

## Purdue Grad Got Into Oak Ridge By Simple Trick

Norbert Gagen—a Purdue, Class of '36, graduate—was given a startling command early in the war:

"Break into the plant at Oak Ridge, Tennessee!" he was ordered. "Crack it—spy on it. Take pictures, steal documents, make maps—speak to people, and ask them questions. Try to find out what's being made!"

These words began one of the strangest, most secret assignments of World War II. With an almost unbelievably simple ruse, Counter Intelligence Compsman Gagen actually penetrated our atom bomb security defenses before going on to other vital assignments, including delivery to the West Coast of an atom bomb that shattered a Jap city.

Detailing his story, Gagen described the air of Hollywoodish secrecy that characterized his mission. Called out of an intelligence camp staging area, he was ordered to Knoxville, Tennessee. There, in a tight-lipped interview with an Army Intelligence Officer, Gagen was given a camera, a pistol, and a set of keys to a car—and told to "get into Oak Ridge."

Working with another agent, he made and dismissed dozens of plans for entering Oak Ridge illegally but finally pinned all his chances on a cheap "Special Officer" badge he'd bought in a pawn-shop. By flashing this badge in an authoritative manner at the guarded gates of Oak Ridge, he bluffed his way into forbidden territory, took pictures, made maps, stole documents and prepared a thick report on area activities.

This report, in enemy hands, could have spelled disaster for Oak Ridge. But in the hands of American Intelligence, it made the bomb the best-kept secret in history.

## Geology Class On The Road

With the advent of fair weather, the Geology 30 class under the instruction of Hobson Zerbe, have been devoting their laboratory period every Tuesday morning to taking field trips around the vicinity in order to study rock formations and geological phenomena.

On May 4, the group visited the Lost River Cavern near Hellertown, Pa., and on this past Tuesday, the class was taken on a tour through the Hazleton Brick Company by the superintendent, Mr. Hugh Campbell. Other interesting locations that were visited recently include the "mile" rocks situated behind the Hazleton Senior High School, and abandoned mine strippings at Cranberry.

Advisor: How many studies are you carrying?

DeNoia: I'm carrying one and dragging four.

## THE GERMAN TABLE



Twice each month during the entire year, the members of the German Classes at the Undergraduate Center held a German Conversational Table at Genetti's. In the picture above, a group of the Deutche students can be seen after the meal. The tables were attended by faculty members Anna Erlemann and Helen Dossenbach. An occasional bit of interhational relations was struck up when Edra Staffiera was a guest.

## ALUMNI NEWS

BETTY PROCCOPIO, a four semester student of HUC, who has been away from school because of illness, will enter the Misericordia College at Dallas, Pennsylvania, next fall semester. Miss Procopio's major will be Spanish.

LOUIS RAVE, who attended HUC three semesters is continuing his studies at Penn State Campus with Horticulture as his major.

Another three semester alumni of HUC, JAMES MORAN is now matriculating at Bloomsburg State Teachers College. Mr. Moran's major is Mathematics. TED BROSKI, a student of HUC for three semesters is also, at the present time, a student of Bloomsburg State Teachers College.

DANNY BLOSS, one of the competent past members of HUC Student Council is continuing his studies at the Penn State Campus and is majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

JACK KOBRICK AND GEORGE SEIDEL, past students of HUC are presently located at the Penn State Campus. Mr. Kobrick and Mr. Seidel are both majoring in Psychology.

Recently admitted as a member of Phi Beta Kappa on Penn State Campus, MRS. NATALIE BIEDERMAN GORDON has been accepted into the New York School for Social Research, where she will work for her MA Degree in Sociology.

DAVID KELLER, a member of the Penn State Symphony Orchestra and Band was a representative from that school at the Inter-Collegiate All State Band at Lockhaven last month.

ALBERT KELLER, the former's brother is also an active member of

## Music 11 Course At Summer School

Miss Pearl Garbrick, music instructor, has announced the addition of Music 11, a one credit course, to the schedule of summer courses. Whether or not this course will be available to students is contingent upon the number of students requesting it. At the present time there are ten vacancies.

Those taking this course during the summer are assured of continuing it at the beginning of their fall semester. Although a student isn't a music major, it may be taken as a course for the credit. Miss Garbrick stated that evening classes will be given if necessary.

### SEE EXHIBITS

A large number of students and school patrons have viewed the art exhibit which has been displayed locally by Art Carpenter, local Penn State art instructor.

Outstanding among the composition is a painting of the Rausch home, well-known Hazleton landmark.

the Penn State Band.

DICK EVANS and DICK BARAGER, both former students of HUC, are presently members of the College Choir at the Penn State Campus.

At Misericordia College, Dallas, Pennsylvania, ANN McHUGH is a member of the school Glee Club.

With Advertising as her major, CLAIRE MURPHY is now studying at Penn State Campus. Miss Murphy spent four semesters here at HUC.

## Club "X" Plans Outing; Students Invited To Attend

At a mass meeting of Club "X" members last Friday evening, when HUC student Jack Wagner presided, it was decided to hold an outdoor party on Saturday, June 5, at Moyers' Grove.

Club "X", a recreation center, is operated by and for young people past high school age and meets every first and third Fridays of each month at the YWCA on West Broad street. The next scheduled meeting will be held on May 21 and will feature, as usual, dancing, darts, table tennis, card games, group dancing and informal entertainment.

If sufficient interest is shown, it is possible that Club "X" will be continued during the summer months and many outdoor meetings will be planned. Mrs. E. Wallace McMullen, wife of HUC Lit instructor, is adviser for the group and several HUC students are on the club council.

## GLEE CLUB SINGS BEFORE KIWANIS

Under the leadership of Miss Pearl Gabrick, the HUC Glee Club has accomplished much outstanding and noteworthy work. As evidence of this, on May 25 the Glee Club will appear at the Kiwanis Luncheon.

The HUC Glee Club has already made appearances at a Mother's and Daughter's Banquet of the Emmanuel Reformed Church; at a church dinner held by the Salem Evangelical Church and at the White Haven Sanitorium for the benefit of the patients there.

## CAMPUS PROF COOK IN DORM

Much controversy has been heard on the subject of an increase in teachers' salaries. Believe it or not, at the Penn State Campus, an Economics teacher found it quite difficult to manage on a teacher's salary, so accepted the "position" as cook for one of the dormitories there.

However, with the slight increase he is to receive as an instructor, he plans to return to his teaching career.

## Hear Lecture On Social Relations

The various sections of the college's sociology classes heard a lecture on social relations by Syd Rudman of the HUC faculty. The lecture and group discussion took the full hour period.

The lectures have also been carried in serial form in the health and physical education classes here during the 1947-48 term.

In the sociology classes, the lectures were given in connection with the lesson study on social mores and folk ways which are included in the regular course plan.