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Take It Easy, Please

"Be original; don't make paths." That was the advice given to students about two years ago when the destruction to campus lawns by students taking short cuts began to mount quite an expense item in the budget of the department of grounds and buildings.

Now the old problem has risen again. Students again are taking to the greens and wearing down the grass, struggling hard itself to live in the partially frozen ground. To cite a few eyesores on campus, the Collegian needs only mention the stretch of brown from the cement walks in front of the Liberal Arts building to the door. The brown, which is mud where the grass died, has a green background, and doesn't lend itself very well to beautifying the mall.

Making matters worse now is the lack of fertilizers containing vital war chemicals — phosphorus, for instance. Another important fertilizer is nitrate, the most important element in explosives. These cannot be bought. They're on the priority list. Unless college workers can restore the grass through manure, and possibly some supplies on hand, the short-cut paths are apt to remain.

Expense of such items as growing grass where it was trampled amounts to five per cent of the money annually spent by the department of grounds and buildings for repair work.

Don't cut across a path on the grass. Remember when you were struggling to be recognized.

"Don't Tread On Me"

Don't look now but all those final blue books of the comprehensive type are closing in fast. Although there has been no provision made in the College calendar for finals, some of the profs have announced these trials by grueling as a parting shot this semester. We say, take it easy.

There are few courses that won't have a final blue book of the period variety designed to cover the portion of the course since the last blue book. These in themselves will take plenty of study and rehearsing. And to go with them are lots of reports and term papers that have a habit of coming due the last week of a semester.

Add to all that a few comprehensives and the poor student is ready for a rest cure in one of the quieter spots for a few months. To belabor the point further, what good will all these tests and exams do, if the student has to slight the last quarter of his semester's work to brush up on the first three-quarters?

It is true, as some of the instructors have stated, that, if no other purpose is served, these comprehensives force the student to review. That may be right, but it certainly plays hob with the work in hand at the present. With the accelerated program, there is no letdown at the end of the semester, but rather a rush to finish the designated material in time.

So, please, professors, take it easy on the comprehensive finals. —R.T.K.

(The opinions expressed in this column are those of the columnist, and are not necessarily those of The Daily Collegian.)

A Lean and Hungry Look

By Milton Dolinger

A Mexican proverb reads: "What can one expect of a day that begins with getting up in the morning?" That's exactly how we feel right now, especially since our ferret-nosed spy, Tredwynkle, reported the doings of the days. Know you that the coeds in Watts Hall have been summarily ordered to remove their various and sundry belongings to Ath Hall by Friday next—without benefit of transportation.

Transfers all—the girls of Watts—who came to this vale of erudition because, well, because of Penn State's high ranking in many, many fields, are going to be out in the cold. Could not the College, perchance, keep the respect of these coeds by diverting one of the "company" trucks, or would they rather see the girls trundle their own bundles at the expense of final week studies?

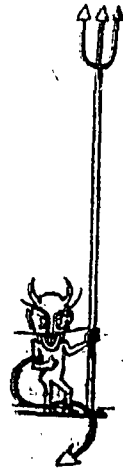
The good and noble landlords and ladies of Yougel's burro have been raising the rents of their student roomers with the plea of rising costs as an excuse. Tredwynkle, who doesn't entirely confine his meanderings to geography, brought our attention to the fact that OPA had frozen rents as of last March. Investigation on our part, however, disclosed that that refrigeration only applied to defense areas. Lucky landlords and ladies! But then again, why should not this place be designated as such an area? Student training and all that—as Deans Hammond and Whitmore will well testify.

The recent statements by certain heads of technical departments on the army reserve mixup seem to be disparaging to what are termed "Liberal Artists." And the attitude of many so-called technical students toward these pursuers of knowledge is hardly complimentary. Allow us, then, to quote a remark of The Reverend Hugh O'Donnell, Notre Dame, about liberal education:

Science and Engineering are important in war, but unless these studies are implemented with religion, philosophy, and languages, we develop mechanics, not leaders—automatons, not men.

Our own little Diana of the Crossways, Dottie Brunner, I-told-you-soed at Cabinet meeting the other night about how the Curfew, although ridiculed at its inception, was now the best thing ever to hit this campus. Consider then the Curfew. "Consider President Atherton's tomb."

—Cassius



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We, The Women... Don't Leave College, Coeds—You Are Needed Here

Doesn't it seem unpatriotic to surely become monotonous after a few weeks. stay in school? Do you think you're wasting time that could be put to use in a war plant?

If you spend all your time thinking about these things, maybe you are cheating the country out of a good worker on an assembly line. But, if you keep studying, you're doing a big favor for Uncle Sam.

War industries are begging for women—with no training needed—to fill positions on the assembly line vacated by men. Salaries sound enticing, and work would not be hard.

Yes, it sounds like a good set-up. Leave college, be on your own, and start saving for the future. But, as Mrs. John H. Williams, AAUW state president, pointed out in a talk recently, any women can fill these jobs. They are routine and would

With the background of training which each coed will, or should, have after graduation, she'll be doing the country a favor to stay in college now. "Coeds should try to get as much technical and specialized training as they can before they take defense jobs, because women with skill and technical experience are desperately needed," according to Mrs. Williams. "Any woman can learn to work on an assembly line," she stated, "but since only a few have the education and capacity to lead, college women should be willing to give the greatest skill and service of which they are capable to further the war effort." "Don't pack your trunks yet, coeds. Wait till they start drafting women before leaving the Nittany valley. —M. J. W.

Advertisement for 'The College Book Store' at 123 W. Beaver Ave. Includes text: 'I'm hurrying to the College Book Store to buy my Christmas Cards' and an illustration of a bear.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

- TODAY: Senior Editorial Board of Collegian, News Room, 4:15 p. m.; Basketball game with Susquehanna, Rec Hall, 8 p. m.; Christmas Carol Sing Committee, 304 Old Main, 5 p. m.; FSCA Executive Committee, 304 Old Main, 6:45 p. m.; Froth, the College humor magazine, will be on sale at Student Union and the Corner on Thursday. WRA Bridge Club meets, White Hall Playroom, 6:30. WRA Rifle Club meets, White Hall Rifle Range, 6:30. WRA Badminton Club meets, White Hall gymnasium, 6:30. Badminton Club meets White Hall lounge, 5 p. m. today.

Judging Contest

(Continued from Page One) vited to enter competition. The competition is sponsored by the Block and Bridle Judging Club, members of which comprise the program committee. Committee members include John A. Christian '43, cattle; James S.A. Christian '43, sheep; Glen W. Stevens '43, horses; and Leon M. Bodie '43, swine. There will be no entry fee for contestants.

Mobile Unit

(Continued from Page One) Eddie Coles and music will be furnished by Joe Cannon, Ray Fortunato, Don Smith, Dayton Greenly, Pepper Birchard, George Washko, and Pat Lamade. Because of the rubber situation, Claus said, tonight's show will probably be the last for the duration. In the past, all trips were made by private automobiles. "Gasoline is no difficulty," Claus said, "as the local rationing board gives us what fuel we need, considering us as helping army morale." Letters from servicemen throughout the state have constantly been received by the Thespians, asking for a Mobile Unit to visit their camps. Thespian productions are rated very high by the men who have seen them.

Money for the Mobile Units was donated by the senior class, which set aside a fund of \$1,000 to cover their expenses.

Reserves

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