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Through The Needle's Eye

We were going to write a red hot column today, flaying Dr. Ray Dotterer for flunking a student who had gotten a zip bluebook average by the good doctor's own records, but who had cut classes freely. We didn't think this was cricket when we figured that students come to college to learn and examinations are supposed to tell the story or else not be given. And we don't think it "logical" that Brother Dotterer considers a three as perfect (100) when the College says on our latest transcript that a three is 90-100. In fact we think that's a pretty arbitrary stand to take. Something like the classification of Aryans and non-Aryans.

But then we figured that it would be just too, too tiring to try to convince Dr. Dotterer that this is naughty, naughty. We thought it would be harder than convincing the DAR that they were guilty of race hatred. Then, too, this Ross Lehman is a nice guy, and he doesn't like to see our logical faculty panned in his paper, although he told us to go ahead. You mustn't say these things too lightly; they might reveal a condition bigger than the man involved.

Then, again, we were all ready to remind this Frank Flynn fellow, who writes such lovely letters for publication, that success comes in cans not in can'ts, that you get a chicken by hatching the egg and not by smashing it, that the negative way is ALWAYS the wrong way. We wanted to say these things because we're still angry about the way the student body was sold out in the Case of the Missing Book Exchange. We were just about to print these things when we heard some facts, and we were inclined to add the All-College Cabinet, the Independent Party entire, and the Daily Collegian to our blacklist for letting Flynn get away without finishing his job, not to mention Ray V. Watkins, our uncooperative scheduler. Not to mention the student body which didn't get excited at all.

Then Carroll Blackwood '44 said: "Men cannot disagree about a fact. They can only be ignorant of it. If we disagree, one of us is ignorant." Pretty smart for a sophomore. So we'd better not say that we think all these people broke faith with the student body, because we might be ignorant.

Thwarted in our search for something sensational, we listened to Dean Warnock tell us that civilian morale depends on: ability to defend home communities without army and navy; production of arms and food; backing up the army and navy like we back up the football team while they're winning; backing up parents by accepting lowered standards of living with cheer.

—GABRIEL

It's Up To You

Of all the acts of vandalism that have appeared on the campus in recent months, that of nearly ruining the Land Grant Mural in Old Main is perhaps the most shocking and serious from the students' point of view.

Marks apparently made by the striking of matches have appeared on the mural. Undoubtedly some students have been making the mural an object of their fun and folly. It may seem smart to some students, but others, those who really appreciate art and who recognize the prestige that the work has brought the College, are definitely in the majority.

The work represents the growth of the College and has been given by the Class of 1932 as a gift. As such, it should be respected and appreciated for what it really represents.

The commissioning of Henry Varnum Poor, one of the country's greatest muralists, brought wide publicity to the College. The finished product brought even more publicity to the College, and Penn State became one of the first colleges in the country to have such a distinguished work within its halls.

The mural could be restored when Poor comes to the campus to finish his project around the walls of Old Main's mezzanine floor. But that would cost hundreds of dollars more and would entail the removal of a section of the mural, since the mural was done in fresco, a process of painting on wet plaster.

Some other acts of vandalism which have developed recently are the carving of desks, the marking of lavatory windows, and the scratching of the backs of seats by people who refuse to keep their feet on the floor. But the new fad of scratching the mural with matches tops them all.

What can be done about it? Nothing. Unless students themselves take pride in the mural and kick the problem in their own way, the mural may be covered with crude gouges and other markings. No police force can or should be placed before it to guard against those with the desire to deface. It's up to us as students to solve the problem.

We still have some perception of beauty left in each of us. Why should we rob ourselves of something that belongs to us as a group? Why should we steal the prestige that rightfully belongs to our College itself?
 —R. E. S.

Foolish Marksmen

An average of ten large insulators on the local power line are being broken a month, it has been reported by officials of the power company. The breakage is being caused by gun shots. In addition, the service telephone booth along the line has been pierced by gun shots several times, and this might even mean personal injury to the workmen.

Undoubtedly this target practice affords some students a certain amount of enjoyment, and under ordinary conditions would not present a very serious problem. In fact, the power company includes in their budget a fund for taking care of just such accidents.

But in times of national emergency such as we now find ourselves this damage takes on a different color. Any students who may have indulged in such actions will undoubtedly think twice before they shoot the next time realizing that this type of damage to a main power line might seriously impede the safety and welfare of the community in time of emergency.

Destructive outbursts that in normal times mean little but added expense, in times of emergency may border on sabotage. To thwart any possibility that unthinking students might hinder the community's preparedness, we suggest that further target practice of this nature be eliminated.
 —D. W. D.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Manager Election Results Released

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TODAY
 Senior Engineering lecture in Room 121 Sparks at 4:10 p. m. The speaker, Crosby Field, consulting engineer, will talk on "The Important Function of the Small Plant in a Democratic Civilization."

Penn State dormitory dance in Women's Building lounge, 9 p. m. to midnight.

TOMORROW
 Russian Club bowling party at the Dux Club, 8 p. m.
 Women's honorary ski club, White Hall, 1 p. m.

This adjustment in the winter sports managerial set-up will find juniors as varsity managers, sophomores as first assistants, and freshmen as second assistant managers, for the 1942-43 campaign. A definite decision on how the possibility of a summer sports program will effect the spring and fall managerial program has not been made.

With sugar on the ration list, maybe it would be a good idea to have our sweet tooth pulled.

Famous bedtime story—"Just one more hand and then we'll go home!"

PS Club Resumes Exchange Dances

Resuming the "activity-a-week" program, Penn State Club members will hold a dormitory exchange dance in Women's Building lounge from 9 p. m. to 12 midnight tonight, it was announced yesterday by Richard D. Krigger '44, club chairman.

Refreshments will be served and music will be provided by recordings. Novelty dances will also be held. Since only a limited number may participate, club members who wish to attend should sign up at the Clubroom in Old Main.

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DRAG YOUR HAG
 to the Players' Show
"Taming Of The Shrew"
 Feb. 13-14 - Schwab Aud. - 55c



Teaching a new Army old "tricks" in telephony

The telephone plays a vital role in army communications. So the Bell System is helping to school Signal Corps men in practically every phase of telephone construction, operation and maintenance.

This training job is but a small part of the tremendous task Bell System people are doing in this national crisis. They're setting up telephone systems for new camps, bases and factories—handling an enormous volume of calls needed to coordinate the Nation's war effort.

Throughout the country, Bell System people are wholeheartedly cooperating in the drive for victory. To men and women of their high caliber, there is real satisfaction in a difficult job well done.



After
Military Ball

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