A City Street

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The retired old gentleman sits on his porch swing and observes life as portrayed by his neighbors. In all of the “helter skelter” of life, there is never a dull minute in the city.

The lady across the street who rents rooms to college students is standing on her porch. She is short, stocky, white-haired, and motherly. Her voice is loud and shrill from the constantly raising of it to communicate with her partially deaf husband. The children next door, loud and defiant in play, are now quiet and tender as they bend to pat a neighbor boy’s puppy.

Here come the two high school girls who live a few doors down. They are always having parties, and the boys who come have loud horns on their cars. The old gentleman realizes they are still young, but he wishes they would be more quiet late at night. The girls greet the old man with a friendly smile and a gracious “Hello.” This is quite different from their usual nonchalant attitude.

Then the old gentleman’s eyes gaze upon five small boys, who gather from all over the neighborhood to play ball in front of his home. They are always fighting among themselves during their play, but as soon as the game ends they go arm in arm to their homes.

It is growing dark, so the old gentleman decides to go into the house, but before he does, he stops to offer a prayer of thanks to God for making it possible for him to watch and enjoy those who bring back happy memories of his childhood and his own city street.

Advantages of Greek Letter Organizations

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Although I am not a member of a Greek Letter organization, I recognize and appreciate the manifold advantages that such an organization offers to its members. One of the greatest benefits derived by the individual from such an organization is that of successful adjustment to collegiate environment. The novice to collegiate life is sometimes perplexed by the initial exposure to this new environment, and thus, he usually requires competent guidance to compete successfully in this new academic environment. An harmonious integration of interests is essential to the student’s academic success; therefore, the Greek letter organization aids the stu-
dent in the planning of a schedule which will provide for efficiency in his scholastic program and for a diversified extra-curricular program.

The organization also furnishes numerous social and cultural activities which give the member an opportunity to meet various types of people and experience many aspects of life. Such activities enable the student to develop his personality and to increase his appreciation of the intellectual and the aesthetic aspects of life. Since there is a definite correlation between an individual's personality and success in his vocation, the development of the student's personality is an extremely important part of his education.

The Greek Letter organization also furnishes a wholesome environment to replace the member's home life. The student is very fortunate to live in an environment which has successfully prepared many men for professional life. There is a strong feeling of loyalty among the members, both students and the alumni. This common spirit assures the student of aid from influential members of the organization, and this aid could be instrumental in the success of the student in the business world or in a profession. The Greek Letter organization not only presents unlimited opportunities for the student to advance in life; it ultimately provides society with college graduates who are an asset to the cultural and economic advancement of the world. Many of the prominent men and women of our time are irrefutable evidence of the efficacy of the Greek Letter organization.

"I Have No Ear"

The other evening as I was reading through some essays by Charles Lamb, I read the following sentence: “I have no ear.” I immediately began to realize how well it applied to me and my sorority, for I have no ear to listen to the beckoning of my sorority to become an active member again. To me, the disadvantages outweigh the advantages. I imagine all sororities have certain aims and goals to reach which are advantageous to both the girls and the sorority, but the final test is whether these goals are purely hypothetical or actually materialize from determined efforts on the part of the girls. Recognition is gained by the good that has been accomplished. It takes little or no effort to boast of high aims or endeavor. Only when my sorority establishes and accomplishes worth-while ideals that are justified by the time and money required, will I become an active member.

Social segregation demonstrated on the campus is another disadvantage. Being organized has no connection with being socially