Book V
Quad-Wrangles
Quadwrangles

Introduction

My latest research into the psychology of a day's work in college leads me to warn you against any further investigation into the profound recesses of this volume. If your higher sense of the aesthetic is in any way perturbed by the realistic rather than the idealistic, view again the first four books of this volume and disdainfully refrain from defiling your psychic self with the fifth and last book.
King of 'Em All

"Stonehenge"—The "Crag"

The Hatchet Harem
The Year

It was a long, tedious journey. Fully five thousand miles of land and water had been covered, before ex-'21, the old familiar figure on the Washington University quad, succeeded in reaching St. Louis again, and had opened his old home at the Pikeway campus. For ex-'21 had been overseas with Uncle Sam during the great struggle, and now that all was over, did like the hundreds of thousands of other loyal Americans—just returned home and entered the old haunts.

But what a change greeted the old familiar steady. The buildings were the same and still there, but so much new life existed. And then ex-'21 went to work and investigated the cause for this new activity.

First thing of all, ex-'21 visited the Registrar's Office. "Old Reliable" Lamke was still there, but oh, how many more names appeared on the school register. Indeed, Washington had more than 3,000 students, the largest enrollment in the history of the institution.

But there were other new things that ex-'21 was to see and hear of for the first time. Out at the dorms, two new social fraternities were listed. Sigma Alpha Mu, which was announced the previous June, was occupying part of Section B, Tower Hall. Phi Omega, a local, announced its existence in February, as did Chi Sigma Phi, the new social sorority. Then there was the A. E. F. Fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Phi, whose members consisted of former members of the overseas forces, ex-'21's own old companions. The Mummies also made known their birth with a big dance at Ridgedale, to which the belles and swains of the university were commanded to appear.

But the social organizations were not the only innovations. Out at the gym, the "W" Club, consisting of wearers of the "W," were engaging in a smoker. The Royal Rooters were showing their wares in the form of pictures taken of its members on the two trips with the 'varsity, one to Des Moines, Iowa, for the Drake football game, and the other to Columbia, Mo., for the Tiger-Piker basketball series.

In the trophy room hung the banner for second place in the basketball race of the Missouri Valley Conference. This was the first time in the history of Washington University that a basketball team had gone so high in the race for the laurels. Outdoors, Coach Works was giving the boys a few pointers on baseball. Yes, the popular pastime was being revived, and was back with the Red and Green as a major sport. Wrestling had been introduced by Coach Rutherford, and fifteen interested lads were hitting the mat with regularity as they went through their paces.

Back to the quad hiked ex-'21. There he learned of the formation of five new clubs, the Classics Club, the Chess Club, the Foreign Relations Club, the Pre-Legal Club and Shell and Anchor Club.

Then he was informed of the visit to Washington University by Royalty early in the fall. King Albert and the Queen, together with Prince Leopold, of Belgium, were tended a royal reception by the students on the occasion of their visit to the campus.

Intercollegiate debating came back strongly, four debates being held during the year.

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Our Visitors

King Albert of Belgium

Crew of the No. 4
J. Walter Goldstein is the humorist of the university and is designated by fair admirers as "the cleverest thing." Whenever another boldly uses "Hell" before women Walter may be depended upon to retort off-hand, "Ain't that sweet?" being credited with having first introduced the remark at school. The public always looks to him with open mouths for a quaint statement when he speaks and here we find him about to murmur a few consolations at a friend's funeral. "Let 'er rip," someone (evidently not a relative of the deceased) has just remarked in an undertone. Scoop is about to respond, "Ain't that sweet?"

Young Ratner has a very resonant and oratorical voice and is president of almost everything at Washington, being able to talk loud. He believes in maintaining an attitude of superior dignity at all times and now he is somewhat incensed because he has been unanimously elected sergeant-at-arms of the Stump.

Paul Plummer advocates clandestine secrecy at all times. While one is conversing in the law library with a friend Paul may be depended upon to swoop swiftly, suddenly, and silently upon one and mysteriously draw aside the friend for a significant and consequential confab. The mystic is now contemplating the segregation of an embryonic barrister to tell him privately that the next issue of the Law Review is to have thirty-three pages. He is not quite sure, however, that someone will not attempt to eavesdrop.

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DICK WHITTON, circulation manager of most Washington publications, is here quizzically regarding a copy of "The Silent Sepulchre," a monthly booklet on efficient burials for the family dead. It has been sent to him by the exchange editor, who was of the opinion that "The Dirge" is an undertakers' journal.

MR. JOHN HIXON KINSELLA is quite a joker and prides himself upon his cutting editorials. Here he is placing a sign on the bulletin board in the office of his paper proscribing the Dirge for an article complimenting him upon the keen wit and biting humor of a Student Life editorial on "Why the Grass on the Quadrangle Is Not Green—Are You a Man?" It of course is only a joke to scare the circulation manager; he will later confide. His importance results from his former position as second "looe."

SHRIMP STAUBINGER could never memorize the one about the three little pigs when he was a child, and now he is business manager of Washington University. He can always figure out advertising returns so that they are just sufficient to pay the expenses of putting out the paper and sometimes to give him a small commission. He even managed affairs so that total profits on Student Life for only one semester were almost fifteen dollars.
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Student Life, October 15, 1919.

Hail, Section D, in Liggett Hall, wherein
'Mid breathless fervor and with whispered din
Long nights 'till Sol dispersed the Stygian glooms,
We gamed in the seclusion of thy rooms!
Now hither, morbid shades, while we
An epic solemn here indite to thee!

Silence—gruesome—dull—and thick—and black—
Dank air as fetid as a mist, alack!
There's something direful seeps about the air
And Cynthia's spirit warns that we beware!
Silence—gruesome—dull—and thick—and black—
What is that crying there in back?
Is it Cerberus, guardian hound of Hell,
Or Satan's legions after us pell-mell?
Shrieks—shrill, piercing, tear apart the night—
Oh, shall we flee? We cannot move for fright!
We're lost! Lord help the innocent, the young,
The Freshmen just from mother's arm who sprung!
Oh, would they mercy show that we might live?
But demons neither quarter ask nor give!
And now they're on us, myriads they seem,
More ghastly than a frightful dream.
They have us now—we dare not move! We're bound—
And then more terrible than before, the sound
Is stilled. We hear no noise, no occult crack,
But silence—gruesome—dull—and thick—and black.
Sternly then they lead us to their lair.
We quake and tremble as we enter there;
For what dire fate have they in store?
The vilest demon speaks: "Frosh, murmur not!"
The hellish judge on his infernal stand
Mounts up and raises then his horny hand.
Silence—gruesome—dull—and thick—and black.
Ah, would we were in Hannibal, alack!
The stinging prosecution states its case.
What chance is there for us? "Twould be but waste
To bandy words at such a time as this.
And fruitless is our cause—our faces fade—
We cannot prove that ice in Hell is made.
And then conviction! How we fear the wrack!
And silence—gruesome—dull—and thick—and black.
Now comes the punishment, vile poisons—slime
We take. Forty bottles at a time.
The antidote we find is worse by far
Than e'en the poison! By the star—
By Sirius there—we vow Beelzebub
Ne'er suffered equal torments! Here's the rub:
Ere we have convalesced from draughts of oil,
Our naked skins red irons scar and boil,
And fearful spiked and sharpened club and bat
Beat us where we oft' were wont to sat!
Eternities it is ere it is o'er
And all aquiver drop we to the floor.
What this terrific night has been we see,
But Lord, what will the Freshman's future be!
Silence—gruesome—dull—and thick—and black.
The fiery demons turn to us their back
And counsel take... What is that clarion call?
More tortures of the inquisitional?
No, 'tis not that! Afright is now the band
And Pralma bursts the door drawn sword in hand.
The stately Hix, the iron Scoop advance—
Ratnerian voice proclaims: "The devils dance!"
And Student Council bringing up the rear,
Lets fly a million epithets that tear
The hearts of those vile demons and two throats
Are severed while the yearling stands and gloats!
The demon hordes have fled and now supreme
Stands Pralma, sword upheld and all agleam!
And now the air is dank with blood—alack!
There's silence—gruesome—dull—and thick—and black!
The Leap Year Lock

The aura of popularity about the heads of various comely gentlemen about the Quad has been dispelled! No more need the homely Freshman gaze with awed wonder upon the tall, handsome Junior surrounded by a bevy of beautiful young girls on the steps of Ridgley Library and murmur, "Gosh, he sure must be a keen guy!" No longer should the studious, book-buried Sophomore look piquantly on the girl-draped fusser in the archway and declaim, "Would that I were he"; and the ugly duckling, waddling across the arcade, need nevermore sigh when he sees a happy, pharmacy-bound group and mutter, "Why en'ell ain't I a Adonis?" Fussing is all right. No girl will frigidly refuse to recognize young Gerad Van Blount when he accosts her at Student Life office, and reply, "I gotta date," as he invites her to share the copious and lucid nectar at the drug store. Fussing is all right. But it doesn't mean anything. And all since the Leap Year Lock.

The affair planned by the Quad Apollos to prove their omnipotent popularity so that they could float gloatingly down the ensuing weeks on clouds cast about them by feminine approbation, resulted in harsh disillusionment. It's all very well when young Lochinvar comes out of the West on his steed, Excalibur, but when the reins are in the hands of the bride and the groom is in the power of a dastardly female, it's different.

J. Hixon Kinsella, man-about-Quad, and the usual cynosure of worshipful feminine eyes, became suddenly religious.

"Of course I had plenty of invitations," Hixon admitted, "but it's the first day of Lent and I oughta stay home."

Julian Walter Goldstein, who in his puerile years was forced to grow a mustache to keep the women away, announced that he would spend a quiet evening at home. Erwin Staudinger skillfully extricated himself from the dilemma and thereby saved his reputation by issuing an edict that his Freshman sister, Helen, must take him. He entered the sumptuous ballroom decorating her arm. Payne Ratner was out of town; and Guy Her-
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AST year's Glee and Mandolin Club trip was postponed until the first week in May, after the S.A.T.C. was disbanded. The tour, as arranged, was through the central and western part of Missouri. The first town visited was Mexico, where an evening concert was given before a very appreciative audience. A reception was given at Hardin College after the performance.

The next concert was an afternoon one at Moberly. A tea had been planned at the country club, but because of the rain a dance was given in town instead. The concert in Sedalia the following evening was followed by a dance, at which the Washington men had a very good time.

Next came the big jump to Kansas City, where the performance was given before a capacity house. The strain was beginning to tell on the men by this time and instead of going to a dance they all went to bed. The following afternoon a concert was given in Carthage, followed by a dance.

Two concerts were given in Joplin the following day. It had been originally planned to give a concert at Springfield, but because of the wonderful reception they were given by the Joplin people, the clubs decided not to go to Springfield, but to give another concert in Joplin instead. Both of these concerts were followed by dances at the Connor Hotel roof garden. The dance in the evening broke up early because the fellows had the sacred rites of Whiffletree to perform before the night was over. 'Tis said that they were performed right well, at least so some of the first-year men said, and no one should know better than they.

The Friday following the return home the club gave the concert at the Odeon before a large audience. The St. Louis concert was a fitting close to a very successful season, which undoubtedly did much to make the name of Washington University better known in the surrounding country.

This year the Glee and Mandolin Club trip was called off, after having been twice postponed, once because of the coal strike and once on account of the influenza. Consequently, instead of having a week's experience on a stage, the clubs were forced to give the two St. Louis concerts without any stage experience. Both concerts this year were longer than any previous ones, the first one being a little too long. The Odeon was comfortably filled on both nights by an audience which was not backward in showing its appreciation of the men's efforts.
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There were three Seniors who returned this year from service, however, and they are receiving their degrees, which would have been given them the preceding year had not the war intervened.

It has been recently announced that the authorities of Washington University will next year add two more years to the course in the School of Dentistry, making it a six-year course and putting the school on a par with the School of Medicine in standards. This would include two years of pre-dental work "on the hill" before the student could enter the School of Dentistry.

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FOOTBALL REVIEW
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The morning of November 15 witnessed enthusiastic demonstrations on the Quad by students of every department. The architects had as usual prepared a barbarous parade and fervently gave their pagan yells. The pre-medics, too, exhibited their zeal in a slow march about the Quad carrying the corpse of the prematurely conquered Tiger. The lawyers congregated before the School of Law and, ignoring the proximity of class time, gave a spontaneous exhibition of Pikeway spirit. Formed in lock-step, they executed a snake dance, and stopping at frequent intervals, formed compact groups to give their yells.

At the termination of classes the automobile parade formed at the gym and thirty machines laden with screaming Washingtonians rode through the downtown streets and gave surprised St. Louis a demonstration of cheering that was only a harbinger of what was to come in the afternoon. The previous night a union meeting at Francis gym was attended by hundreds of students and alumni and the coach had spoken a few words, giving assurance that the team would do the best it could. It was undoubtedly the climax of the year. True, ten days later the St. Louis University team was met and defeated 7 to 0, but the Pikers played almost half-heartedly. The peak of all enthusiasm was reached November 15. Alumni and students had backed the team with thousands of dollars and—

It was too bad. But each man of the team fulfilled the promise of the coach and gave the best that was in him. And the only remark heard as the dejected Washingtonians left the stands in the cold, misty light of the early autumn evening was, "It was a good game, but we'll show 'em a few things next time!"
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ring, Rick Whitton, and numerous others became suddenly ill. Steinberg materialized, but the following day the girl who brought him announced her engagement—to someone else.

A pathetic incident was revealed when Louis Roth announced that Walter Haase had appropriated a notice he had posted in the women’s room to the effect that he (Louis) had no previous engagement for that night; and enticed away a bid. Walter came to the dance with Bing Collins.

The holocaust started promptly at nine-fifteen. The floor was comfortably crowded with an uncomfortable, miserable, and disagreeable personnel. While the women who knew how to lead led off, and those that didn’t were led off, Frank Simmons began dancing with Vadie Alden. There was an astonishing lack of stags at the doorway. Only Bing Collins was waiting the delinquent Walter. She gazed coldly at Warren Healy when he asked her to dance, for it was a breach of etiquette. It was not man’s mission to propose (dancing).

“I love his hair,” Bing said later, “but of course I couldn’t start the dance with him when I brought Walter.”

Elmer Gaylord passed by with Mildred Petring and he forced a smile when they collided suddenly with Al Welle and Sonny (Speed) Murphy, who were having some difficulty in keeping step. It was probably the first time Al and Sonny had ever danced together. Frank Simmons, with a bored look, glided laboriously by with Vadie.

“Isn’t this so unusual?” Casey Spear cleverly remarked to Pat Kinealy as she stepped gracefully upon his shine.

“Yes,” he replied with a fantastic stare.

Fred Spindler and Pony Lawin were trying out some ruthless steps near the orchestra when Frank Simmons, with a worried look, glided sedulously by with Vadie. Bing, still waiting for Walter, was becoming impatient, for it was fifteen minutes since he had disappeared within the mysteries of the men’s cloak room. Van Brokaw stepped up like a true cavalier and offered to relieve her by dancing with her.

“No,” she said tumultuously. Warren Healy, it seems, was by now dancing with the eighth girl, having evidently solved the problem. Possibly vamped ‘em, for he was strangely happy.

Frank Simmons, with a vexed look, glided industriously by with Vadie. Octavius Mendez, the Chilean consul to St. Louis, was teaching a girl whom he had just met a new and informal step, and suddenly something seemed wrong with the music. It was all accompaniment. The melody was entirely missing and there in the center of the floor was the pianist, Freddy, who had been seduced by Gayle Anderson. At this moment, Frank Simmons, with a fixed look, gliding sedulously by with Vadie, suggested that they take a walk. Which they did, and the pianist soon returned to his instrument.

Walter Haase rushed into the room, a ghastly leer playing about his face. “Where’s Bing?” he shouted nervously.

“Oh, I-I-oh-I,” he stammered voluptuously, “I wanted to keep you waiting fifteen minutes just for fun and I fell asleep! What dance is this?” he asked as the orchestra struck up the solemn strains of “Home, Sweet Home with Variations.”
The dance was over and Norman Begeman, who attended with a girl whose name he would not divulge, was the first at the cloak room. The dance was over and final returns showed that Van Brokaw danced with eighteen different girls and Warren Healey with seventeen.

“All were pleased,” both stated.

At the Cosmo soon after, drawing out a handsome five-dollar bill to pay for a gorgeous steak Walter had just consumed, Bing said, “I just had a wonderful time.”

Kinsella, who it seems, is editor of Student Life, and should therefore have something to say upon all occasions, said, “I guess I didn’t get more invitations because all the girls thought that someone else had asked me first. It’s a funny world.”

Goldstein, the editor of The Dirge, who never has anything to say, but says it anyway, stated confidentially, “Ain’t this a funny world? Ha! Ha!”
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Ode to Pete

Some there are that star in English,
Others shine in Math;
In every class are stars and suns
That shine upon our path.

The jagged rocks and roaring streams,
The chasms we must jump;
And every hindrance, great and small,
That makes a student hump.

All honor to the sharks who can
On fairy wings glide by;
But here's regards to the poor bonehead
With the brains of an average guy.

His brilliance never gets him through—
'Tis laboring like the Turk;
Here's regards to the poor bonehead
Whose grades are won by work.

A choice collection of pert aphorisms and timely epigrams may be assembled any evening in Section D, Liggett. The incentive for the original assembly of vocabulary seems to be a pair of beautifully gilded cubes which gallop promiscuously over a blanketed floor impelled by a number of enthusiastic undergrads. Following are some of the choicest and their propagators:

Toddie Kamp—"Dicey, now be good."
Pete Pemberton—"Fall off, you!"
Ollie Krache—"I'm off in a cloud of rainbows."
Ralph Fuchs—"Come on, little Phoebe; five for Ralphy."
Jimmie Conzelman—"Good old Conzie, he's a —!"
Judge Rassieur—"I ain't avaricious, but —."
Erv Steinberg—"Hell, box cars again."
Allen Modisette—"Be a craps, four or ten."
Morris Carnovsky—"Of all sad words of tongue or pen, I sure hate throwing another ten."
Walter Lewin—"Shix, dische."
Dick Kremer—"Big Dick for Richard."
Karl Spencer—"Who'll fade the Croix de Guerre?"
Hale Moore—"Oh, you incipient insects."
Israel Treiman—"Considering the pecuniary advantages, I need a six."
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