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-