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Even Pranks Began in 1859

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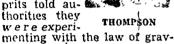
Sticking cows in the belfry, pouring water in the bell. These ,the pranks of our predecessors, raising merry Hell.

The students that first arrived on campus a century ago may have worked, but they never lost the yen for a prank or so every once in a while.

Sedate professors—as sedate as they could possibly be in this wilderness—often walked into their classrooms to find a couple pigs romping around the place.

Open stairwells in Old Main were a prime target for "phy-

ments." Students used to get up on the fifth floor and drop "totes" of water down on unsuspecting students below. When caught in the act, the culprits told authorities they were experi-



Early risers—earlier than usual, that is, for everyone was up at the crack of dawn—won-dered what country they were in when they looked at the flag pole atop Old Main. Everything from red flannels to huge class banners found their way to the top.

And speaking of the top, some enterprising lads walked a cow up to the belfry, six stories above the ground. We might add that administration officials had quite a time getting the thing back down to the ground. Beef probably

hasn't been so high since.

The legendary mule, "Coalie," was often the target for pranksters. He ended up on the roof more than once. He wasn't the only mule that made the trip to the upper floors, but he was probably the only one in cap-tivity with green stripes painted all over him.

Students evidently got tired of hearing the bell atop Old Main ring each morning, so a few of the boys got together and inverted the huge bell, filling it with water,

Halloween brought even more pranks to light. People living in the thriving town of Farmers High School had to batten down everything capable of being carried off. They would awake to find sidewalks, pig stys, chicken coops and fences missing. Townspeople didn't have far to go to find their missing property. The stuff us-ually could be found on the roof of Old Main.

Actually, officials of the town didn't complain too much. This was a good way of cleaning up the town.

You can't really blame the student for the people. After

students for the pranks. After all, the College outlawed card-playing and drinking. Besides that, the coed-to-man ratio was a little out of proportion. The first coed wasn't admitted until 1871. And it was a long cold ride to Bellefonte.

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