelligently at the election, and if done in good faith, the publication is privileged, even the some of the statements may be untrue or derogatory to the character of the candidate."

Commenting on this, Professor Doan said: "In spite of what some of the Jeremiahs in the newspaper profession are saying about the increased restrictions on the freedom of the press, I believe that we have more freedom than we actually know what to do with."

With respect to the public business, the newspaper is practically untrammelled, yet, in the words of Tom McNeal, chief editorial writer of the Topeka Daily Capital: "We as newspaper men don't live up to our privileges in this respect. Is it against public policy that we have gradually acquired all this freedom? I doubt it. I also refuse to believe that this comparatively new order of things will be taken advantage of."

Doan Quotes Law. Professor Doan quoted also the New York law which provides that "an action, civil or criminal, cannot be maintained against a reporter, editor, publisher, or proprietor of a newspaper for the publication therein of a fair and true report of any judicial, legislative, or other public and official proceedings, or for any heading of the report which is a fair and true head-note of the article published."

Around and About

By Sarah Louise Meyer.

It is this department's advice to inhabitants of the first and second floors of Andrews hall not to poke their noses out of their windows Monday morning we saw somebody throwing buckets of water out of a third floor window.

Clipped from Business Week of April, 1936—"The young friend of a friend of a friend of a friend of ours recently graduated from college and applied to a publisher for a job."

It has never been our conviction that real life is far more stranger than anything anybody could ever write about it. A collegianne we

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lish, but the women had no easy time of it. They settled on a system of evaluation only after debate and compromise, and the result isn't entirely satisfactory yet. But that doesn't exhaust the possibilities.

OLYMPIC FUND GETS TAX ON BIG SIX MEET

All Collegiate Contests Contribute Money for U. S. Expenses. United States Olympic team will receive a portion of their expenses to Berlin this summer from Nebraska in the form of a twenty-five cent Olympic tax at the annual Big Six track and field championships here May 22 and 23.

HAYES, WOOD STUDY DAMAGES OF FLOOD

Mr. F. A. Hayes of the Conservation and Survey division, in company with Ivan D. Wood of the shelterbelt project and persons from the college of agriculture, are spending Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week in a preliminary study of the flood damage in the Republican valley.

ROBB GIVES SPEECH ON ROLE OF BANKER

Prof. T. Bruce Robb of the Bizard college faculty spoke on "The Role of Bankers and Business Men" before Nebraska Bankers association in Lincoln Tuesday afternoon.

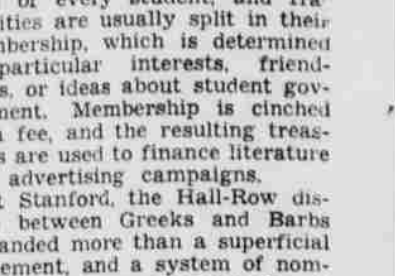
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STUDENT PULSE

Brief, concise contributions pertinent to matters of student life and the university are welcomed by this department.

But How Can You Abolish Them? TO THE EDITOR:

The controversy that has been raging between the two factions has been disgusting to some of the thinking students on the campus.

The Student council would do the university a great service if it would abolish both parties and discourage any new parties from being organized in the future.

The factions on this campus, under any name, have been nothing but vote trading machines for the various fraternities and barb groups.

Disgrace and scandal have crept into both