

# Schmidt Says Panama Wants to Possess Canal

By AMY ROSENTHAL

What the people of Panama want most is to see their flag fly over the canal, Orvel A. Schmidt, professor of forestry, told the Faculty Luncheon Club yesterday afternoon.

He visited the country last year under the U.S. government's Point 4 Program to advise private industry.

Schmidt said that the Panamanians feel they were sold out by the French engineer who turned over the building of the canal to the United States in 1903.

He pointed out that although the Panamanian government gets about \$2 million in rent from the canal, "the canal company has complete control over the courts, police force, sale of products and housing in the canal zone."

Schmidt said that in 1936, the canal company had promised that its stores would only buy those products from outside sources which could not be supplied in Panama proper. However, he said that when he was there, these stores still sold American sugar.

He explained that some Panamanians take advantage of the lower prices in the canal zone stores to buy products and sell them for profit in the rest of Panama.

Living conditions are good for the Panamanians who live in the zone but the Americans there have a better living standard and are envied, he said.

There are many poverty people living in the interior who might be stirred up by other countries, he admitted when questioned.

"Panama is interested in cooperating and working with this country," Schmidt told his audience.

However, he said that his impression of American Panamanian relationships in the zone was that many technicians sent by this country make no effort to understand the people.

"Live with the people, be one of them, come down to their level and have friends in the country," he urged as his solution to the problem of better relationships.

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# Prof to Speak On Petroleum

Dr. Merrell R. Fenske, head of the Department of Chemical Engineering, will speak on "Petroleum and World Energy" at 8 p.m. tomorrow in 119 Osmond.

His lecture is sponsored by the Society of the Sigma Xi and is open to the public.

Fenske, who also serves as director of the Petroleum Refining Laboratory at the University, has been a faculty member for 35 years.

During this time he has taught chemistry and chemical engineering and carried out extensive research on fuels, lubricants and petrochemicals.

He also serves on various governmental committees and panels and is the author or co-author of many technical papers.

# Original Play To Be Given

Five O'Clock Theater will present "The Turn in the Road," written by Mary Yeager, senior in arts and letters from Bellefonte, today in the Little Theater in the basement of Old Main.

Michael Forgacs, who directed last week's Five O'Clock Theater's production, will play Roger, the leading character of the play.

Judson Sanderson, director, describes the play as a sympathetic treatment of touring performers with an operative company.

The plot centers around Roger who is one of the older members of the company and who must leave it.

Others in the cast are Arlie Muller, Royal Brown, Judy Northrup, Carolyn Myers, Edward Rolf and Ira Lieberman. Robert Jervis is the technician for the show, and he also has a part.

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# Prof Will Participate In Ohio Training Course

R. Rupert Kountz, professor of sanitary engineering, has been invited to participate in a training course for South American engineers and government advisors at Cincinnati, Ohio, March 28 to April 30.

The meeting is being conducted at the Taft Engineering Center of the U.S. Public Health Service in cooperation with the World Health Organization, Pan American Health Organization and the International Cooperation Administration.

# Foreign Language Tests Will Be Given Monday

The regular written foreign language examinations for graduate students will be held at 7 p.m. Monday.

Examinations in German are scheduled for 119 Osmond; French and Spanish for 10 Sparks; and those in English for 205 Sparks.

A conflict examination in French and Spanish will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in 2 Sparks.

—Early New England women bleached their sheets by spreading them with sour milk and putting them in the sun.

**On Campus** with Max Shulman  
(Author of "I Was a Teen-age Dwarf", "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis", etc.)



# THREE WHO PASSED IN THE NIGHT

Last year, as everyone knows, 1,210,614 undergraduates dropped out of college. 256,080 flunked; 309,656 got married; 375,621 ran out of money; and 309,254 found jobs. As you have, of course, observed, this accounts for only 1,210,611 out of 1,210,614. What happened to the other three?

Well sir, to find the answer, I recently completed a tour of American campuses where I interviewed 40 million students and sold several subscriptions to *The Open Road for Boys*, and it pleases me to report that I can now account for those three elusive undergraduates.

The first was an LSU junior named Fred Gaugin. He was extremely popular, always ready with a smile, fond of folk dancing and pralines, and last semester his Chi Psi brothers unanimously elected him treasurer of the fraternity. This proved an error. Gaugin, alas, promptly absconded with the money and went to Tahiti to paint. The fraternity is bending every effort to extradite Gaugin, but Tahiti, alas, is currently observing the feast of Diphthong, the Sun-God, a five-year ceremony during which all the islanders wear masks, so nobody, alas, can say for certain which one is Gaugin.



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The second missing undergraduate is William Cullen Sigafoos, Oregon State freshman, who went one day last fall to a disreputable vendor named A. M. Sashweight to buy a pack of Marlboros. Mr. Sashweight did not have any Marlboros because Marlboros are only sold by reputable vendors. However, he told Sigafoos that he had another brand which was just as good, and Sigafoos, being but an innocent freshman, believed him.

Well sir, you and I know there is no other brand as good as Marlboros. That fine filter, that flavorful flavor, that pleasure, that joy, that fulfillment—are Marlboro's and Marlboro's alone. All of this was quickly apparent to young Sigafoos and he flew into a terrible rage. "As good as Marlboros indeed!" he shrieked, kicking his roommate furiously. "I am going right back to that mendacious Mr. Sashweight and give him a thrashing he won't soon forget!" With that he seized his lacrosse bat and rushed out.

Mr. Sashweight heard him coming and started running. Now Mr. Sashweight, before he became a disreputable vendor, had taken numerous prizes as a cross-country runner, and he thought he would soon outdistance young Sigafoos. But he reckoned without Sigafoos's stick-to-itiveness. At last report the two of them had passed Cleveland. When they reach the Atlantic Seaboard, bad Mr. Sashweight will get his lumps from Sigafoos; you may be sure, and I, for one, am glad.

The third missing undergraduate, also named Sigafoos, is a Bennington sophomore named Celeste Sigafoos and, ironically, she never intended to leave college at all. She was merely going home for Christmas on the Natchez, Mobile, and Boise Railroad, and during the night, alas, her upper berth slammed shut on her. Being a Bennington girl, she naturally did not wish to make an unseemly outcry, so she just kept silent. The next morning, alas, the railroad went bankrupt, and Miss Sigafoos today is lying forgotten on a siding near Valparaiso, Indiana. Fortunately she has plenty of Marlboros with her.

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And how about the rest of you? Do you have plenty of Marlboros? Or if you like mildness but you don't like filters, plenty of Philip Morris? Hmm? Do you?

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