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### EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Somewhat of an honor has recently been bestowed upon Phos as an organization by the American Association of College Comics at one of its late conventions in New York, at which time Phos was voted a member of the executive council of this body. The A.A.C.C. is one of the foremost intercollegiate association, and has done much to unify and collaborate the college comics of all the more important schools of the country and to establish a high precedent for publications of this type.

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In looking ahead toward the coming 1936-37 season, as is ethical and customary to do upon the publishing of the last issue in the spring, the editors of this staff wish to assure those who may be wondering about it that next year's Voo Doo will definitely continue in the more genuine vein into which the magazine, under the present staff, has tended to be raised. We trust this to be in accordance with the tastes of the majority of our future supporters, as we know it to be with the ideas of a very important minority. In order to realize this hope we shall need much encouragement and assistance, and inasmuch as it has been said in our hearing that there are a great number of our students, not engaged in some major activity at the present, who possess commendable art and literary ability, we accept the hint, and would be very pleased should they feel free to put in an appearance on third floor Walker sometime prior to October first, next. The Voo Doo is one of the oldest college comic publications, and there remains no reason why it should not be the best.

# CANNED STUFF

#### EIGHT BARS IN SEARCH OF A MELODY

#### Hudson-DeLange

A lively bit of swing by the very competent Hudson-DeLange outfit. This band, which is going places in a big way, is worthy of plenty of interest. The disc in question is an excellent example of their style. Will Hudson, co-director of the orchestra, who will be remembered as the writer of "Moonglow," has been turning out some amazing arrangements and the finished renditions are quite up to anything the better-known bands have to offer. During their stay in Boston Hudson-DeLange's rehearsals were attended by most of the musicians in town and they are attracting more and more attention as people hear of them. The outfit has made a new recording, as yet unreleased, of "You're Not The Kind." It is a tune, in the popular yein, by Will Hudson. And for it the said Mr. Hudson has high hopes. In the recorded version Ruth Gaylor, a lass with plenty of personality, and, strangely, a voice, sings the vocal. All releases by this organization, at least for the present, will be on Brunswick.

Brunswick

#### BASIN STREET BLUES

#### Benny Goodman

The King of Swing et al. turns out a superb rendition of Spencer Williams' old favorite. The recording was not made by the outfit Benny has at present, but was done some years ago under the name of The Charleston Chasers and recently repressed. The ever-welcome trombone of Jack Teagarden is handsomely evident in addition to the unsurpassed work of Goodman on the clarinet. This pressing is one of the best available examples of the famous Benny at his peak. Incidentally, there is a new recording of this on Victor with the present Goodman band. Joe Harris emulates Mr. Tea on the trombone with some success, but the Columbia is the one to get.

Columbia

Brunswick

#### KISSING MY BABY GOOD-NIGHT

#### Duke Ellington

The one and only Duke turning, for the nonce, to popular music. The slightly reconstructed Ellington band sounds somewhat different from the former outfit. If you like Ellington this will satisfy, as always. If you usually don't like the Duke it may still appeal because of its more restrained attitude. The bass work on both sides is worthy of note; the Ellington band is the only one we know of, in the popular class, using two "bull" fiddles.

#### ALONE AT A TABLE FOR TWO

Guy Lombardo

Is Lombardo still alive?

#### Decca

#### DINAH

#### Ray Noble

A rather jam-ish version of an old favorite by the usually dignified Noble band. Ace saxophonist Bud Freeman takes a swell chorus in front of a double time back-ground while the rest of the aggregation walks off to attend to other business. Everyone joins in at the end for a swing finish. Noble has been rightly accused of overarranging on occasion and the "Dinah" recording is a welcome change. This number belongs in every record collection.

Victor

#### HE'S A RAG PICKER

#### The Embassy Swing Eight

A free-for-all jam session by a section of the superlative Ambrose orchestra. Those who like swing without too much arrangement will go for this in a big way. Both sides of this disc feature commendable bass playing and we hear rumors to the effect that Reginald Forsythe is at the piano. Much similar stuff will be found on other Champion records; they are a twenty-five cent job by the Decca company.

#### Champion

#### SIX BELLS STAMPEDE

#### Spikes Hughes and his Orchestra

This is not a recent release but seems worthy of mention. It was recorded in England before the appearance of the American Decca records. The band, which has made several pressings not released in this country, is a very able outfit about which little can be learned. The saxophone work in all their discs is excellent. "The Six Bells Stampede" and "Sirocco" (on the reverse side) are representative examples of the Hughes style.

Decca

#### MY BLUE HEAVEN

#### Jimmie Lunceford

Another new version of an old tune, this time by the very adept Lunceford band. Lunceford's reeds have always had a really distinctive technique which is evident in this number. The brass has been somewhat sloppy of late but always manages to stick together on recordings.





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### **VOO-DOOINGS**

#### Let-Down

At one of the recent fraternity dances, one of the guests who had begun his week-end celebration early Saturday morning was more than a little high by eleven. The house president who had announced a dry party was worried over how long it would take for this particular noisy dancer to be thoroughly saturated. The very clever officer wth a couple of brothers decided to give his date a big rush so that eventually the drunk would get mad and go home. Instead he fortified himself with a bottle of scotch in one of the fourth floor rooms. Along about one o'clock he was very happy again and went to find his girl. At the top of the second floor stairs he tripped over his feet, turned three somersaults and landed in the orchestra with two trombones around his neck. He went home in a hurry.



#### **Question** Overruled

It has been brought to our attention that an article in the New York. Times quotes a Tech officer as saying that former Tech coeds are now using their Technology training in the raising of a family and solving of other domestic problems. This will probably bring forward a new race of supermen who have been weaned with a piece of glass tubing and who have teethed on a gear tooth. The question which the Times article overlooks, however, is to us the obvious one in the case. Where do the female Tech graduates get the babies to practice with?

#### Dime a Dozen

We never cease to be enthralled by those yellow trucks that dash about town gathering in business for the Dy-Dee Laundry. (We like to wash them —you don't.) When we were very young our triangle pants were known by the virile and sound name of Diaper. But when our children are born will they wear Diapers? Hell, no. They probably won't even wear Dy-Dees. By that time our practical scientists will have come forth with something new in the way of infant toggery that will be called Dandy-Dabs or something. Astringent and triple ventilated. The day of the Diaper has departed. The day of the Dy-Dee has dawned. Down with dirt and drudgery! Let the laundry do it!

### Time Marches On

We were sitting in a local grab-ityourself eatery during the recent vacation with a friend of ours, when he turned to us and said, "What day is today?"

"Wednesday," said we.

"Wednesday?" said he.

"All day," we answered.

"Right in the middle of the week?" he asked.

"Right," was the perplexed rejoinder.

"Then where in the hell did that guy over there get the Sunday funny paper?"



During Spring vacation one of the more fortunate seniors hied himself off to Bermuda for one swell time. Like all the rest of the visitors he had to try bicycle riding instead of driving around in a car. After a day or two of hard work pumping up the hills, his engineering training got the best of him and he took the bike into the shop to have a larger sprocket arrangement fixed. He went back to dress for a cocktail party and hurried to call for the bike. Just as he reached the top of a hill and started to coast down to the house at the bottom, he realized that there were no brakes on the bike. He was going faster and faster toward the open door of the house at the bottom of the hill. He headed straight for the door and just as he was entering the house, he let the bike go and grabbed the door frame above his head. The bike went to the cocktail party alone, leaving a very embarrassed guest playing monkey for a more surprised hostess.



#### Petty Good

We have noticed in the latest number of our distinguished contemporary, *Esquire*, that George Petty's favorite model is his daughter. She has, says George, a knack for striking a pose. She needs, say we, no further recommendation. 8

Not long ago we heard the height of something or other in radio broadcasting. The late evening broadcast was emanating from a New York night club. Every now and then some celebrity would be called forth from among the guests to do his stuff before the microphone. However, the announcer was up the proverbial creek without the paddle when one of the artists called upon proved to be a pantomimist. But the brave soul did his best, which consisted of laughing heartily and saying over and over again, "Ha Ha. Gosh, but he's funny! I wish you could see him! Ha Ha."

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There oughta be a law.

#### **Rifle Practice**

Whenever a foreign dignitary is ferried to these hospitable shores the United States government displays its feelings in the matter by firing a salute of twenty-one guns at considerable expense. This may be all right, but it seems to have had the effect of putting unhappy ideas in the heads of some midwestern citizens. Is it kosher, they ask, to fire a twentyone gun salute for the First Lady of the land, the President's wife? Much ado has been aroused by this momentous question, and an unprecedented amount of worrying has been expended. It would seem that they have previously never had a President's wife that they felt like shooting.

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#### Doggone

The latest thing in aristocratic folderol is apparently to leave your Cadillac parked with a little cast-iron terrier leashed to the door-handle as a safeguard against pilferers of automobiles. Maybe the Chinese, who shoot firecrackers to ward away evil spirits, had the right idea, after all. Or maybe the Japanese, whose homes were built with an architecture designed to preclude the admittance of devils, were right. Or maybe Barnum and Darwin were both right. Or maybe we're wrong.



#### Up, Please

News comes from across the continent at Cal Tech that the giant eye being ground out there will be able to discern the beam of a candle onesixth of the way to the moon. Loath as we are to repeat dinner table conversation, which seems to reach subterranean heights when we are in the neighborhood, we offer the following for your amazement: "How," asks the gentleman on our right, "are they going to get the candle up there in the first place?"



Everything Stops for Tea



#### Cut-ups

We all have our suppressed desires. Some of us would like to run down Mass. Avenue throwing bricks through plate-glass windows. Others of us could only consummate our desires by standing in the center of the library, where a sign says, "Quiet," and suddenly yelling "Boo!" Conventions being as they are, we only think about these things. But it comes to our attention that a couple of Simmons gals have that intestinal fortitude which we lack. While attending a dance at the Statler, it suddenly occurred to them that crawling across the ballroom floor would be good fun. So without further ado, the lasses assumed the proper position and crawled, plotting their course as they advanced. Furthermore, the girls told us, they hadn't had a drop. Anyhow, we admire their philosophy of "self-expression at any cost," or their rugged individualism, or something.



#### Somnambulism

We know one gentleman in the Dorms who would be much obliged if someone could tell him where he was between midnight and 7 A. M. on a certain night a few weeks ago. On this particular evening, as usual, he donned his pajamas, set the alarm for seven, and retired. At seven he was aroused by a slight click instead of the usual jangle. A little research showed that the alarm had been turned off. But this was only a minor phenomenon. Whereas he had retired in pajamas, he now found himself clad in his underclothes. The lad is at a loss to account for this amazing transformation. But what really worries him is where he went or what he did while thus attired.

# Vacation Rating of Jech Men

Tech men don't always have the generally bad reputations that they acquired around Boston. As a matter of fact, they are usually quite somebody in their home towns. Sweet young things go out of their way to meet them, and a Tech man is definitely some sort of asset during summer vacation.

Of course, the fact that he comes from M. I. T. ought to suggest that he might be above the average intelligence, but no one is particularly interested in brains in the summer time. Maybe his popularity is partly due to the fact that there are always more girls than fellows and she will take anything as a last resort, but no one is going to tell him that.

In the first place, an engineer should be tough, so he doesn't shave. Instead of keeping the girls off, they flock around. They love having little scratches on their cheeks-spoils of war or something. Then, too, he should look like a college man so he has his hair cut crew style after letting it grow long for three months to save money. He begins to wear the pink shirts, checked jacket, bow ties, and striped socks that his mother once sent him after she had read in Esquire that they were stylish. Besides he can keep right on wearing the brown and white shoes that he had at school all last winter. As a whole he looks pretty much of a mess, but he is fine material for an unattached female.

He is extremely handy around a sail boat since he once saw the dinghies on display in the lobby, and he can talk for hours (if you let him) in nautical—no puns, please—terms. The girls can always be helpless when he is around. Though his dancing is, to be frank, lousy, it's better than none at all, and one can always sit the dances out. Now, he excels at this past time. Why shouldn't he, after seeing all the mushy movies that ever came out of Hollywood. His technique may be rough, but without a doubt it's effective.

His great talent is telling about how wonderful he is. Whether he was the greasiest grind or the greatest dope, the occasional riots, fraternity scandals, and Tech gossip make up most of his conversation. You see, it is very easy for him to make himself the hero of the situation. It might have been he who thought of putting the car in the fraternity house or on the dorm roof. Girls like the dashing sort of fellow. The chances are that she'll never know the difference even though she didn't believe him anyway.

Now from the girl's point of view a fraternity man is a better prospect than a dorm man or a commuter because a frat pin is a nice piece of jewelry and it is a great asset in any collection. The non-frat man can easily fix this by a trip to any pawn shop. Furthermore the chances of a week end in Boston are greatest where a frat man is concerned, and he might introduce her to some of his more desirable brothers. The best idea is for him to show her his *Technique*. There is the greatest temptation to point out the big shots as his bosom buddies. She is sure to hint around for the weekend in Boston and when she gets there he will have to make good his bluff about those fellows. If she was any sort at all, he'd be without a girl again.

The biggest and best asset that any Tech man has is that he is very good company. It may be that he's too lazy to think of doing something that the girl doesn't want to do or maybe he is easy to fool. All in all a Tech man is very useful in the summer time. I wish they were during school, too.



He—Hello, Baby. She—I'll have you know I'm nobody's baby. He—Well, wouldn't you feel like hell at a family reunion? —Burr Fraternity Men



A fraternity, as defined by Webster, is "a body of men associated together, as for their common interest or pleasure." But even in his weakest moment Webster did not attempt to define a fraternity man. So we step in where angels and Webster fear to tread.

A fraternity man is a diverse character of many and conflicting ideas and emotions. But he has been the innocent victim of the public's wild imagination and conjecture.

In the eyes of the unblessed (nonfraternity men), a fraternity man is a strange and awe-inspiring creature. He is generally pictured as a sleekhaired Adonis who spends all of his time outside of a tux in gray slacks, a black and white checked coat, a shirt which comes equipped with a swell shiny pin and a watch chain with five or six keys. In all fairness to fraternity men, these statements must be denied. Their coats are brown and white checks, not black. The big brass pin is a matter of economy. Besides announcing to the world that there goes a fraternity man, the pin serves to divert attention from the shirt, thus enabling the man to wear the same shirt for several weeks.

A fraternity man is well-read and well-informed, and a brilliant conversationalist. He has read Little Women and the last issue of Esquire; he has seen the Scandals, the Vanities, and Gilbert O'Sullivan Minsky's light opera, Pirates Without Pants; he discusses intelligently and unbiasedly any subject from his fraternity to himself; he has real musical ability, and will, on the slightest provocation, render, "The gir-r-rl of mah drea-amsti-ta-tra-la-ppht shez a sweetheart of SIGMA CHI!!!" And this proves that fraternity men are not shallow, lamebrained fellows.

The fraternity lads are, by nature, activity men. Where nature has slipped up, a well-placed paddle, while the subject is still a neophyte, will inject the desire for activities into him.

Part of the popular misconception concerning fraternity men is that they are unduly addicted to drink. This is nothing but the most deliberate libel. If you see a fraternity man, sprawled in the gutter, do not get the wrong impression. He has not indulged excessively. He has merely overestimated his capacity slightly, having had two Pink Ladies, or one jigger of whiskey, or two beers.

Every noon time a group of the species are to be found in the main lobby on benches, under dinghies, or inside the showcases. At a given signal, they rush madly out a side door, and pile groups of ten into fivepassenger cars. At another signal all the cars putt-putt forward in a wild race to get on to Mass. Ave. first. By means of running down a few thoughtless pedestrians and passing a few stop-lights, one car usually gets home first. The procedure is reversed and every one falls out of the car and into the house, where they find that the fellows who have cut classes have eaten the lunch. So everyone sits around and smokes someone else's cigarettes. Then some guy says that he got a check that morning, so someone says let's play poker, so they play poker, as poker is more fun than classes.

And life goes on. And comes June. The fraternity boys give each other the old handclasp, and say, "So long, Brother, have a swell vacation, and incidentally how about the 5 bucks you owe me," and the other guys say, "So long, Brother, have a swell vacation, and I don't know what you're talking about." And then each guy drives, flies, thumbs, or swims home, and quick starts taking sun-baths on the roof of an apartment house in the Bronx, Peoria, Podunk, or somewhere, so he can come back in September and tell his brothers what a swell time he had at an exclusive beach with a debutante.

#### E. H. K.

Fashion-plate Koontz they call him -immaculate gent if there ever was one. It is said he has had several offers to pose for Esquire, but so far he has only satisfied his worshipful public by endorsing Edgeworth Jr. He talks to his women like a father, and, boy, do they like it. He's not married yet as far as is known, but he's had several offers; he had one close call, but fortunately it was settled out of courthe sicked Boulware on her and she left town. Great guy for that sort of thing, Boulware is. Elwood is a great gent, though, and he'll go far if the women will let him.

#### F. M. B.

When Tex floats dreamily up to the speakers platform to receive his degree in June, it would be fitting for all assembled to arise and cheer loudly. For truly, Tex has accomplished a miracle in that he has gone through four successful undergraduate years at Tech and has remained sound asleep throughout every minute. We have read of cases where a person in a state of coma has been bed-ridden for years. But our Tex is made of sterner stuff and has continued valiantly. To be sure, now and then he forgets to show up at a meeting or two, or maybe he loses some necessary papers, but all in all considered, Tex has been doing a remarkable job in just staying on his feet.

#### S. C. R.

Big Stuff Rethorst would give the impression that he was a strong, silent man. We don't vouch for his strength, but would be willing to lay even odds that Scott is one of the better bull artists of his age. He belongs to almost every organization recognized by the Institute Committee. Those poor struggling groups to which Scott does not pay dues are not recognized by Institute Committee because Scott doesn't approve in so many words. Page Mr. Hearst!

It might also be recorded that this arch enemy of that stalking Red Menace dislikes the throwing of overripe fruit and vegetables as a Field Day exercise. So there you have him. No frivolity in his make-up. Stern, realistic, and grim, Scott moves through the halls unsmiling. He will make an ideal warden.

#### D. A. Mc.

Here's the case of a chap who got going so fast that he can't find time of the place to stop. Mac started tearing on the cinders, ran plumb into politics, and all the gent can do now is to continue the speed with which he started, because he is at present pretty close to being on the wellknown top. Dave is the sorry individual who got himself thrust into the Presidency of the Juniors, and automatically received the Junior Prom and all its worries into his lap. He will tell you that he knew little about any dance-he still wonders who threw in the \$88.65 profit, and we're not positively certain that he was sure just when the Prom was ended. As the big chief of the Seniors, he'll continue his flying feathers, a bewildered look, and a determination to keep going-but where? When the year is over, he will have come through, and the finish, we trust, will be a real victory for '37.

#### F. A. P.

We've found this person of authority on all degrees of ancient and modern Fords to dwell among the Phi clan across the river, although (in the past) his presence has been greatly appreciated by the owners of the big neon sign on Mass. Avenue. Another good place to find him occasionally is on the third floor of Walker, where his heel-marked desk displays evidence of his long hours of cogitation relevant to the success of the engineer board-treaders, commonly known as the Tech Toe-Tripping Troop and Scenery Shoving Society. Being the man for the job, he went, and as he went, he was rewarded. The only graft seemed to be the high percentage of Phi population in the group. This fellow, "Freddie" has been well blessed, it would seem, by some goddess or other, with a good mixture of wit and generous consideration, doubtless the explanation for the length of the list of his faithful cronies, nearly as numerous as steel posts and trucks on Atlantic Avenue. He vaguely boasts his possession of an impervious vest whenever mention is advanced of the marksmanship of one Dan Cupid, though none believe him, and continue to raise their eyebrows concerning his week end address, New Hampshire.

#### J. C. A.

Jack portrays "clear eyed American youth at the helm." In his four years, he has managed to enter into every form of extra-curricular activity established at Tech and has never taken anything seriously excepting himself. His class-mates finally became disturbed with his vague attempts and elected him Senior Class President just to keep him out of the way. So now, Jack can write letters on very official looking stationery and feel important. His true talent lies in promoting, and we do heartily recommend him to Prof. Schell as an understudy. Sail-Ho!

#### Prof. E. H. S.

If you should see a cigarette come around a corner over there in Building 1, followed some seconds later by a gentleman attached to it by a holder

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# Watching the Construction

# of a Boathouse

Like all other pseudo-sciences, that of boathouse-building-watching has a definite group of unwritten traditions which must be borne in mind. The watching of boathouse construction is also unique in its advantages. First let us discuss the similarities between this sport and the observation of other kinds of construction. Then, if you are still awake, maybe we will attempt to find out what makes boathouse-construction-watching so much peachier than stuff.

Boathouse construction resembles other kinds of construction in that something is being constructed in both cases. The truth of this statement may not be apparent from a cursory examination (chance for a pun about cursing examinations), but if you will read it over a few times you will find vourself in concord with its principles (chance for a pun about being in Concord). Or you may prove this fact for yourself by flitting across the street sometime to observe the goings on. Men are rushing about with implements, hammering things to things; others are running machinery; others are sculling around in boats; still others are boring holes; and the other 97% are resting. It certainly looks like a construction job, doesn't it? All right, don't argue.

Now that you are safely across Memorial Drive, you might as well be informed concerning the method of watching the proceedings. First we must ascertain your general personality type. That is, an introvert will not want to make himself conspicuous and will not venture out into the front row of onlookers. That is just his fate. Now an extrovert, or whatever the opposite of an introvert is, will tend to force his way to the front where he can see and be seen. That is just his fate, and he probably writes for the Tech and only dares to sign his initials to articles in which he mentions VooDoo disparagingly. Also it may be his fate to have his face pushed in. But we are straying from the subject, are we not?

Supposing you are an introvert. You have to find this out for yourself. Your best friends won't tell you about it, especially if they don't know what it means. At any rate, the procedure for you to follow is to thrust your hands deep into your pockets and to hover about, say perhaps six (6) feet from the fence. Once in a while you can crane your neck up to see what is taking place, but don't be too obvious about it. People will crowd in front of you and push you around, but you can't help it. You're an introvert, you poor bugger.

As for the extrovert, he generally needs little instruction. He carelessly saunters up, elbows through the film of introverts, and, bending his hips to an angle of  $120^{\circ}$ , he rests against the fence. His arms are folded in front of him, and as he expectorates upon a workman, you can tell he is thinking up an article to write in the Tech. (There we go, mentioning that rag again.)

We hope you have gained enough from this article to appreciate the possibilities of boathouse-constructionwatching as an Institute activity. Present indications seem to be that there will be ample opportunity to watch a boathouse being built during the next few years. Perhaps we can prevail upon members of the alumni to furnish us with another boathouse to watch after the present one has been completed. —F. Knight.

#### Personal Lamp Lightings

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that looks like the oral end of a seventeenth century Siamese water pipe, the gentleman is either the pride and joy of Course XV, Prof. Erwin Haskell Schell, or his buddy and sidekick, Professor Karl Dickson Fernstrom, Room 1-178. Professor Schell, the golden - voiced manager - maker of M.I.T., was graduated from Course II 'way back in '12 or '13, after which he rested for a few years, while studying at Harvard. He bummed around for a time, becoming a personal friends of every industrial executive from the rock-bound coasts of Maine to the-oh, why should we be trite? With this unsurpassed background, it was an easy matter for him to get a steady job as an Institute professor, and now he runs the show as far as Course XV is concerned.

Besides keeping away from tobacco and running things, Professor Schell's chief pastime is buying sailboats and building swell houses to put them in. Said he in substance, when he first conceived the idea of making Tech dinghy-conscious, "We have a river. We have a river-front, affording ample space for a lovely boat-house. We even have a few men who know one end of a boat from the rudder. All I want is thirty-six dinghies and a star to steer them by." Alumni came through by the dozens. Undergrads subscribed pennies. The wheels of Industry began to turn, and Papa Herreshoff coined money for a while. Tech men began to sing "Ol' Man River" at their work. Tech was definitely water-wise.

E'en now, if you should happen down by the boat-house near the Cottage Farm Bridge, perhaps you will see a distinguished-looking young man leaning on the back of a park bench. Tiptoe up behind him and listen to what he is saying under his breath as he watches the purple sails flit past in the spring gloaming. If he says, "I done it!" it's not Professor Schell.

#### INTERPRETATIONS

#### by George Heinemann

Twinkle, twinkle, little star! How I wonder what you are; Up above the world so high Like a diamond in the sky.

#### by Walt Whitman

I see a star glimmering in the Heavens— A small star, scarce visible through the bright

- beams of the mellow moon.
- O the muddy murk of night! O the blended beauty of the dawn!
- A star you are-but are you?

A jewel fallen from the crown of God you are. God!

#### by Edgar Allen Poe

Ah! The vivid phosphoresence! Ah! The gleaming incandescence! Of the smiling, glowing star Hanging in a gloaming sky; Like an iridescent jewel Burning rich, refulgent fuel. A meteoric molecule That makes me question, "Why—oh, why Do men thy opalescent luster Seek to bring down from on high?" God kens the answer, but not I.

#### by Joyce Kilmer

I know I'll never see afar A thing so fruitless as a star.

A star that burns just like a candle— Too hot for anyone to handle.

A star that doesn't give much light, And less when there's a moonlit night.

A star that shines up there on high Just like a cow's unblinking eye.

Poems made by mortals are, But only God can make a star.

#### by Ogden Nash

One of the queerest forms of inspiration

Ever to inspire the poets of more than one unlucky nation

Is the star.

- Many a disillusioned toper, while draped over his favorite bar,
- Has remarked to himself, "They all think I'm no good, but I'll show 'em!"

And has forthwith set himself to writing a poem,

- And, as we poets are wont to do, has taken for his theme the first thing to come into his sight,
- Which, under ordinary circumstances, would be quite all right.
- However, our hero, being in a somewhat dazed condition, is quite likely to see before him myriads of constellations or some forgotten galaxy,
- Which fact has given rise to the international fallaxy
- That a star, as a heavenly body, is an object over which the geniuses who write our poems get rapturous.
- They think that as they can intrigue old ladies in women's clubs they can capture us.
- But they can't, and if it's all the same to you, for mine
- I'll continue to get my inspiration from the nearest neon sign.

# Y

"Does your husband snore in his sleep?"

"I can't tell. He hasn't slept yet; we've only been married a few days."

-Sour Owl.

# L

Mother—Were you discreet, daughter? Daughter—Oh, Hell, yeah! We locked the door.

-Ceny Com-mirth



3 DRINKS IMPAIR ABILITY TO DRIVE CAR, TESTS SHOW —Atlanta Journal

Building Topples on Them What! No pink elephants?

2 Imbibers Pull the Cork;

B. U. Students Revive Spasm —Traveler.

Anything to liven up the party.

That's not all they do.



4 BRIDGES COLLAPSE AND ROAD OFFICIALS CAN'T EXPLAIN WHY —Pittsburg Gazette

Course I men-no doubt.



CHARGES WPA PAYS HIM TO DO NOTHING; ASKS FOR A LEAVE —Birmingbam News

At least he's honest about it.



FICKET REDEMPTIONS FOR JUNIOR PROM ARE EXTENDED TO FRIDAY

Dance Committee Announces List of Chaperones And Ushers

Redemptions for the Junior Prom at four dollars are to be extended to Friday, March 6, at 1:00 p. m., in the Main Lobby, the Prom Committee announced, for the convenience of those holding sinups. After the deadline, the remaining redemptions will cost five dollars at the Statler Hotel on Friday evening.



Gay—I suppose you dance. Kitty—Oh, yes. I love to. Gay—Great. That's better'n dancing.

-The Drexerd



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What's hard about it?

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Relics of Eugenic Reign Gathered for Museum A Bonapartist Museum dedicated to Empress Eugenie will be opened here in the spring. —Herald Tribune.

Something like the Virgin Queen?

# L

#### ETCHINGS WILL GO ON SALE THIS WEEK

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It seems like a helluva long way to the dance, but you finally get there. Things are somewhat easier at the dance, as you can confine your entertaining endeavors to just dancing. As the second number begins, you steel vourself for another attack, and you leer again, this time suggestively, and say, "Have you seen the moon this evening?" and she says "Yes," so you dance. Then some guy cuts in on you, and you retire to a corner to sit and mutter to yourself. This causes your pals to look at you sort of anxious like. And thus, in this manner, you spend the evening dancing and sitting.

On your way back from the dance, she touches your sleeve shyly, and you look around expectantly. Her beautiful eyes shining with a deep, dreamy glow, she whispers, "I'm awfully tired," and rolls over into the other corner and goes to sleep.

Whistling relieves a mental strain, so you grip the steering wheel more tightly and whistle "Gloomy Sunday" or "Twenty-one Years, Dear, is a Mighty Long Time," or any other song you feel like whistling.

It's even farther back to her home than it was coming down. But, finally, back at the house, you jiggle the key around for a few minutes in your attempt to open the door for her. Then for the want of something better to do, you look at her again, and she giggles nervously. So you politely say "Heh, heh." Collecting yourself for one last mighty effort, you ask if you might kiss her good-night. She says, "Why?" You say good-night.

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There are those who consider Tau Beta Pi the highest honor obtainable at Tech. Others deem being elected to the Institute Committee the epitome of achievement. But these biased gentlemen have overlooked the most exclusive clique of all, the Technology Toreadors, the Faculty honorary society. Perhaps the term "exclusive" is misplaced, for the majority of Profs, Instructors and stooges whom we have thus far encountered are, in our opinion, eligible for membership if not already members.

With true scholarly ingenuity, the charter members of this institution have devised an infallible scheme for assuring themselves of only worthy brothers. The neophyte is suddenly confronted with a dog and asked, "What is this?" The men who are definitely not up to the standards set for Technology Toreadors will naïvely reply, "This is a dog." Such a man is not only refused admission to the fraternity, but is also summarily dismissed from the Institute staff.

However, a man of true Toreador caliber will look at the animal, seat himself, park his feet on a desk, gaze vacantly out of the window, and recite in a droning monotone, "We have a most interesting specimen with us this morning, gentlemen—or am I wrong, Heh, Heh. If you will observe closely you will see a true *Canis Familius*, of the family *Canidae*, or in words of the vernacular, a carnivorous, domesticated vertebrate, etcetera, etcetera, which reminds me of a story, etcetera."

He will then suddenly leap to his feet and feverishly cover a blackboard with diagrams and equations pertaining to forces, stresses and strains acting upon the quadruped.

Amidst much back-slapping and hand-clasping, such a man is welcomed into this solemn and sacred organization. The High Imperial Toreador stands back with a satisfied glint in his eyes, already sensing a head of a department in the making.

The Toreadors are divided into different classes, according to their ability. A first degree member is one who knows not of what he speaks and gives not a damn, but keeps his classes until five minutes after the bell.

Second degree men are well-versed in their particular field but will first see themselves surrounded by temperature coefficients in Purgatory before imparting their knowledge in such a manner that some student may walk out of the class feeling enlightened. These esteemed gentlemen are known as Squires of the Math or Physics Councils.

The final division is the Third Degree, and very appropriately so. These members sit like tyrants, upon their thrones, and glower and growl at the vassals before them. They grow even more fierce if the vassals do not cringe and appear properly frightened. But 'neath those formidable exteriors lie hearts of gold. These men are too tender-hearted to flunk anyone, and so are not really admitted to full membership even though they possess the obvious qualities required of a Toreador. In keeping with their act they are titled Exalted Slave-Drivers of Applied Mechanics.

And such is the composition of Technology's most venerable organization. A toast to the Technology Toreadors! Long sling the Toreadors! May they rave on forever! "If you don't raise my salary," announced the minister, "you can all go to hell."

-Wataugan.

# J.

Reporter—I've got a perfect news story. Editor—How come? Man bit dog? Reporter—No, a bull threw a professor. —Aggievator

# I

Guest (to host in new home)—Hello, old pal, how do you find it here?

Host—Walk right upstairs, and then two doors to the left.

-Siren



Steve says he'll be right up —Rambuller



First—See that girl? That's my girl.

Second — Uh-huh — Good looking fox scarf she's got on.

First-Yeah, I gave her that.

Second—She's a good looking mama. Pretty hat.

First-Yep, I gave her that.

Second—In fact that whole outfit she's wearing is swell—elegant.

First-Shore it is, I gave it to her.

Second—And say, that's a cute little boy she has with her.

First-Yeah. That's her brother.

-Pilfered.



Mother—"Son, I don't want to see you going around with that wild girl any more."

Son—"Aw heck, Ma, she ain't wild; anybody can pet her."

-Humbug.



Wife—O, you needn't explain about that last escapade! I'm divorcing you because of your table manners.

Husband-What do you mean.

Wife—Last night I saw you in a night club with a fried chicken on your lap. 18

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"To think they were Tech men"

"Nay, nay."

"Say, was your mother scared by a horse?" —Jester

# 5

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"Yes," says Imogene, "but some of the joints don't serve water."

-Exchange.

# 5

"Is your daughter in tonight?" "No, get out and stay out." "But I'm the Sheriff." "Oh, I'm sorry. Come in. I thought that was a Sigma Nu pin."

-Exchange

# T

Sailor (traveling cross-country)—Porter, get me another glass of ice water.

Porter—Sorry, suh, but if I takes any mo' ice, dat co'pse in de baggage car ain't goin' to keep. —Shipmate



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-Widow.

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"How bashful you are," a pretty girl said to a young man.

"Yes, I take after my father in that respect." "Was your father bashful?"

"Was he? Why, mother says if father hadn't been so darned bashful, I'd be four years older." —Stooge



#### MAIDEN'S PRAYER

Breathes there a man Around this school Sufficiently Restrained and cool, Enough to limit His demands And say "Good night," Just holding hands, Who has the decency To wait Until at least A second date To reach a warm, Romantic state, And give a girl Some preparation Before expecting Osculation At least an hour In duration? If such there be Go mark him well, I'll date the guy And make him tell Me what the hell He had for dinner, that makes him so sick.

-Reserve Red Cat.









#### BETRAYAL

I saw him coming down the street, A great big fellow, 'most six feet. His pants pulled up, his hat pulled down, He walked as though he owned the town.

He might have gone to Harvard. I saw him at the Biltmore Grill, The deb he had looked fit to kill. And even from the very start— They danced about a yard apart.

I thought he came from Harvard. I saw him take some ice cream next, Then scan the table quite perplexed. He called the waiter: "Here garcon! An ice cream fork! And don't be long!" I knew he came from Hav-yud!

-Brown Jug.



She—Stop! He—I won't!

She (sighing with relief)—Well, at least I did my duty.

-Student

# I

Professor—You missed my class yesterday, didn't you?

Unsubdued Student—Not in the least, sir, not in the least.

-Purple Parrot

# 1

"I beat my roommate up this morning!" "What was the trouble?" "Eight o'clock class."

-Pelican

### 3

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Maid-I ought to, I made it.

-Punch Bowl.



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"I dunno."

"Well then, can you tell me what the Tennis Court Oath was?"

"I dunno."

"You don't! I assigned that stuff last Friday. What were you doing last night?"

"I was out drinking beer with some friends."

"You were! What audacity to stand there and tell me a thing like that! How do you ever expect to pass this course?"

"Wal, I don't, mister. Ye see, I just come in to fix the radiator."

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The sloe gins were strong, the green dragons worse, So beneath the table I slid, And my ears were smote by a horrible curse From the lips of a brunette kid.

"Get offa my lap, you drunken soush, I found thish place firsht. Washa think thish ish, Open Housh? I think myshelf that ish worsh."

"You're shweet like a l'il prairie flow'r," I whispered into her ear. But she just guzzled a whiskey sour, So I ordered another beer.



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"Ma'mshelle," I said with dignity, "Thish evening hash been very gay, But no girl can play tricksh on me, Sho now musht I bid you good day."

And now upon thish midnight dreary, I shwear off women for all time, And if my eyesh are somewhat bleary, Itsh caushed by women, not by wine.



"Dishes for Summer—Stuff It." —*Cincinnati Enquirer* 

Also we might add, shove it. -Punch Bowl



Beggar—Say, buddy, can you give me two dollars for coffee?

Stewd—I thought you always asked for ten cents for a cup of coffee.

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-Witt.

"Is your roommate broadminded?" "Say, that's all he thinks of." —Ranger.



Her (at prom)—Wait right here for me, Bill, while I go powder my nose.

Her (three dances later)—Been waiting long? Him—No, but I've been looking all over for you to give you your compact. —Lion



"Why don't you buy yourself a new pen?" Why, I've had this one ever since it was a little Schaeffer."

-Punch Bowl.

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