

# Jokers Nabbed At Swarthmore

The administration of Swarthmore College doesn't think the hoax pulled by seven undergraduates was very funny. It is much more likely to erect gallows than statues in honor of the hoaxsters.

Because they appeared at the printing plant in which the Swarthmore Phoenix is printed, represented themselves as new members of the editorial board, and "remade" the edition with a 2 1/2

inch headline declaring "Adlai Prexy!!" with an accompanying story and congratulatory editorial, the seven undergraduates—none of them Phoenix editors—went on trial Wednesday before two groups, one of faculty and students, the other of men students only.

They admitted all.

Charges against the pranksters could lead to expulsion or suspension. Names of the defendants were not disclosed.

"I'm extremely upset about the whole thing; this will prejudice the position of the college in seeking a new president," Dr. John W. Nason, president of the college, said Tuesday.

Relations between the president and the paper haven't always been rosy. Nason banned the publication for two weeks in 1948 following an editorial on the Kinsey report, "Sexual Behavior in the Human Male," on the grounds that it had shown "poor judgment and bad taste."

Last month the paper, in an editorial, "No Sin at Old Swarth-

## Cambridge Hit By Coeds' Craze For Men's Baths

The silk stocking in the bathtub may mean a coed has been bathing in the men's dorms again.

Two silk stockings have been found in the bathrooms in the men's dormitories of Cambridge University, Cambridge, England. Behind them is the vow of six woman students to bathe at each of the university's men's colleges. Two women reportedly have already slipped into two of the men's bathrooms, stripped, and scrubbed. In each bathroom they left their club's insignia, a single silk stocking.

As a consequence, bowler-hatted "bulldogs"—campus policemen—are patrolling the university's corridors searching for more girls in search of an illicit bath.

Dom May, editor of the student paper, "Varsity," which broke the story, said he knew the story was true, and knew the ringleader. He refused to name her, fearing she'd be expelled if exposed.

The girls described in "Varsity" their scrubbing experiences in the "lovely big baths."

Obviously, the girls feel this is a good, clean prank.

more?" assailed Nason and Everett L. Hunt, dean in charge of student affairs, for barring men and women students from visiting one another's dormitories on Sunday afternoons.

# Incoming MI Dean Heads Steel Project

Dr. Elburt F. Osborn, recently named to succeed Dr. Edward Steidle as dean of the School of Mineral Industries, has been a member of the faculty since 1946 and associate dean of the school since last April.

At present he is supervising research sponsored by American Iron and Steel Institute, Bethlehem Steel Co., Filtrol Corp., U.S. Army Signal Corps., and Office of Naval Research.



Dr. Elburt F. Osborn  
Specialized in geology

Born near Rockford, Ill., Dr. Osborn was graduated from DePauw University in 1932 with a degree in geology. He received the degrees of M.S. from Northwestern University in 1934 and Ph.D. from California Institute of Technology in 1937.

### Was Research Chemist

The new dean held teaching fellowships at both institutions until 1938, when he accepted a position as petrologist at the Geophysical Laboratory, Carnegie Institution of Washington in Washington, D.C. During World War II he received a citation from the War and Navy departments for his research on problems of gun barrel erosion for the national defense research committee.

Before coming to the College in 1946, he worked as a research chemist with the Eastman Kodak Co. for one year.

### Geological Work

Dr. Osborn is a member of Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Lambda Upsilon, honorary chemical society, and is president of the Penn State chapter of Sigma Xi, graduate scientific honor society.

Besides doing extensive field work in geology and petrology in the iron fields, oil fields, and gold mining regions of the U.S. and Canada, Dr. Osborn has also conducted research in the fields of petrology, geology, geochemistry, silicate chemistry, and internal ballistics, and has contributed to scientific literature in these fields.

Probably the oldest regiment in the world is the Yeomen of the Guard, a British troop responsible for the safety of the King of England when he is in St. James Palace. Its history dates back more than 450 years.

## SURPRISE HER WITH FLOWERS



## Service Test Applications Are Available

Applications for the Selective Service college qualification test to be given at the College April 23 must be sent to Princeton, N.J., no later than March 9.

Applications for the test, which is used to provide local boards with evidence as to the college qualifications of their registrants, may be obtained from Mrs. Sara E. Case in the Dean of Men's office.

Sample test questions and information bulletins are also available in the dean's office, according to Dr. Hugh M. Davison, professor of education research and director of the examinations at the College. The tests, he added, require a general knowledge of mathematics, general science, understanding of vocabulary, and reading ability.

Students to be eligible for the testing must be fulltime students at the College and Selective Service registrants who intend to request student deferments. They must not have previously taken the test.

The average city family now spends 30 per cent of income for food and drink.

# Superstitions Reign; It's Friday the 13th

By HELEN LUYBEN

Crawl back into bed—it's Friday the 13th! Don't venture out into the perilous beyond. Bad luck awaits you 'round the corner or down the next hall. Terror stalks the Mall.

If you were planning one, don't go through with the wedding. Don't take that new job, nor visit the sick at the Infirmary, nor cut your nails. It's bad luck today.

Just any Friday is unlucky, the superstitious person will tell you. But when the Friday happens to be the 13th day of the month, there can only be double-trouble tragedy.

The sixth day of the week has been one of ill fortune since the time of Adam and Eve. Some writers blame all the years of Fridays of bad luck on these two. They claim Adam and Eve tasted the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden on a Friday and started superstition.

Still others attribute the superstition to the fact that Christ was crucified on a Friday. They would explain this as the basis for the belief that washing on Fridays is bad—that soap suds will turn to blood and clothes be spotted with blood.

Linked with this superstition was a widespread belief that to break pottery on Friday was good luck because the sharp broken

pieces would pierce the body of Judas, Christ's betrayer.

The superstition that labels 13 an unlucky number can also be traced to Christian beliefs—to the fact that there were 13 persons at the Last Supper.

Superstition still prompts many a modern hostess to scout around for "an extra man" rather than risk a gay little dinner party with 13 at table. Superstition holds on in spite of the fact that fear of, and belief in, the supernatural is said to be virtually non-existent in the enlightened and wholly rational world of today.

A rational banker might (super) naturally be disturbed to note that three financial panics within the last 100 years have occurred on the week's sixth day.

But, lift up your heads—and keep an eye on "Danger—men working in the trees" as you cross campus today. Be of good cheer and prepare for Friday, March 13, 1953 and Friday, Nov. 13, 1953. Remember, third time charm—or is that just superstition, too?

# 1953 Bridge Tournament To Begin

The College will be one of 110 colleges and universities that will compete in the 1953 National Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament Feb. 21. The competition, open to both men and women, will be conducted through the mails.

Dr. Henry G. Barone, associate professor of mathematics and director of the tourney at the College, said local bridge players will meet in the TUB Feb. 21 to determine the four who will enter the national contest.

These students will play hands that have been prepared and mailed to them. After returning them, the hands will be scored by Geoffrey Mott-Smith, a leading authority on contract bridge.

Mott-Smith will determine the campus, regional, and national winners. The national winners, both the East-West and North-South teams, will be awarded cups to be held for one year. Each of the four individual winners will be awarded a smaller cup for his permanent possession.

Each college competing in the tournament will be presented a plaque bearing the names of the four individual winners from that campus. In addition, each of these winners will receive a certificate.

# Checker Match To Be in TUB

Preliminaries of a checker tourney between the Penn State Checker Club and Centre countians are set for 8:30 tonight in the TUB.

Students who wish to enter the tourney may sign up at the Student Union desk in Old Main. There is a 25 cent entrance fee.

The club lost its first match since its formation three years ago to the Clearfield Eagles, 18-16, at the West Dorms Friday night.

In previous meetings with Clearfield, Penn State won three and tied one. High scorer was Orvis Haney of Clearfield with six points followed by Robert Umberger of Penn State, with five. Glenn Stumpff, Penn State, scored an upset victory over Boyd.

## Dickson to Speak

Dr. Harold E. Dickson, professor of fine arts, will discuss the engravings of Edward Savage at an art seminar tomorrow at the Worcester, Mass., Museum of Art.

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