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## That's News

When the President of Penn State College goes to see a dramatic performance for the first time in six years and then congratulates the playwrights—that's news.

Experiments are nothing new at Penn State but something new in experiments—not connected with the war effort—shows great promise of rapid expansion although as far as the College is directly concerned the ninth and final curtain will fall tonight.

Sometimes in our all-out concentration on defense we may overlook events not of an apparently spectacular nature. Tonight "Ephrata" will close. It is only fitting that a few more things be mentioned before the experiment passes from the local scene.

When Katy Popp and Prof. Frank Neusbaum collaborated on "Ephrata" they little suspected that the State Historical Commission would request further plays for an educational series and that other organizations and institutions would display a desire for more of the same. Catching like wild-fire, the dramatization of Pennsylvania folklore is just beginning to receive the acclaim it deserves.

Over 150 tickets have been issued every night and a full house has always received the presentation with a signal appreciation. We can think of no finer way to illustrate approval than the few minutes of absolute silence that has always marked the ending of the drama.

However, they may be slow to appreciate the significance of the experiment but we feel sure that repercussions outside of Penn State and State College will soon be heard. —HJZ

## Meeting The Crisis

It took a dormitory crisis to make the Student Housing Board get down to serious business, but its present problem of finding appropriate rooms for the evacuated dorm men is still far from solved.

For many months, this Board was in competition with the Student Health Board, as each organization attempted to outlast the other in a battle of inactivity. However, the former has apparently seen the light, and as a result, a comprehensive list of available downtown rooms will be published before the opening of the Fall semester.

In previous years the Penn State Christian Association has handled the room list, and again this year the PSCA will work in cooperation with the Student Housing Board, so that a more extensive list can be compiled. Because of its recent inactivity, the Board may lack experience while performing its first duties, but the present dorm crisis will bring out the best in the Student Board, and we feel that it will soon be functioning smoothly.



Old Mania...

Our Uncle Dudley, a lifelong resident of State College thrice removed, informed us that the good little town is in the involutory process of being handed back to the Indians—or, as some claim, back to the dogs.

Fact is, the local borough ship of state has had an alarming tendency of late to drop off an occasional cop or two, for some reason or other, until at the present time the 6,000 townspeople, plus more than 5,000 students, are left with the protection of only two full time police officers.

Only last year the police force of four men had more than it could handle in the way of assault-and-hammer cases, which were giving the town reputation a terrific mauling in the newspapers throughout the state. Now, with the force rapidly approaching its mathematical minimum, we are often terrified by the thought of what a recurrence of these incidents could do. Yet in spite of this fact, State College's police force still continues to shrink!

The cause of this latest piece of news, so Uncle Dudley says, was the recent family falling-out in the seats of the borough mighty. To be specific—the sudden resignation last week of one-third of State College's now-you-see-'em-now-you-don't police force.

Special police officer, John W. Moring, student, is no longer a borough employee. After three long months of learning the duties of a policeman, from the directing of hypothetical traffic to hauling inebriates off parking meters, Johnny had the misfortune of coming out on the slim end of a tiff with his commander-in-chief, Burgess A. E. Yougel. And all because of a recalcitrant canine.

Moring broke into the flatfoot game back in the Spring after an earlier tiff between Yougel and the Police Department—over the question of who was to run the department, Yougel or the Police—had left the borough with only half a police force.

Since that time Moring has turned in a right good job as a patrolman, despite the fact that he had to start out from scratch, and learn from experience, and experience only.

The trouble which led to Moring's resignation last week arose out of the recent mad dog scare that plagued State College for so many hours last Spring.

At the height of the scare, a canine war was unofficially declared by Burgess' suggestion. Moring was under orders to track down and shoot on sight all canine citizenry failing to display proper governmental collar credentials.

Early one morning last week—4 a. m. to be exact—Moring spotted a suspicious-looking mutt on S. Atherton street. The dog was running loose, and had no collar on—which was bad.

Moring gave chase but lost the dog in the darkness. Several times after that he spotted the dog again, but the fugitive always succeeded in elud-



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ing capture. Finally, about 6 a. m., Moring met the same dog again, but this time dispatched it with a single pistol shot—which was exactly as he was told to do.

Repercussions were quick and amusing. An irate dog owner threatened to have Moring arrested for enforcing the law. (True, the mutt did succeed in reaching its own back yard to expire. And perhaps it was in the habit of slipping its collar—which is bad—but life's like that. Ask any one-arm draftee.)

For enforcing the law so "rigidly" Moring was immediately suspended by the Burgess, and without a hearing—which gives democratic procedure a new twist, and which could give the Burgess an embarrassing headache if Moring hadn't washed his feet of the whole affair by resigning.

The nub of the affair is this: Under the circumstances Moring undoubtedly pulled a boner, but he was still carrying out orders. Because of his retiring nature, however, some local parties have for the present evaded an embarrassing explanation.

What amazes us is how two remaining policemen are going to adequately enforce the law in a town of 6,000, plus more than 5,000 students, even though they continue to work a 12-hour day, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year. Maybe the town is being given back to the dogs.

—Unie—

## Campus Calendar TODAY

Last showing of Ephrata will be shown tonight in Schwab Auditorium, 9 p. m.  
 Wesley Foundation Cabin Party will meet at the Foundation at 1:00 p. m.

## Outdoor Exercises For '42 Graduates

Because of the many requests to have an outdoor commencement, senior commencement exercises have been changed from Schwab Auditorium, 8 p. m. August 27, to the Mall, 6:45 p. m. August 27, announced Professor Clarence E. Bollinger.

Candidates for senior degrees will assemble in 121 Sparks at 6:20, and the faculty will gather in the first floor of Burrowes Building. The Commencement procession will move promptly at 6:40 p. m.

Summer Semester commencement proceedings will be conducted similarly to those of the Summer Session. The Blue Band will play before the exercises, starting at 6:30 p. m.



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