

Letters

Dempster Dumpsters

TO THE EDITOR: The sound of fire-crackers being dropped into the echo chamber between Waring and Hamilton has been suppressed and finally silenced by the sound of the wonder-of-wonders — the Dempster Dumpster.

Daily, somewhere between the hours of seven and midnight, the drone of this great white machine shatters all trends of thought, regardless of the conscious (See Webster, def. 6) state of the students.

All work immediately comes to a stop. The dumpster attracts all the gapers, as they throng into the courtyard to stare in amazement as a mechanical monster goes about its work.

We concede that this marvel of the machine-age is indeed a great gadget to have around, but not at those hours.

It would make a fascinating toy for some kid if it were turned out in scaled-down replicas. Imagine being the first kid on your corridor to own a miniature Dempster-Dumpster. WOW! However, who needs the full-sized item under their window when they're trying to put in a few quiet hours of study in the evening.

We realize, of course, that garbage collecting at the University is a relatively new concept, but what's the sense of searching with a flashlight for the cans?

We also realize that most students are in class during the mid-morning hours and since relatively few of these receptacles are near classrooms, would it not be easier to collect it all during the morning and afternoon and to give the operator the evening off?

If these ideas are not realistic, maybe the University could put felt padding around the necessary parts, such as the bottoms of the cans, the arm of the Dumpster, etc.

Another thought would be to create a vacuum around the truck so that the whole process would take place in silence to the outside.

Enough of that. Now to briefly consider the source of the Waring garbage, a parting thought — next to Shelley Berman, the cook at Waring is our favorite "sick" comedian.

—Howard Goldstein, '63
A. "Bud" Colin, '64

Coeds Hit Sigman Sarcasm

TO THE EDITOR: In reply to Mr. Sigman's letter in the July 6 issue of The Summer Collegian, we'd like to express our thank for his sarcastic and enjoyable humor.

It is quite evident that he is one of our superior students who seems to have a solution to every problem — possibly a psychology major? Especially interesting was the statement about such "intellectual stimulants" as Physical Education and ROTC.

You seem to forget, Mr. Sigman, that a state law requires a certain number of hours in each of these courses. It is not difficult to perceive that you, of all people, fail to realize the value of a sound mind through a sound body.

The U.S.S.R. is well prepared not just because of scientific and technological advances in

the past years. The Russian Gymnastics Meet indicated that they are the peak of physical fitness and should serve as an example for every American citizen.

A great many of us could be considered fortunate if we were able to pass a fitness test given in our own country, let alone one given in the Soviet Union.

If ever the two great forces (U.S. and Russia) were to come into combat, machinery and artillery, including jets and ballistics, would be only contributing factors to the victor's success. Condition of the land forces would have to be considered also.

One final thought and that is: Let's think before we criticize someone else's vocation. We may need their help in the future.

—Beckie Hostetter, '63
Ellen Hildreth, '62
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