

How Many States Can YOU Name?

How many states can you name correctly if given a map with state lines drawn in but name deleted?

If you can name all of 48, you will be doing better than nine out of ten students according to tests given to classes in beginning geography recently. More than one-fourth of those taking the tests could not fill in the names of half of the states correctly. Several missed Pennsylvania and more than one-third of the group missed one or more of the states bordering Pennsylvania.

The same test included the countries of Latin America and the average student, it was found, could fill in only one-third of the names of these countries correctly.

Central America, as far as five-sixths of the class were concerned, is a no-mans land. Panama was the only country that more than one-sixth of the class was sure about. In view of our increasing interest in Latin America, this lack of knowledge is hardly understandable.

One student was so uninformed about Latin America that he marked in Germany, England, France, Italy, et al, on the map of South America.

The examination given involved writing in on outline maps the names of the 48 states, 13 Middle American countries, and the 13 South American countries. The average grade was 54, with men averaging 10 points higher than women. The highest grade, 97, was made by a freshman. The test was given to several faculty members and one seventh-grade student. The latter's score was about 20 points higher than the college student average.

Copies of the maps are still available at the Geography Division office, 109 Mineral Industries Building, if you want to see what you can do.

Born In The Fall? You're Lucky!

Infants born during October and November have bones which are better in maturity and mineral density rating, on the average, than those born during other months.

This conclusion results from a study conducted in the division of home economics research at the College by Dr. Pauline Beery Mack, director, Portia Bricker Harvey, and Alice Jones Beakley.

The study included the taking of X-rays of the left arm and left leg of approximately 400 infants born in a Pennsylvania State Hospital (Phillipsburg) during the period of study. The infants were all X-rayed within 48 hours of birth. The bones were then rated according to standards for maturity and mineralization.

"The average bone ratings became successively poorer from October and November to June and July," said Dr. Mack, "and then began to average progressively better. The differences may be attributed partly to the generally better diets which are available during the spring and summer months and partly to the larger amount of sunlight which is available at that time."

The study also shows that mothers in their early and middle twenties are likely to have children with better initial bone structure than those of other ages.

"The study points clearly to the fact that too little education on diet during pregnancy is being given during the present time," Dr. Mack pointed out.

"More attention should be given to this subject in the schools and in adult classes. In this and other studies, it has been found that education is as important as purchasing power in the wise selection of foods."

Readers' Alley—

The Daring Young Man Of Theatre—Guess Who!

At last comes a volunteer to take our first place in the literary trenches while we watch football practice and in other ways apply ourselves to less important things than reviewing books. Anyone know a better word than "grateful?"

It is with great interest that we greet the first three published plays of William Saroyan, presented in a volume entitled **THREE PLAYS**, principally because he has included *The Time of Your Life*, which won both the Drama Critics' Award and the Pulitzer Prize this year. Here, we see a tremendous personality (that of a genius by his own admission) turning his talents to the theatre.

"My Heart's In The Highlands," the first of the three plays, is a delightful fantasy in which Mr. Saroyan carefully disregards every custom and rule of playwrighting found in Aristotle's three unities, through the French "well-made play" to Baker's post-war platitudes. There is no plot, no division into acts or scenes, very little continuity—merely beauty and Saroyan. These, however, are more than enough excuse for any play. It is thoroughly entertaining and satisfying even though the curtain is drawn while all the principal characters have both feet planted firmly in mid-air.

The Time of Your Life, the gem of last season, is the reply to Shakespeare's oft-quoted "What is the concord of this discord?" Herein, Saroyan takes an extraordinarily heterogeneous group, including Joe (a philosophic barfly), Tom, his disciple, Kitty Duval (a woman with memories), an adventure-seeking society woman, her husband, and a negro boogie-woogie pianist, and setting them in a honky-tonk waterfront dive, weaves a compelling tale of their lives and of life itself.

In *Love's Old Sweet Song*, the complement of this trilogy, Saroyan, in his beautifully benighted style, gathers together an itinerant pitchman, one Barnaby Gaul, a sentimental and romantic woman of 44, an ever-increasing family of Okies, and an idealistic messenger boy whose blind devotion to his Greek wrestler father is exceeded only by his sentimental zeal, and lets you in on the subsequent action.

Jack Sachs

Dorm Plans Party

The Nittany Coop Dormitory will hold a Hallowe'en party in conjunction with several men's town dormitories at 8 p. m. today. The social committee is Betty A. Bischoff '41, Betty A. Whittaker '41, and Sallie L. Witter '42.

A \$90,000 boiler is being completed at the University of Idaho.

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High School Rank Affects Flunks

According to statistics released from the Registrar's office the largest number of students who drop out of College were in the lower three-fifths of their high school graduating class.

In a survey which was made of last year's freshman class, 71.5 per cent graduated in the upper two-fifths of the outgoing class in secondary school and 28.5 per cent were in the lower three-fifths. The dismissal figures of that class showed that nearly three-fourths of the withdrawals were in the latter category. Hence, the lower the status one had in high school, the less chance he had of finishing his college course.

Further information stated that out of the total enrollment of 6,245 students in the College last year, only 217 were dismissed because of poor scholarship. In addition, 2,912 students were admitted as standing in the upper fifth of their class in high school.

Gauger Named Chairman Of Research Committee

Prof. A. W. Gauger, director of mineral industries research at the College, has been named chairman of a committee under whose guidance two research projects are now being conducted at the College.

The committee is the gaseous fuels committee of the American Society for Testing Materials.

Music Notes—

Chester's Band Is Tops Musically And Vocally

Although it's pretty early to hazard a guess as to the success of Soph Hop—how can it miss with a band like Bob Chester's? If you listened to its broadcasts from the Chatterbox this summer or went to see it, you'd be enthusiastic, too. This band is really solid. Bob Chester admits that the stylistic base of the orchestra is about the same as that of Glenn Miller's, but the band really sounds the best when it doesn't use that five-way reed set-up.

After you've listened to the band for any length of time, you realize that there is a real trumpet man in the brass section. That is Alec Fila, a fine lead man. Great things are predicted for this nineteen-year-old, and you can rest assured he will live up to them. His rhythmic drive is responsible for the band's good beat. If anyone can be compared to Muggsy Spanier, it's this lad.

The rhythm section doesn't add up to very much, but it is capable. The best man in the section is Bobby Dominick, playing the kind of guitar you'd like to hear more of.

Among the trombones we have Al Mastren of the former Red Nichols band. An excellent tone and technical perfection distinguish him.

Al Stuart and lovely Dolores O'Neill do the vocal honors. If you haven't heard her yet, then it is almost compulsory to attend Soph Hop. This girl SINGS — and

straight from the heart. No Bonnie Baker stuff here. Bob Chester has the makings of the Cinderella band of 1941.

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