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Crime Doesn't Pay

Criminologists say that the better educated people are the less likely they are to commit petty crimes as common burglary, stickups, and pocket-picking. But, the recent outbreak of petty robberies at Atherton Hall seem to indicate that either the experts are wrong or college does not provide a very good education.

Atherton Hall was once a dormitory from which coeds could go to classes, town, or meetings without thinking of locking room or closet doors. Women who have been living there for the past two months have found that they cannot even go to dinner or leave their rooms to take showers without locking up everything of value.

Since the beginning of the semester alarm clocks, wrist watches, rings, cigarettes, several hundred dollars in cash, and many little knick-knacks which coeds value have disappeared from coeds' rooms. Many of these thefts have taken place in odd hours, when no outsiders could possibly have been present in the dormitory. Therefore, the assumption has been made that coeds themselves are responsible for the pilfering of these articles.

Coeds are asked by dormitory supervisors to lock their closet and room doors whenever they leave their rooms for a few minutes. They are also urged by the authorities not to keep large sums of money in the dormitories. By being on the look-out for suspiciously acting people walking in the dormitory halls and by listening to the advice of hostesses and officials perhaps the guilty ones will be apprehended and Atherton coeds will once more be able to leave their rooms unlocked and unguarded.

Private Property

Heinz Warneke's statue of the Nittany Lion, a gift to the College by the Class of 1940, is one of the outstanding works of art of which the College is justly proud. Not only because of its monetary and artistic value are students and former Penn Staters proud, but because the Nittany Lion has come to symbolize all the traditions and spirit of our Alma Mater.

To all those who love and cherish the Lion then, there is no possible excuse for the vandalism which occurred Friday morning. Captain Mark of the Campus Patrol reports that at this time it was discovered that lipstick and brown shoe polish were used to decorate the Lion's face.

Students were shocked to learn one year ago after the Colgate football game that the Lion had been smeared with black paint. After this vandalism occurred All-College Cabinet appropriated funds to illuminate the statue at night hoping that this would stop any recurrence of this act.

Evidently the lights were not a sufficient protectorate because since then three offenses have been reported. On one of these occasions a chip was knocked off the Lion's nose by an empty bottle.

If these acts continue, it will be necessary to enclose the Lion in a cage of wire. Anyone who has seen the imposing figure in its landscaped setting will realize how much such a contraption would detract from the beauty of the scene.

Such actions will surely discourage future bequests to the College—perhaps even squelching plans for the proposed Student Union building.

Penn Statements

Even on a week-end when gobs of students flocked home or to the shore for their last fling of the summer, Dry Dock was jammed with couples having a wonderful time. Thanks to the efforts of Cabinet and especially of June First and her hard working committee, the answer to the campus's prayer for entertainment and fun on a Saturday night got off to a good start. Among the celebrities present were Prexy Hetzel, Dean Ray, and Dean and Mrs. Warnock who incidentally were cutting a rug with the best of them.

It's Unusual—

The Corner Unusual has long been noted for a lot of things—chocolate cake a la, ham a la Corners, peanut fudge sundies, and slow service. The customers have long since come to expect a half hour wait before and after orders have been taken. They just come and saturate themselves with the atmosphere, and incidentally notice who is entering with whom those sacred portals. But last week-end Tim Reed found himself supersaturated with atmosphere and still no waitress seemed to notice. Finally Tim took matters in his own hands and served himself cafeteria style—just like Atherton Hall.

Classifieds—

Just before the Collegian went to press last week, a classified was hurriedly excavated from the form. The ad looked quite harmless, definitely not the to-be-censored type. It read: LOST: AOPi sorority pin. Finder please return

to 405 Atherton. Then we discovered that the coed requested not to have it printed because she had found her pin. "You'd never guess where," she added. "It was in the cuff of George's pants."

Dottie Dix—

Home Ec 405 is one of those courses that settles all those little problems where marriage is concerned. This week the class was having a panel on a very important issue; namely, mother-in-laws and how best to get rid of them. The only solution offered was made by the coed who ventured to suggest, "Send them to an old folks home."

Trivia—

Zoszak tells this one about the coed who went up to the BMOC and said, "Are you the big bull on campus?" When the BMOC answered yes, the coed replied, "Moo-o-o!"

Ens. Rem Robinson, former sports editor of the Collegian, was in town last week-end. He is home from the Pacific on a 20-day leave.

Old Mania

The Navy swamped Maniac with choice news bits as Sailor Larry McGrael placed a sparkler on Muggy Hall's left hand . . . and ChiO Libby Fitzgerald accepted a diamond from A/S Charlie Smith.

And may we quote a New York society page saying ex-SDT prexy Shirley Levine is now Mrs. Milton Feldman . . . and SDT Arlene Rabinowitz was married to Paul Friedman in New York Sunday.

Posie Schearrer, theta, journeyed up from Washington to see Dick Griffiths. Now she is wearing his phi tau jewelry . . . Liz Lowy and Lt. Bernie Weiner middle-aided it early in August . . . Phi sig Howie Elet pinned Ethel Winter of Hunter College . . . AChiO Alice Mendenhall is wearing a sparkler from V-12er Jack Palm.

Around Town—

Lt. Rem Robinson, former sports editor of The Collegian, was visiting deltagam Jeanne Barronett . . . Phidelt alum Lynn Taylor and Theta Jo Sauerwein spent last week in State College . . . Teke alum Bob Gridley was here . . . AOPi's Kay McCormick, Charlie Scibetta, and Jackie Struble will trek up this weekend to see their sisters . . . Alpha Zeta Gif Pletcher, pfc., was in town recently . . .

Carol Dickman and Barb McCleary were seeing their Theta sisters over the holiday . . . Vis-

iting Beta Sigs were Bob Kranich, yeoman third class, Bob Lyons, RT third class, and Al Apter now in the V-12 at Princeton . . . Herb Hasson, Ralph Snyder, and Larry Koenigsberg, all phi sig alums were here.

Phi Kap Bill Beam traveled up to see Scotty Glenn . . . ChiO pledge Happy Weber entertained Bob Burleigh, a West Point cadet over the weekend.

DG Betty Rank journeyed up to see SPA Harry Bassler over Labor Day . . . Seeing Johnny Duich, SPA, was his hometown girl . . .

At Club Sig Ep—

SPE is holding its second post-war pledge affair tomorrow—a formal dinner dance. Planning to nightclub there are Tom Hutchins and Katie Powell, AChiO . . . Ross Johnston and Spoudekaster Gene Gilmore . . . Don Varga and Clair Robinson . . . Jim Kane and Jo Broberg . . . Bob Taylor and AChiO Jan Mollenauer . . . and others.

Reno Bureau—

Rumor has been confirmed that Phi Kap Johnny Sadden and AChiO Jan Feistel are no longer bound by the pin . . .

Jackie Irvin, gammaphibeta, has broken her engagement with SPA alum Joe Yarze. —MANIAC

Faculty Limelight

Frederick E. Snyder, Jr., formerly a research assistant in ceramics at the College, was killed on Okinawa May 28, State College friends learned recently. A graduate of the College, he entered the Navy in May, 1944.

Coach Bob Higgins caused a sensation among local golfers with his hole-in-one on the College golf course Saturday. He was playing with his daughter, Ginger, and made his amazing shot on the 200-yard 12th hole. . . . C. M. Graff, assistant supervisor of informal instruction in Central Extension, and Mrs. Graff, have adopted a four-month-old baby boy, William Nelson Graff.

Has New Position

Capt. Alvin R. Grove, Jr., former member of the botany department who also was associated with the forestry school at Mount Alto, is now teaching biology at the Army's largest overseas university, recently established at Biarritz, France. . . . Also among the College faculty members who are now teaching overseas are a trio at the Army center at Shrinham, England. They are Thomas C. Benton, professor of mathematics; Ralph U. Blasingame, head of the agricultural engineering

department; and Grover C. Chandlee, head of the department of chemistry.

Teaching Overseas

Dr. L. A. Peacock, former assistant professor of English composition, has accepted a position as head of the school of languages and letters at Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kansas. . . . Among the many vacationing faculty members are William O. Rogers, associate professor of mathematics; Stuart A. Mahauran, assistant professor of journalism; William L. Werner, professor of English literature; R. Hadly Waters, associate professor of economics; and Jacob Tanger, head of the political science department, who is in Lancaster and expects to spend part of his vacation at the seashore.

Campuseer

To those students who weren't here before the war, peace seems to have had a strange and almost unexplainable effect on the College and its rules and regulations. Vacations and holidays, which were rapidly becoming obsolete terms in these parts, have been thrust at them fast and furiously, and most persons, students and faculty alike, have spent them just sitting around being stupefied at the thought.

The one day V-J holiday that was originally proclaimed didn't much surprise anyone, for all had been looking forward to it for a long time. When it was extended to two days, however, everyone was completely surprised and delighted—especially those persons who left town Tuesday night for an extended weekend and came back to find they hadn't cut as many classes as they thought they had.

It took a long time before the campus returned to its former routine after those holidays. Many were the profs who were heard to say, when students failed to show up for classes or came unprepared with the day's assignment, "Oh, well, I guess we have to make allowances for V-J Day" for days following the great occasion. But just as the situation was getting back to normal, look what happened. The College up and proclaimed Labor Day another holiday.

Not only was that the first one-day vacation that has been granted since the College went on its accelerated program, but it was probably the first time in history that Labor Day was made an official holiday. Then, to top that fact off, coeds were granted 2:30 permissions to attend the midnight show on Sunday.

"How did this happen" asked innumerable, disbelieving women students, who had planned to sneak out of the dorms to attend the show anyway.

"It's the war, or rather the peace," was the only explanation. It's made everyone light-headed."

To older, pre-Pearl Harbor students, however, these happenings that so amazed underclassmen brought back memories of the Penn State that used to be. They remembered the times that coeds were given three o'clock permissions on all big weekends, to attend dances or fraternity parties. They remembered, too, two-week Christmas vacations and five-day Easter and Thanksgiving vacations.

Back to mind came all the little things that added up to a peacetime Penn State that wartime students only read about in books. And they thought, "The College is quickly returning to what it used to be, to the way I'll always remember it."

And following that thought for those who will be graduated in October was a regretful one: "Gee, I'm sorry I won't be here to see it."

Front and Center

Jacob M. Geist, former instructor in chemical engineering, was recently commissioned a second lieutenant at the Chemical Warfare Service Officers' Candidate School in Edgewood Arsenal, Md. . . . Bill Wood, former Penn State football star, is resident chaplain of the world famous Sailors' Snug Harbor at Staten Island, N. Y.

John Napoleon, former Penn State intercollegiate boxing champion, is a recreation officer aboard an LST in the Pacific . . . First Lt. Edward A. Zacks is in charge of the Air Transport Command's North African Division Station at Tunis, Tunisia.

Lt. William J. Dorworth Jr., was awarded the Bronze Star Medal at a submarine base in the Pacific. . . . M/Sgt. Gerald Firestone earned a similar achievement badge for service in the Mediterranean. . . . First Lt. Raymond P. Johnson '42 is wearing a Bronze Star which he won in the Mediterranean Theater.

William Soose, former Penn State boxing champion who later became a professional, is awaiting discharge from the Navy, mainly on points he earned in the Aleutians. He has stated that he does not expect to return to the ring, but rather intends to go into business.

Second Lt. Robert V. Gildea '42, a B-17 Flying Fortress bombardier, recently achieved the Air Medal. . . . Training as a flight engineer on a B-29 Superfortress at Randolph Field, Tex., is Lt. William McKenna.

Kappa Delta Rho alumnus Ralph M. Yeager was recently promoted to warrant officer junior grade in the Army Air Forces overseas. . . . Alfred E. Meyer Jr., '35 was promoted to corporal at the advanced engine pilot school, Napier Field, Ala.

Lt. (j.g.) George N. Rumsey recently arrived at an East Coast port after serving 17 months aboard an LST. . . . Lt. Col. William H. Fandel, holder of the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross, is awaiting reassignment in San Antonio. He spent 14 months in the ETO.