

"The Waste Land" In Pa. Rubbish

Dr. Joseph Jay Rubin, professor of American literature at The Pennsylvania State University, has developed a theory that links T.S. Eliot's classic poem, "The Waste Land," with Bradford, Pa.

Rubin believes that the "Bradford millionaire" mentioned in "The Fire Sermon" section of the work is actually from Bradford, Pa., not from the town in Yorkshire, England, as is widely held. His belief casts doubt on the previously held notion that "The Waste Land" is just a European, British or Londoner poem, and, for the first time, links the poem with the western hemisphere.

"To accept Bradford, Pennsylvania, rather than Bradford, England, adds geographical dimension to 'The Waste Land' beyond a mere change of venue," Rubin points out. "For the first and only time in the entire poem, Eliot turns from Smyrna, Thebes, Carthage, Jerusalem, Athens, Alexandria, Vienna, London, and hurls his 'grouse against life' westward to America."

One notable opponent of Professor Rubin's theory is the poet's widow, Valerie Eliot, who maintains that the "Bradford

millionaire" is indeed from the Yorkshire town. The portion of the work involved occurs in Part Three of the poem and reads: "One of the low on whom assurance sits/As a silk hat on a Bradford millionaire."

Though annotations published by Valerie Eliot in 1971 cleared up several of the mysteries of what many considered a "puzzle poem," no mention was made of "The Bradford millionaire." This prompted one reader to send off a letter to the editor of the London Times Literary Supplement asking why Eliot would choose Bradford when a per capita fiscal survey revealed a dearth of millionaires in the Yorkshire city.

Dr. Rubin maintains that both Eliot and Pound were familiar with the new wealth in Bradford brought about by the discovery of oil there in 1874. Pound lived for a long time in Philadelphia, and Eliot spent four years at Harvard with the son of a Bradford millionaire, Thomas Edward Hanley.

After Professor Rubin expounded his theory in a letter to the London Times Literary Supplement editor, Mrs. Eliot countered with a letter of her own. She wrote that she was

told by her husband "his millionaire came from Bradford, Yorkshire, and did business with Lloyds Bank."

Undaunted, Dr. Rubin responded, claiming Mrs. Eliot "ignores primary evidence: that T.S. Eliot shared residence at Harvard with T. Edward Hanley, a millionaire from Bradford, Pa., collector of art and literature."

"Oil-rich Bradford, Pa., rather than Bradford, Yorkshire, gave T.S. Eliot and Ezra Pound a familiar, generic place name for new wealth," Professor Rubin asserts, "at a time when both avowed faith in a prosody where idea and simile become one."

Dr. Rubin admits it may seem like pettifoggery to dispute Mrs. Eliot's statement. But he points to Eliot's own description of the poet's Notes to "The Waste Land" as "A remarkable exposition of bogus scholarship" and his confessed guilt at "having sent so many enquirers off on a wild goose chase." He cites Eliot's disclaimers of early gloss and inability by 1956 to recall the background of material composed in the early 1920s.

As a final plea for the placement of the silk hat on the right head," Professor Rubin says, "I tender this offsetting statement by Tullah Hanley, of Bradford, Pa., widow of T. Edward Hanley: 'I must assure you that the Bradford millionaire is T. Edward Hanley.'"

Association Des Affairs Internationales

By Tim Adams

Most organizations on campus are self-serving, that is to say, their purpose is to serve or be served by certain types of individuals and not to serve the student body at large.

The International Affairs Association is the exception. This group's intention is to expand people's knowledge, so that they can experience or at least become aware of a variety of cultures without ever leaving Harrisburg. In other words, "The well will come to the thirsty" (should anyone require quaff.)

With the increased International Student population at Capitol Campus, this organization provides the perfect forum for getting to know people of other cultures and to help International Students become aware of our culture.

This group does not only have social functions, but sponsors the Annual Model

U.N. for high school students.

Other activities include several U.N. Security Council debates, a foreign film series, speakers on relevant international issues such as: Panama Canal, contemporary China etc., programs that focus on international culture, (folk dances, coffeehouses and international dinners.)

This year there has been a greater attempt to bring in international students to promote activities of an international level and provide a forum for discussion of key international issues.

Officers this year are Paul Scartelli, president; John Greenwade, vice-president; Andria Yelverton, Secretary/Treasurer. Professor Clem Gilpin serves as faculty advisor.

Anyone desiring further information is encouraged to contact any of the officers or Professor Gilpin W-154.

Inspection!

Jim Paul, chief of the campus Security Police wants to take this opportunity to remind all drivers of motor vehicles bearing a Yellow # 1, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Inspection Sticker, that it is drawing on to that time when you are going to be required to

have your new inspection sticker affixed to your motor vehicle. October is your last month of grace, and as of October 30, 1976, you are obligated to have your new number three sticker displayed to avoid a citation for operating on an expired inspection sticker.

15 Minute Stress Release

If you're uptight after a day's work, you might try stretching your way through stress.

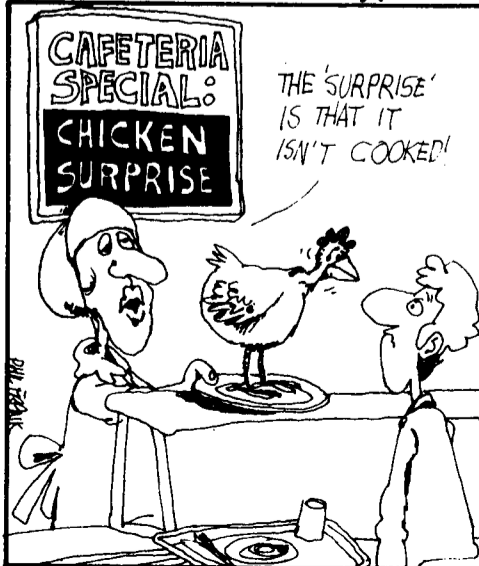
So advises Virginia Fortney, who, as assistant professor of physical education at The Pennsylvania State University, has been teaching Penn State students on how to handle stress for the past 11 years.

The closer the contact with people the more stress one incurs," says Professor Fortney. "A person can function better if he can get even a 15-minute release from stress." Stretching is very therapeutic.

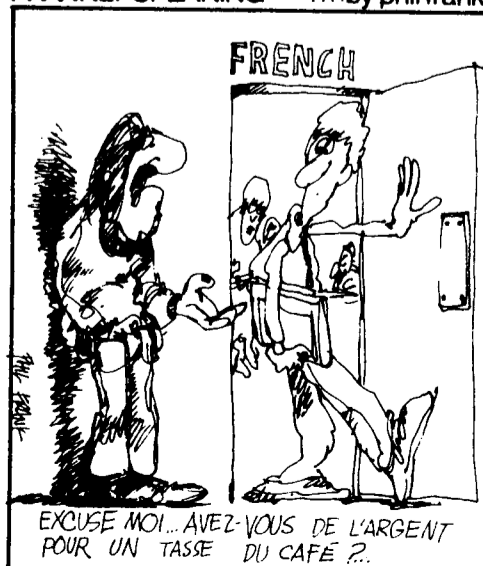
To relieve tension, Miss Fortney has her students start off with some activity, such as jogging, swimming or playing tennis. "The important thing," she says, "is for the person to do something that he enjoys doing. He shouldn't, for example, run because it is going to make him lose 50 pounds."

After that, Miss Fortney has her students stretch the large muscles of the body, such as those in the trunk, shoulders and legs. Students did four basic exercises with partners:

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