

an unused room in said basement, a well-worn desk that belonged to the College, which they were permitted to take and use as a table. The top of this desk was "consecrated" by playing thereon very frequently casino and euchre, the stakes invariably being matches. Such use of this room began in 1902 and continued for a couple of years, at which time the University decided that they had use for the desk elsewhere. The boys plead to retain it, and offered to pay for it in cash, but their offer was refused and it was determined that the desk should be removed. Almost immediately thereafter said desk disappeared. No one knew who had removed it, except the guilty parties of course. All the suspected ones plead innocence, but the faculty decided that there was no question but what the Sigma Chis who used the room were the guilty parties. In spite of their protestations of innocence, the faculty decided they should be expelled.

The Class of 1894 consisted only of Hartley Shaw, now for many years Judge of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, and Rae VanCleve, who for over twenty years, and until his retirement, was principal of the Los Angeles High School, both of them notoriously non-athletic. The faculty took it for granted that they had nothing to do with the matter, and, in fact, they were entirely innocent and had no knowledge whatever of the whereabouts of the desk or the means of its disappearance. To the surprise of the faculty the "Class of 1894" all two of them, advised the faculty that they were equally guilty with the other Sigma Chis, and would necessarily have to suffer the same punishment. If the others were to be expelled on suspicion it would be necessary to expel the Class of 1894 on confession. This the faculty was not prepared, or willing, to do and consequently they had to drop the subject. Many years later the disassembled parts of said desk were found intact inside another "room" in the basement of said Old College which had never had a door or other opening into it, and the partition walls of which were demolished in the course of making certain alterations and improvements in the building. The desk was quite