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## THE SAME OLD PROBLEM

It was the old, old story.

We recommended immediate attention to awards at the beginning of the year in order that the matter might be settled once and for all this year. As it is now, the matter will drag over until the Spring and nothing will be settled.

It was neither the fault of the Committee nor of the Council as much as it was the fault of an attitude here, a grasping and grabbing for awards on the part of students. Only the other day we heard some one who represented the ski team saying that Ds should be made available to that branch of activity. Perhaps they should, but do we do a thing only for the award?

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The situation last year might be summarized as follows:

Everyone thought the Glee Club were cheapening the D.

The basis for awards was about as clear as the mud at Wanderers' Field.

The Committee seemed to have the attitude that everyone was trying to pull a fast one on it, and went far beyond its powers to try and straighten everyone out on the subject.

The D.A.A.C. (according to the Committee report) was the only organization sticking to its constitution.

There were too many Ds being awarded.

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The figures are as follows: Last year the Glee Club awarded thirty-one Silver Ds. The D.A.A.C. awarded six, the Gazette four (of which two were grudgingly passed), Sodales four, Pharos two, Delta Gamma two, the D.G.A.C. six, and the Council one.

Of fifty-four holders of Ds now on the Campus the distribution is as follows:

Sodales . . . . . 1	Gazette . . . . . 5
Council . . . . . 1	D.A.A.C. . . . . 7
Pharos . . . . . 2	Glee Club . . . . 33
D.G.A.C. . . . . 5	

It was this apparent disparity between the Glee Club and other organizations last year which prompted the Committee to recommend sweeping revisions to the Glee Club's constitution. It was certainly at the root of a lot of bad feeling last year.

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With the attitude prevalent that awards are important we have overlooked something. Some people actually enjoy working for their college, and do not have to be bribed to do it. The most miserly hoarder of points does much less than some students do who never see a D.

We remember an engineer, since graduated (who, in the process of playing varsity football and varsity basketball for two years, twice broke the same arm and once broke a blood vessel over an eye in the course of playing. He also played a great deal of interfaculty sport. He was not even recommended for a D, and probably didn't expect to be. And he was one of many.

It will come as an amazing revelation to a great many on the Campus that some students do not particularly want awards, that they would behave the same way if there were no awards at all in the offing. It is this attitude of something only for something that is killing spirit on the Campus.

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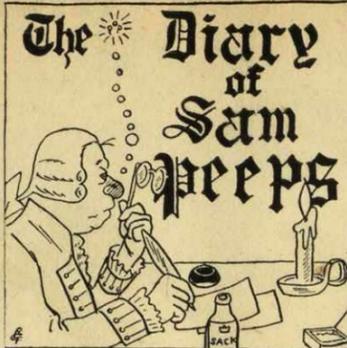
As to the Committee's recommendations, some are excellent. Societies should each have their own distinctive award, which would go a long way to settling the complaint that the D, now common to all organizations, is being cheapened by one of them.

Constitutions should nevertheless be amended so that an organization will be compelled to observe a reasonable standard in granting major awards.

The chenille D (this is our own suggestion) should be reserved for athletics. Athletes, traditionally accorded such recognition, should not have to see their award going out by the hundred in other sorts of activity.

The Awards Committee should be told that its function is only to scrutinize awards on the basis of a constitution, and not to amend the constitution.

The best solution, of course, is to abolish awards altogether, except where the Council feels that a Gold D award might be made. This would settle the problem completely, and would probably not affect activity very much. If it would, then we might be better off without the people who would complain.



Saturday, Nov. 20—Heard rain falling in the early morning, and did berate a man who told me, and many others, the day before, that there would be no rain today.

Much disgusted with the foul weather, I did lay abed to nearly noon, when I rose, and clad in many garments, including my long cloak and heavy boots, proceeded to the Wanderers Grounds where this day they played at football, and the scholars—that is the athletic scholars—were defeated by the sailors, and rubbed in the mud, too.

Once more the sailors have been made champions, and are not fit to speak to, as they are most vain and proud. Did hear it said that the Admiral of the Fleet was most pleased that the time for the playing of football is over, so that he may send the football players back and bring here many who are adept at the game of ice hockey.

Much was said in the coffee houses after, that the Navy did deserve to win the contest, as they played better, and in this I was pleased to learn that the scholars can be good at losing, as well as winning.

To a dancing party after, wet to the skin, and wet inside too, from much drinking. Did discuss many things, especially with a young man of great perspicacity and who knows whereof he speaks, John Bedlam. He did give me sound advice in the manner of writing in the Spectator (early edition) and I think he spoke well and true.

Sunday, Nov. 21—Still up and about, having been requested to leave Noman's land at closing time, where a sad-faced old man did walk about shouting "time, gentlemen, time," until I was aware that he wished I would go, and take my company with me, which I did, threatening never to return, at which he did clap his hands for joy, which is a strange thing, I think.

To another inn, which is open all night, and occupied mostly by thugs and ruffians, called, I believe, the New Liberalcy. Much time eating of clams boiled in milk with little onions, and discussing a talk given to the scholars by the Prime Minister, Mr. Holy River, who said little, but waved his hands much and was cheered mightily by the scholars.

Finally, it being light, I to my home, where I spoke not to my wife, she throwing a pan at me, and to my bed, in my shirt, on which was spilled much ale and not a little clam soup.

Up again late this day, feeling a touch of my old complaint, which does resemble the symptoms of the black plague, my tongue being thick and most peculiarly colored, being almost green. Could not eat, and so back to bed.

Monday, Nov. 22—To the college on the hill, late, where I talked with many beginning barristers, who condemned the President of the University of No Brainswith, and a man shaped like a hare, called Lord Fevershook. These men, I am told, had much to do with the ousting of a scholars club of socialists or radicals from the college.

Some do say, that if Lord Fevershook do keep building colleges, and receiving honorary degrees, he will become the most educated man in the realm, and he do already have great wealth, or did have.

Noting that law scholars are over inclined toward the discussion (Continued on page 3)

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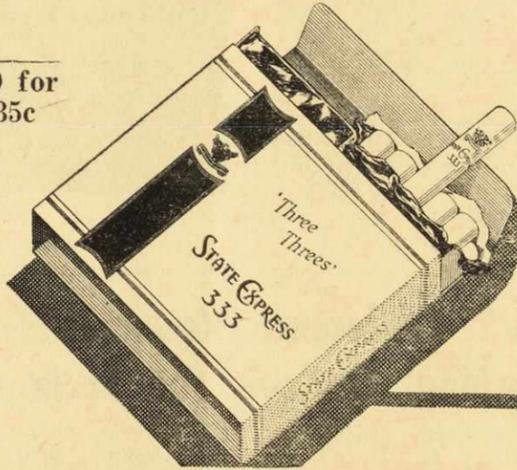
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