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EDITORIAL

EDITOR'S NOTE

Greetings and farewell, readers! Our brief reign in the position of honor as the Almanian Staff is over, and now we will be relegated to the insignificant group of verdant yearlings. Before we leave, however, allow us to make our apologies and renounce our responsibilities. We have exercised all our journalistic abilities (?) in an effort to give you a legible issue. If we have failed,—remember that we "are only Freshmen," and that we have never been accused of having any intelligence. Our editorial policy has been, "them we don't razz ain't wuth it." If we have given offense to anyone it is sad, but, being defunct hereafter, we cannot be held responsible, so if anyone desires vengeance, let him take it out on the Sophs. (They need it!)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

It has been brought very forcibly to the attention of the Almanian Editor that some of the remarks made in the joke column of a recent edition of the student publication offended a few of the sponsors of the musical play, "Rose-time."

The "Campusology" column of the paper is written by a group of students who jestingly comment on events and affairs which concern the students of the campus, and because a number of college people took part in "Rose-time," these jokesters felt that they might criticize, in good natured fun, the efforts of the players. Those who have read the Campusology of the Almanian for some time, know that when members of the student body do "occasionally mumble their words, forget their lines, drop easy flies, get signals mixed or fumble dry balls" that these "misplays" are criticized in this joke column—always in a spirit of "good fun." These comments are written by students primarily for students, and the comments on "Rosetime" were unthinkingly made without a realization of the fact that they might be read by some of the play's sponsors.

The Almanian sincerely regrets that these comments were construed to be of a personal nature, for that was not the intent of the student writers; but nevertheless, because they did hurt the feelings of a few of the play's conscientious supporters, the Editor is heartily sorry for his carelessness and sincere in his apology.

—The Editor of the Almanian.

FRESHMAN DISCIPLINE

Why Freshman discipline? This is the question to which 108 Freshmen are awaiting an answer.

Probably the first retort that this interrogation will draw will be that "it is none of their business." Probably not, but when we comprise the proverbial "party of the second part," we feel that we at least should know the reason why we are such an important problem for the upper classmen and classwomen. (We will doubtless be accused of not being able to understand the reason if we were told).

That we actually are a menace to the mental tranquility of our advanced fellow-students has been evident since our arrival on the campus. The askance looks that we are subjected to, and the continual oral and printed lamentations over the fact that we freshmen are not being kept in our positions, bear evidence of this statement. These factors keep before us the idea that we are most inferior, and therefore we must evidence our menial estate in our every action, word, and thought. (We take the liberty to presume that we are sometimes susceptible to the last "disease" mentioned above, to which tradition makes the Frosh immune).

As for the upper classmen, we feel genuine respect for their abilities—respect even to the point of envy. We defer to recognize all those superior in attainment and power, and we endeavor always to conduct ourselves so as to show this genuine respect which we feel.

But here is the rub: Instead of acknowledging our respectful attitudes, the upperclassmen spend their time working themselves into a state of vexation because "the Frosh are becoming too cocky and are forgetting their position of inferiority." And how are we inferior? Upon our entrance into the world were we not characterized by an astounding equality? Was our preliminary training and education characterized by any salient differences? Was not our matriculation to college identical in all respects, save that minor point of the year of entrance? Therefore, these things being granted, we may conclude that there are a great many points of similarity that upperclassmen have not been prone to recognize.

Why, then, do the upperclassmen persist in disciplining the verdant yearlings, especially with methods that include barbarous physical chastisement, when their contrariety is marked only by the unimportant element of years?

A hope for the abolition of the unjustifiable practice and for the future utilization of the upperclassmen's time in acknowledging the real respect of the Frosh, may be branded as utopianism or as the biased dream of a Freshman; but at all events, it is a vital aspiration, and the realization of it will mark true progress in collegiate history.

FANCY, FABLE, FACT

FROM FAIR FROSH

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fight with, and also so we will sit at the table we like. Each meal we race to see which tables gets through first.

The one winning for two weeks is rewarded with indigestion. I have been at the winning table three times now. Have entered my application for the state contest.

As it is so cold here I am sending my coat home for new pockets. The express company charges so much a

pound to send it so I cut off the buttons. Hoping this will prove satisfactory. You will find the buttons in the inside pocket.

Well, I must go to a spread now. Hope to be in bed by at least three o'clock because I have a test in History tomorrow and I don't want to be cross with the Professor.

Your affectionate daughter,
Ritea Hall.

There's going to be a Jitney dance at the Philo Fair at Wright Hall Saturday afternoon.

MIDLAND CHEMIST SPEAKS IN CHAPEL

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did the incidents that marked the commendable work of the American organization in keeping the price of bromides down despite the ruthless tactics of the European competitors. "If the United States can manufacture cheaper it is an economic loss not to do so," said Mr. Dow, "because a casual survey shows that the market for more than one-half of all commodities is in the United States."

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Everyone is assured a real time at the Philo Fair Saturday. Christmas gifts will be sold.

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CAMUSOLOGY

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Wally must be getting childish. He claims he saw "ghosts" in the chapel.

Chuck Mann is the most modest man on the campus. You can hear his new coat at least two blocks away. Better get Fritz some smoked glasses for Christmas, Chuck.

Wonder why Perry Gray didn't go home for Thanksgiving?

Nominations are open for the best dressed man on the campus. (It looks like a walk-away for Al Knapp.)

Horton certainly knew his butter and eggs when he picked Mary Mason for an actress. She surely knocked them cold when she presented that Bible theme.

AN "IF" FOR WRIGHT HALL INFANTS

(With Apologies To Rudyard Kipling)

If you come down here to Alma College,

With all good hopes and very best intentions

Of seeking only after books and knowledge,

That you may afterwards make great inventions;

If you would always wear your gloves and hat

Whene'er you venture off the campus.

For upper classmen do ye this and that,

And in the halls ne'er raise a rumpus;

If you would truly smile o'er all the food,

And you would never have a midnight spread,

And willingly at ten o'clock—so good,

You would quite joyfully be sent to bed;

If you would never have the least desire,

To 'scape from out these walls serene,

Remain sedately in your room,—

retire,

E'en though the night be Hallowe'en;

If you can "talk United States" correctly,

About the Bible tell him all you know,

If you can roll the rugs up quite perfectly,

And on all those you see sweet smiles bestow;

If all these things ye do my bonnie friend,

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