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SOPHOMORE BANQUET AT BATAVIA.

*Freshmen Pursue "Sophs," but are Unable
to Break up Their Banquet.*

The Sophomore Class sprung a surprise on the college by holding its banquet on Thursday, April 4, only a week after the opening of the spring term, and at least a month earlier than this event usually takes place. The scene of the banquet was the Wayne at Batavia and it is doubtful if the sleepy old town had ever had such a thorough waking as it had on that day when the two classes poured down in mad hordes and caused no end of worry to the valiant police force and good people of Batavia generally.

The Sophs had laid their plans carefully and apparently no one outside of the class had any foreknowledge of the event. At 6.15 in the morning a party of ten sophomores left the New York Central station on the Auburn road, bound for Canandaigua. At the time of departure, there occurred a most striking and practical example of the multiplicity of the ego, each of the above mentioned sophs assuming the appearance of three men in the eyes of the station officials, who were not at all averse to conveying their impression to inquirers.

Another party of eleven left by the Rochester Eastern at 7.30, with a great deal of unnecessary noise and confusion. The remaining twenty-one apparently the reciprocals of their much multiplied brethren, were slated to leave by the 6.48 train for Batavia; but the New York Central became confused and finally sent them by the 5.15 train which left at 7.45. The Canandaigua bunch reached Batavia by the so-called "Peanut Branch," and the reunited Sophs remained outside the town so as not to raise any suspicion.

The first intimation to the Freshmen that there was anything doing came at 8.15 when the conspicuous absence of the Sophomores gave the secret away, and frantic efforts were made to get the class together and find out the whereabouts of the Sophs. By dint of much telephon-

ing they at last succeeded in learning that some of the second-year men had gone to Canandaigua and marched down town, intending to take the train for that place and fall into the ruse which the Sophomores had so carefully planned. On the way downtown some information received from the upperclassmen as well as some crafty reasoning of their own led them to change their plans and take the Central for Batavia where they arrived about noon.

By this time the Sophomores had become certain that the "Frosh" were not coming and had scattered about the town. Five of their number, however, were left as scouts at the depot, and at the arrival of the Freshmen, fled to give the alarm to the rest of their class. More by luck than skill all but six succeeded in reaching the Wayne, these six, Horton, Kuck, Giles, Jones, Shepard and Walters falling an easy prey to the Freshmen.

The Freshmen did not at first know the place of the banquet, but one of the Sophs who was pursued gave the place away and soon the Freshmen in a howling mob surrounded the Wayne while the Sophomores prudently remained within.

The Freshmen succeeded in capturing most of the ice-cream and a sanguinary struggle was about to take place when the Batavia police force and Mayor Pollard arrived upon the scene, and the worthy mayor requested the two classes to refrain from any demonstrations on account of the serious illness of the County Treasurer whose home is on the other side of the street. This unfortunate circumstance put a stop to further hostilities, and the Freshmen gradually withdrew and allowed the Sophomores to hold their banquet in peace. After the sumptuous repast had been served the following program of toasts was enjoyed.

Toastmaster, Cornelius R. Wright.
The Ideal Girl Charles H. Miller.
Under-graduate Pranks of Past Years.....
Matthew W. Lawless.
Comradeships Edward Dykstra.
The May-Be's Roy W. Boss.
College Politics Fred E. Van Vechten.

After the banquet the two classes united