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A while back President Elvehjem presented one of our competitors, the New Idea, with a subsidy of $\$ 1000$ from his special gift fund. This grant had an odor of rankfavoritism, but at the time we let it pass -- we were busy with the Octy. Then the first issue of the new lit mag hit the stands. The cover was excellent and inside, for those who had time, was some copy. Well, we thought, this is what the President wanted, he's got it. Then, on page 4, we came across an editorial of sorts, which gave us the Straight Poop on this money. It seems that the magazineclaimedit could "stimulate thoughtful student expression, ... develop the students' critical faculties, ... and reflect the stimulating cultural scene on the campus for others to see."

This is garbage, and the New Idea knows it. The amazing thing is that the President fell for it. The most
thoughtful student expression we've heard lately has four letters, and not even the New Idea could print it; the students' critical faculties are well enough developed while standing in endless registration lines; and as for the stimulating cultural scene on campus, compare the attendance at Coffee: Grounds for Discussion, to that at the Northwestern game。

The majority of students on campus just don't give a damn. It's the Beat Generation, mate, and there's naughtfor it. A few of them read the Octy, but that's because we print dirty jokes.

We didn't want your old money anyway.

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"I'll get it, Cora. You just stay in that kitchen." The plump woman bustled toward the hall, saying to herself, "That's probably Mr. Newton." She labored for a moment with the huge heavily ornamented lock and when it yielded to her fumbling hands, a large robust looking man stood framed in the fading light of late afternoon.
"Come in, come in," gurgled Mrs. Clyde, "You'll catch a cold out there." The man obeyed, and in so doing brought in an ample quantity of the damp, rainlike snow which had been accumulating about the upper regions of his rotund figure. Mrs. Clyde said, "You must be Mr. Newton."
"That's correct, Madam. And you're Mrs. Clyde, I presume." Without waiting for an answer he took her pudgy hand and pumped it vigorously; his smile was serene and warm. "Ah, such a nasty day. It is a pleasure to find a shelter such as this and a woman so lovely as yourself, after walking in the cruel, bare streets of our city."
"Well thank you." said Mrs. Clyde, who had walked around behind him and was busily trying to remove the ancient overcoat from his ponderous shoulders. After a hectic struggle, man and coat parted and Mrs. Clyde gripped the arm of her guest, saying, "Come into the kitchen and we 11 make you some coffee. I imagine you're just frozen through."
"Thank you, thank you," he said with much gusto, "but it would take a lot more than a little snow to put a frost on me. That's the nice thing about being overly endowed with flesh," he said, eying not too closely the abundantly encased body of Mrs. Clyde.
"Makes for a good Santa Claus too," said Mrs. Clyde, who had noticed the humorous glint in Mr. Newton's glance. "Are you ready for the big party tonight?"
"Yes sir," he answered jovially. "Got the reindeer back in the garage next to your Cadillac."
"Very cute, Mr. Newton," chuckled his hostess.
"Ho ho ho," mocked Mr. Newton in his best Santa Claus style. The laugh, bouncing backfrom the rather cold, bare
walls of the mansion seemed to transform the room into a cheery haven, sweeping away the for boding atmosphere and bringing forth a true Christmas mantle of good will. Mr. Newton was indeed a good Santa Claus. His shiny, overly red face was enriched by a lined white beard, and his eyes twinkled with sotmething of a gentle mockery frosted over with a comfortable, kindly humor likely to set the most wretched heart at ease. He could have been Santa himself.

But as Santa, Mr. Newton would have been somewhat out of character. Not in appearance of course, nor even in his true nature. Alas, it was his profession. Elgood Newton was a professional pickpocket, known among friends as "Elgood the Magnitudinous Hook."

Mrs. Clyde had no know ledge of this. Otherwise, she would have been somewhat hesitant in inviting him to her home, since this was Christmas Eve, and she was throwing her annual party for the children of the foundling home. Many older people would be present, most of them quite wealthy, and the presence of a pickpocket would be a most disquieting influence.

Mrs. Clyde had hustled her guest into the kitchen, where a fury of activity was taking place. There were dozens of assorted pots, pans and bowls scattered about, filled to the brim with sizzling and aromatic goodies. "Smells good," said Mr. Newton.
"Yes it does," agreed Mrs. Clyde. "By the way, Mr. Newton, I would like you to meet Cora. She is in charge of my kitchen. Cora, this is Mr. Newton, who is going to be our Santa tonight."
"Very glad to know you Santa," said Cora. "Ah sure am glad indeedy, but Ah'm a little angry with you. When Ah was a wee child, you never did answer mah letters." She cackled quite loudly, and Mr . Newton joined her. He sat down, adjusting the seat of his hostess first, and the coffee was served.

Mrs. Clyde said, "You don't know how much I appreciate this, Mr. Newton. I wouldn't have minded paying a man, but you coming here without charge
makes the charity complete. What do you do for a living?"
"I'mretired,"said the Magnitudinous Hook. "However, I do odd jobs occasionally to sustain myself. This sort of thing is a hobby."
"And a fine hobby it is," beamed Mrs. Clyde. "Oh, I meant to ask you, have you done anything about getting some Santa's helpers? There will be many children here and I'm sure they'll want the whole show. Perhaps I could call the..."
"I have arranged," said Mr。Newton, "for a number of friends who share the same ideas of charity as myself, to be present. They will bring the costumes. I have also instructed them to bring sacks with which to distribute the loot." He grinned.

There was a knock at the door, a light tap that was almost unheard by the people in the kitchen. Cora opened the rear door and faced a small bald man who looked like a clown without makeup. The intruder peered shyly into the room and held his hat politely at his side. Mrs. Clyde wiped a bit of coffee from her prominent jowl and looked up from her cup. "Yes?" she said cooly.
"Uh, Ma'am...de, uh food seems so plenty-ful here, and..."
"Really," said Mrs. Clyde, "I can't have any unsavory characters in my kitchen. I'm afraid I must ask you to leave."

Elgood Newton rose from his chair. "Mrs. Clyde!" he said sternly. Are you going to turn this creature of the streets back into the gutter on this of all evenings?"
"Why, uh, yes...I was, until suddenly it occured to me that the poor fellow may be hungry. Yes, look at the way he is grabbing at that piece of bread. Why, do come in poor man, you unfortunate, lonely... and oh, such an untidy soul." She waddled over to the confused tramp and led him to the table. "Cora!" she commanded, "fix this chap a plate." She turned to Mr . Newton. "Really, I don't know what possessed me to even think of..."
"Mrs. Clyde," said the Magnitudinous Hook, "we all have our lapses. Eat hearty my friend, and a merry Christ-
mas to you."
"Yes, by all means," chortled Mrs. Clyde. "And now Mr. Newton, I would appreciate your assistance in decorating the house. I wouldn't ask you, but....oh those servants nowadays. Won't do any $\downarrow$ thing except bow and scrape and be proper."
"Certainly, Mrs. Clyde. It will also give me an opportunity to lookover your home. After all, Santa should know his way around."
"You mean'case the joint'?"'laughed Mrs. Clyde.
"I suppose that would be a suitable term," murmured the Magnitudinous Hook.


The guests began to arrive. They came in shiny new cars with jewelry and decorous furs, and all were joyous with the spirit of Christmas. Mr. Newton was also joyous as he peered from within the red and white costume. He looked at the milling groups of philanthropists and his twinkling eyes took on a slightly predatory gleam. Otherwise, he was every inch the hearty, jovial Santa.


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And the children. There were hundreds of them arriving in their new outfits so generously provided by Mrs. Clyde's organization. They were smothered by the atmosphere, the gaiety, and the embraces of sweet-smelling, gracious ladies. Their little mouths and stomachs were crammed full of the aromatic, rich creations of Mrs. Clyde's kitchen. Their pockets were stuffed with candy canes, coins, jelly-beans, glass beetles, gum, marbles, movie passes, baseball cards, ribbons, candy canes, coins...

The Santa's helpers arrived also. Fortunately, they were already in cos-tume--their usual appearance would probably have caused a certain amount of apprehension among the guests. Not all hooks are as generously endowed in appearance as Mr . Newton. Soon the place was truly humming with the joy of the season.

Mr. Newton was also humming as he moved among the crowded tables, distributing his gifts and goodwill. He sang softly to himself:

> Better be rich,
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> Better be keeping your pocketbooks sealed.
> Santa Claus will rob you tonight...

"Ho ho ho," he chuckled as his twinkling mocking eyes peered out at the happy throng. A group of children pinned him to the ice cream table. "One for you and one for you and one for you and one for you." And one for me, he thought, pushing against a portly man who was the president of a well-known department store. Deft fingers extracted the wallet and in almost the same movement, the money was removed and the wallet reinserted. Mr. Newton was an expert. "Ho ho ho," he chortled, as he dropped his hand quickly into the pocket which had been sewninto his sack. "Ho ho ho. Merry Christmas to you sir, and to all my little friends."
...I'm making a list, Checking it twice.

Baubles and rings will bring a good price,
Santa Claus will rob you tonight...
He draped one arm about the shoulder of a tousle -haired youngster and hugged the boy to him. Anelegantly gowned woman fished in her purse for a pack of cigarettes. Mr. Newton took a candle from the centerpiece and gallantly put the flame to her cigarette. He pulled off his hat and swept it in front of his body, bowing. With the concealed hand he extracted a jewled earring from the still open purse.
"Thank you," she said.
"Thank you Madam," said the Magnitudinous Hook. "And a merry Christmas."
... he knows just where to venture.
He moves with jolly mirth
He's looked in Dun and Bradstreet
To find out what you're worth...

He moved toward the hallway. En route, he bumped into the bulky form of a woman. "Is that you Mr. Newton?" she said.
"It is I," answered the Magnitudinous Hook.
"You are doing such a fine job, Mr. Newton. I don't know just how to thank you."
"It is I who thank you, Madam, for providing this opportunity for anold man to exhibit his pleasure toward a kind and generous world. But now I must be off."
"Such a busy man," said the benevolent Mrs. Clyde.

The washroom was full of Santas. When Mr. Newton entered, they looked over to him. "Well, gentlemen, how is it going?" he said.

One of the men, known as "The Big Dipper," said, "Fine, fine."
"Splended, gentlemen. And we remembered to limit our endeavors to the less bulky items, didn't we?'' He looked directly at a former second story man whose appetite for such goods as TV sets and air-conditioners was well known.
"Yes," they chorused.
"Mr. Newton," ventured the Big

Dipper，＂are we not pushing our luck by remaining this long？＂
＂I was about to get to that，＂said Mr． Newton crossly．＂I have made prepara－ tions for our departure．Mr．Titus Poof， the renowned driver has，uh，secured a station wagon from a used car dealer． He will be out in front in exactly seven minutes and 13 seconds．He is tuned in to the police calls and will come earlier if that is necessary．Now，letus adjourn until we meet at the chosen place．＂

In a secluded corner，a newly engag－ ed couple stood gazing into each others eyes．A hand upon the shoulder of the young woman interrupted the rapture． ＂Eunice？＂

An old friend．＂Jane！So glad to see you again．＂
＂Hi Bill．Say，I hear you two are engaged．＂
＂Yes．＂They blushed．
Jane fidgeted．＂The girls are so ex－ cited－－you know how we are about those things－－they say your．．．＇＂

Eunice raised her left hand，casually。 ＂Bill＇s father is such an angel．Justout of law school and．．．＂
＂Can＇t quite make it out．＂
＂My ring！＂
A slow wave of astonishment crept through the home of Mrs．Clyde．Cries of indignation，bewilderment，alarm， grew ominously more frequent until they erupted in downright panic．

Mrs．Clyde came running up to Mr 。 Newton，exclaiming，＂Is that you，Mr． Newton？＂
＂It is I．＂
＂There is a pickpocket present，＂ said Mrs．Clyde，excitedly．What shall I do？．．．Ohh，where are your helpers？＂

Mr ．Newton looked about him in shocked amazement．He said，＂It looks like someone has been performing a vil－ lainous duty．Those helpers were ob－ viously imposters．．．Heavens，what have they done to my friends？＂
＂Oh，this is terrible，＂she moaned． ＂And they cut my telephone lines．＂
＂I will get the police，＂volunteered the Magnitudinous Hook．

Several hours later Mr．Newton had shaved，rid himself of his costume，and was hungrily partaking of a midnight snack．He finished the meal and emerg－ ed from the restaurant．There were still some people on the busy square， mostly theater－goers，and Mr．Newton eyed them happily．He patted his tummy and issued a contented burp．

A Santa was ringing his bell，pro－ claiming the spirit of the season． Mr 。 Newton dropped a quarter into the card－ board chimney．＂Merry Christmas，＂ sang out the Santa．
＂Ho ho ho，＂returned the gentle， mocking voice of the Magnitudinous Hook．He looked up at a now dim mar－ quee and saw the words，＂A Christmas Carol，＂and the somewhat incongruous proclamation，＂Air－conditioned for the comfort of our patrons．＂
＂Humbug，＂said Mr．Newton，pat－ ting the bulge at his hip pocket．


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During the warmer months, it is necessary to make a circular detour around the $\$ 18,000$ abortion which squats between the libraries, throwing water skyward with the undiminished force of ten water pistols. There had been some speculation that a skating rink for preschool children would be established when the weather turned colder. However, the University is taking no chances with its precious monument. Around the first of November a gang of workmen began constructing an elaborate shelter to protect the monstrosity from the "elements." At first we viewed this activity with a certain distrust--one mistake can only be obscured by another, we reasoned. But now our skepticism has turned to admiration. Not only is the shed functional, but it more than eliminates the basic gripe we had against the fountain; we no longer have to walk around. In fact, a certain element of excitement has been added to crossing the mall. With a five yard start it is relatively easy to scale the slope of the mound, stand triumphant on the top for an instant, and crying, "Tally Ho!", slide down the far side. Just wait until there's ice on the thing.



A couple of weeks ago, the members of Scabbard and Blade, honorary ROTC fraternity, decided it was high time they started protecting their investment in the flag pole in front of the Historical Library, which they dedicated in 1922. An Honor Guard, they felt, was an ideal pledge task for this year. So, two hours at a time, the cannonfodder guarded the pole, until the weather turned cold and the whole thing was called off.

Backin the good old days things were a lot tougher. We can recall midnight marches through the swamps, while actives sat on a bluff with a case of beer and a loaded machine gun, waiting for a pledge to show his tail. Guarding a flagpole sounds rather tame by comparison.

Perhaps it would have been more useful to guard that other thing in the Mall. Then we'd find out if the pledges know how to use those sabers.


"Season's greetings, station WWNR hello." Mr. Vick didn't say it as though he meant it. Mr. Higgins, the station owner, forced him to say it, and he repeated it grudgingly, with a heavy Slavic accent.
"Who in the world is this?" asked a woman on the other end of the line.
"Season's greetings, station WWNR hello." repeated Mr. Vick. "This is Andre Slutervick here."
"Oh, Mr. Vick!" The woman suppressed a giggle. "This is Jane Higgins. I certainly didn't expect you to be answering the phone."
"Everybody's gone but the day announcer."
"Oh, well, do you know where my husband is?"
"No ma'am I sure don't." He glanced out the window at the snow. "May be the storm's so bad he just hasn't got down home yet. Left about half an hour ago."
"Well, thank you. I guess they're not having the New Year's Eve party after all?"
"I wouldn't know a thing about it," Mr . Vick answered. They said goodbye and hung up.

Mr . Vick walked over to the window and watched the snow fall. He permitted himself the vision of Mr. Higgins stuck in a drift down the road, getting madder and madder and colder and colder.

He was so lost in his reflections that when the telephone rang again he was caught off guard. He stood rigid a moment, as though receiving an order, then ambled to the phone.
"Season's greetings, station WWNR hello."
"Vick?"
"Yep."
"This is Mr. Higgins."
"Yep."
"Get Harry for me, will you?"
Mr. Vick dropped the receiver, and walked back to the control booth where Harry was playing the one recording of Christmas carols the station owned for the God-knows-how-manyth time. He tapped on the door and went in.
"Higgins wants to talk to you on the telephone."

Harry made a face and put down the book he was reading. "'Kay. Thanks, Dick."

Mr. Vicky waited until Harry had left the room, then picked up the book. The


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girl on the cover, blonde and voluptuous, reminded him of the village girls back home. He put the book back down, remembering that Harry was on the phone with Mr. Higgins. Harry wasn't saying much.
"Yes sir. Yes sir, I think it's a good idea. No, that'd be a hell of a shame. Yes sir, it's fine with me. So long." He hurried back towards the booth. "Have to make a break." He shut the door behind him as the record was finishing.

Mr. Vickwalked back to the window, sat down in Mr. Higgins' swivel chair, and propped his feet on the desk, listening to the syrupy voice coming from the speaker.
"... little sign of abating. Instead of signing off at our usual hour of six o'clock, station WWNR will remain on the air until midnight to bring you any further bulletins we receive concerning the storm... and so that your home station, WWNR, may wish you all a Happy New Year. On the national scene..."

Harry came out, giving Mr. Vick barely enough time to jump up and pretend to be brushing off the window sill with his hand.
"That maid," he said hurridly, "she don't keep the window sill clean like she should." He held up a grimy hand in evidence.
"Yeah," said Harry, not looking. He rummaged through the desk until he came up with a little book of the staff's addresses and numbers. "Plug in an outside line for me, will you, Vick. To the booth." He paused at the door, "And you might clean up the office a little. Mr . Higgins decided it'd be best for the staff morale to go ahead with the party, storm or no storm."

Mr. Vick shrugged his shoulders, as though he, personally, didn't need any more staff morale, and picked up his pushbroom. He glanced at the studio clock. It was $4: 19: 17$. His watch was exactly on time. The whole staff were continually checking their watches. The snow was still swirling thickly about the window. He looked at the clock again, then pulled a chair over to it and climbed
up on it. He glanced quickly around the room, then twisted the knob on the bottom until the clock was 15 minutes ahead. Then he got down and looked up at the clock. He felt such a shiver of fear and excitement that he got back on the chair and adjusted the hands so the clock was only five minutes ahead of his watch. He glanced around again, then fell to work scrubbing the window with hot, soapy water.

The last three or four cars to arrive had to park at the bottom of the hill because the snow was too treacherous to attempt. Mr. Higgins had called each of the staff members personally when he arrived at.eight-thirty. By ten o'clock everyone was there. Mr. Vick stayed in his room, listening to the party.

About eleven, there was a tap on his door.
"Mr. Vick?" It was the Higgins" daughter, Ange1. She opened the door and peeped in. "Mr. Vick? My mommy says I'm supposed to come and stay with you."
"Well, come right in, Miss Higgins, come right in." He got up from his easy chair and patted the bed smooth so that the girl would have a place to sit. "What're you along for? Isn't it past your bedtime?"
"Yes." Angel sat down. "But my sitter wouldn't come out in the storm and Daddy couldn't get another one. So


[^1]they brought me along with them."
"Well, I'm glad they did. Haven't had a good talk with you in a long time, have I?"
"I guess not," said Angel. "Can I put my feet up?"
"Go right ahead," said Mr. Vick. He watched her silently as she carefully unbuckled her Mary Janes and slipped them off, setting them squarely beside each other on the floor.
"Don't you like parties?" she asked after she had settled against the wall with her feet tucked up under her knees. "Mommy said you didn't. She said you were in here because you didn't like parties."
"Well, I don't very muchlike parties, Angel," Mr. Vick said. "But I do like little girls. I never had a little girl of my own. What would you like to talk about?"

Angel squirmed around to study the room in great detail. "Don't you ever clean up your room?"
"Sometimes I do," he answered. "Don't you ever not want to clean up your room?"
"Every time," she said, "but I always do."
"Would you like me to tell you a story about a little girl named Ilona who never used to clean up her room? My mother used to tell it to me when I let my room get messy. Shall I tell it to you?"

Angel pulled up Mr. Vick's bed pillow and settled again. "Okay," she yawned. In a short time she was asleep. Mr. Vick tucked a cover over her, and after a minute of thinking, went on with the story, telling it aloud to himself.

At the height of the celebration Mr . Higgins burst into the room. "Come on baby, it's almost midnight-you'll miss New Year's." He picked her up, blanket and all, and carried her out, leaving her shoes still neatly placed beside the bed. Mr . Vick went over to his sloset for the pint of bourbon he kept there. He poured some of it into a glass and waited.

Soon a flurry of songs and cheers went up from the office. It died down into kisses and well-wishings, and Mr. Higgins was justabout to propose a toast to his staff when a baritone voice boom-

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ed out from the back of the station. It was loud and quite vigorous; everyone stopped to listen to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne," although no one could under stand the words.

Suddenly Jane Higgins 1 aughed。 "Why, it's old Vick!" she said. "Singing in Slavic, or whatever it is." She looked at the studio clock and then at her husband. "That's too funny!" She laughed. "He forgot to check his watch, see? He's five minutes slow." Everyone looked at her blankly, not understanding. "He's missed New Year's!" Mr.Higgins burst out laughing, and soon they all had joined him, realizing the joke. Jane picked up the melody from the back room, and soon everyone had stopped laughing enough to join in.


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1 Rockwell hardness tester chmplete with three sizes of deenergized Rockwells.

## III. PROCEDURE

The small steal engine was stagted without mishap and run continuously seven hours, thirteen minutes, ninetynine and forty-four one-hundredths per cent seconds, at whith point a bearing froze and the boiler pressure made like it had an infinite second partial derivative with respect to time and pinned the gauge. Casey Jones, lab group safety man, who snoozed whilst resting his posterior on the safety valve, got the shock of his life when the medics told himethat he would be released in time to attend the dedica tion ceremonies for the rebuilding of the Mechanical Engineering Buildingo

The circuit of figure one was set up and power applied. Unfortunately, the instructor R. A. Grinder, whe happened to cec checking the wiring at the time, and being bridged across points "A" and "B", grabbed himselfc a fist full of watts. Professor Wayne B. Speedy, present at the time, was astouneded by the pyrotechnics, both varbal and otherwise, stating that he had never before seen chartreuse sparks nor heard three of the elever little epithets issuing from Prof. Griader's oral cavity.

The distillation unit(nedium sized) was put into operation and a separation of the mixture was effected. However, the efforts of the group had to be directed toward warding off the efforts of Hoary Wiggins, ME4 who rears, t. irbibe of the separated fraction. (Why did H. Wiggins want to drink all that smolly old gasoline anyway?

The Reckwell hardness tester eas set up as outlined in THE MANUAL of PROCEDURE PO SETRTNG UP THE ROCKWELL HARDNESSVIFESTER VOL. I. The Reckwell hardness tester was then adjusted as per agm MANUAL of PROCEDURE for ADJUSTM ING THE ROCKWELL HARDNESSVFESTYR VOL. OII. It was them discovered that the three sizes of rockwells were aissing. Alert lab instructor G. W. Washout soon comered the three little rascats under EE Prof. N. L. Schlitz's 1950 Buick with oil leak and chattery cluteh, and the experiment proceeded. After the hardness of the first two Rockwells was tested, an inexcusable derelietion of duty by lab group equipment man Kurt F. Went, allowed the third and smallest Reckwell to flee to the practie foobball fields, where it is believed that the fugitive Rockwell was harbored by a soft - hearted fullback. Te complete the experiment the first and largest Rockell was retestod, and in the ensuing skirmish, lab group data man, Mordecai Brom, got two of his fingers tested. Hils fingers were about seventeen points softer than the average Rockwell, hewever.
IV. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

IT is intuitively obvious to even the most casual observer that Fanogle's first two laws are truly verified by even the most casual intuitive examination of the obvious results of this rather rigorous experiment, which neglects, however, the intuitively obvious casually realb meat of this experiment, wh ich is an intuitively obvious verification of the LAW OF THE TOO SOLID GOOF, Namely, that it is intuitively obvious that the most unimpeachable piece of data is obviously where the mistake lies.

FIG. 1:

## CIRCUIT. <br> CIRCUIT.




TEACHERS AND BOOKS...


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by Sharon Havlik

## Ma rlen

At the corner he turned and cut through the prairie. He followed the path for awhile but cut over to the crabapple tree to see where his tree house was last year. They would make another one this year, Jerry and him. Near the tree on the ground was a snake. It was long and smooth and green and had a red tongue that shot in and out. He picked it up and it twined gracefully around his thumb.

He would bring it to school. He would show the kids. He walked so as not to jolt the snake and wondered if his teacher would like it.

He came to the corner, walked down Argyle Avenue to school, and crossed the playground. No one noticed him. Most of them were playing Red Rover, but there were some kids on the side by the entrance. Jerry was sitting on the steps and he said, "Hey. Hey Stu, let's see what'cha got."
"A snake," said Stuart. He held it out in his palm.
"Lemme have it once." Jerry held it, then wrapped it around his wrist. "Look, a snake charmer." He put the snake around his neck, threw back his head, wiggled straight hips and sang; "Oh, the girls in France...."

Three girls in his room came over. "What'cha got?" They had on colored socks and checkered dresses and Stuart pulled the snake from Jerry"s neck.
"Snake," he said, and held it out by the tail. It wiggled and the girls shrieked, delighted. "It's got a forked tongue," said Stuart, and he walked over to them. "Look。"

They screamed, laughing, and ran.
Stuart walked back to Jerry。"Girls are afraid of everything."

And they were back, giggling and talking.
"I hate snakes."
"Keep that thing away from me."
"You can die if a snake bites you."
Stuartheld it out again and they scattered. Marlene didn't go as far and he went up to her. She didn't run.
"It won't hurt you,"said Stuart, and he dangled it in front of her. It wriggled and touched her nose.
"I'm going to tell," she yelled, and she ran.
"It won't hurt you," Stuart laughed and ranafter, but she was faster and he stopped. "Dumb girls," he said.

The bell rang then and theyfought to be firstinline and lingered in the hall to be last into class. Stuart left the snake in his locker. He went in the room and sat down.


What was all the commotion？＂said Miss Gafke．Silencé＂Well？＂she de－ manded．
＂Stuart has a snake，＂Marlene said． ＂He chased me with it．He chased every－ body．＂

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Stuart glared ather．That jerk，Mar－ lene．
＂Stuart！＂said Miss Gafke．＂My good－ ness！！＂

My goodness！thought Stuart．
＂Now Stuart，you know that wasn＇t nice．＂She looked at him．＂And it＇s not funny．＂

He wished he could chase her with a snake．He didn＇t like Miss Gafke．She was almost worse than Marlene．She was a crab．S he yelled at him for talk－ ing and sent him to the principal when he only put a stone in a girl＇s scarf and threw it on the roof．

He folded his hands on the desk and looked at them．His one thumb－－the right one－－had an ink spot on it．They were writing with ink now and it was there from yesterday．
＂Stuart，I＇m going to write a note to your mother．And I want an answer from her tomorrow．＂

Old tattle－tale Marlene．He wished she＇d drop dead．He＇d shovel dirt in her mouth．He watched his hands，tan against the desk，and said，＂yes Ma＇am。＂

It said that I regret to inform you that your son has been bothering the girls in his class．Today he chased them with a snake．When I spoke to him about this it seemed to do no good．I hope you will talk to him．．．there was a little more but Stuartfolded up the paper． He putitinhis hip pocket and nonchalent and masculine，spit on the sidewalk。

He saw an ant．It was Marlene．He would drown her．He spit again but missed．But if you kill an ant it will rain tomorrow．He didn＇t spit again． He went home the way he always did，

# SAVE MONEY <br> SEE <br> Jerry Bratlíe for Books 

short cut through the alley. On the way he found a vase for his mother but she didn't like it. She threw it in the garbage can.

He brought out the note at supper time, so his father would be there. His mother read it and handed it to him. His father laughed when he saw the note--"Chased them with a snake," he said and he laughed.

His mother said, "Al," and his father stopped. But you could tell he wanted to. His mother didn't laugh. She said, "Stuart, that wasn't nice. You know you shouldn't have done that."
"Yes'm" said Stuart and looked at his mashed potatoes. He broke his gravy dam with his fork and the gravy flowed out, slow and thick.
"And stop looking so pleased with yourself. How would you like a snake dangled in your face?"
"I'd eat it," said Stuart. "I'd take a big bite and eat off its head and swallow it."
"I don't want you to do that again," said his mother. "What made you do that?"
"Anyway, that was that old Marlene Nelson. I only chased her."
"Oh," said his mother. She looked across the table. Stuart looked at his father too. He was trying not to laugh.

They knew he hated Marlene. She had kissed him one day. He had been just walking down Argyle with Jerry and she ran up and kissed him. He couldn't hit her because you aren't supposed to hit girls but he stomped on her foot--hard. She yelled and sort of slapped him and ran. Jerry had laughed. Oh darling, he said. He put his armsout and kissed the air and threw back his head. Stuart darling, he shrieked. Stuart said, oh, shut up and watched the sidewalk as they walked home and Jerry had laughed. Jerry told all the kids at school. Stu-art's-got-ta-girl-friend they chanted and when he came over Jerrysaid Marlene kissed Stuart and Stuart's mother laughed and told his father.
"Now, Stuart, I mean it," said his mother. "She's a nice girl. You leave her alone."


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"Yes'm," said Stuart. He didn't care. He pushed his potatoes in a heap and poured more gravy on. They knew now he didn't like her. She didn't like him either. She told on him. She would leave him alone now. He wondered if he could find a toad. He'd give it to her. Toads get afraid and they pee in your hand. And, he thought happily, maybe she'd get warts.

"Jerry. Your blue jacket. You forgot it."
"Ma, I hate that jacket!"
"Now Dear, you know how warm it is. I'll wrap it and send it to you first thing in the morning."
"Bye. See you Thanksgiving."
"Be careful now."
Hurried smiles. Quick hugs. An attempted kiss--"Oh Ma!"-- and a quick squirm away. Crowded train, parents saying last-minute good-byes, boys scrambling wildly for seats.

And they were on their way.
"Kev..."
"Yeah?"
"What's it like?"
"Huh?"
"The school. Morris."
"It's okay。"
"Yeah, but what's it like? I mean, the Brothers."
"Oh. Well, they hit you with a stick ... when you're bad. And it's freezin' at night and baking in the day. But you can play baseball and swim and-. It's okay."
"I won't like it."
"How come?"

Jerry wiggled down in his seat. "My mother... she said I'll keep out of trouble there。"
"Oh, there's lots of stuff to do. You can go to town if you're on the team."
"Don't want to." He stared glumly at the floor.
"You swim?"
"Yeah."
"They got a pond. Divin' board and all."
"They hit you?"
"When you're bad, just."
"Hard?"
"Nah." Kevin picked upanimaginary stick. "Bam! Right over the head."
"My dad hits hard."
"Bet mine hits harder."
"Probably does." Jerry shrugged.
"My dad and me wrestle."
"We used to too but Ma got mad. He plays mostly with my sister anyway.... The other guys like it?"
"Some of them. We can have visitors on Sundays."
"I live too far anyway. Besides, Dad sleeps Sundays. And I have to be quiet. He says it'll be quieter without me." A signal clanged by.
"If I didn't like it, I could leave. I could run away. I ran away once."
"Whereja go ?"
"Oh, way far. When I come back Ma was cryin'. She was cryin' 'cause I was gone." A new thought struck him. "She thought I was dead and she was cryin'." He smiled contentedly and leaned back.
"Sandwich?"
"Thanks."
"We're almost there. You can tell by that funny barn with the blue door."

It was dark in the station.
"We're right up there," Kevin pointed a finger into the black. "We're on a hill."

Jerry looked out into the dark. He picked uphis bags and held them tightly. "I'm going to hate it here," he murmured. "I know I'm going to hate it."

## This Place ...

by Lois Dubin
"Sum--mer--time..." in a sentimental swing swirls circularly, rounding and embracing and surrounding This Place, it's tables, it's people singularly, doubly, or more, seated together close together in rhythm with words, expressions--jiggling their feet, biting the pencils they borrowed, scanning This Place and looking intensely around and around, squinting their eyes from the smoke and when fresh strong rays of sun shift and stare and push in through the glass panes to blind and temporarily stop their looking.
"And the living is easy..." with eight cups of black coffee in green and brown cups empty and ashes from cigarettes border the soppy saucers where the black coffee spilled and settled and got colder and looked like mud.

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    "another cup of coffee,
yes I'll have a cigarette,
tell them to turn the music down,
spade is trump,
have some of my lunch,
I hate This Place,
there's a good show upstairs,
she sleeping around,
do you REALLY play chess?
can I borrow this chair?
this course is a snap,
and we're giving out free
samples to let you see for
yourself how Hit Parade allows
you only the very slightest
particle of nicotine to
reach your lungs,
sorry, but my lungs
are already black and burned
out.
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I shall sit down and read or maybe I know somebody and I can sit with people and talk and have coffee or a hamburger with a raw onion and lots of ketchup and I'll tell them about my friend who is very interesting, and maybe I'll be intere sting too.
"Fish are jumping..." and time has stopped, pushing problems out and pressures are left waiting outside but sometimes sneak in with the straight streams of sun that make you squint and you stop talking for a minute and then you regain and plunge forward faster, more intensely and you hit the table hard with your fist and a cup bounces and some of the muddy coffee spills and your cigarette is no longer burning so someone relights the dead tobacco.
> "literature is grand but hold my hand, don't bother, it's not necessary to stand, hello, it's so good to see you my dear, I'm almost positive, after all they say he's queer, let's face it, our culture is disintegrated, it's just one of those days, I'm discomboomberated, but I want the part so bad I can taste it, and then she went on to tell me about this bit, I'm so lonely sometimes I don't know where to go, he goes with a colored girl, didn't you know?
> hey whatsisname, get me a beer,
> I just love it, I just love it here..."

"And the cotton is high..." along the murals and the counter and the heads, and the talk that combines to harmonize heavily, hits resoundingly, reminiscent of then and now but where are Dick and Jane and spot, where did they go or maybe they are still there and here in This Place there is no room for them.

They talked and the sun showered in through the windows in the back and danced forward in a graceful smooth line and I listened with my eyes wandering and my mind wondering wistfully, What am I doing here?

What am I doing?
What am I?
"One of these mornings, you're going to wa--ke up..."

BUCK UP, FELLOWS, YOU'VE FOUND THEM AT LAST - THE

## JOKES

"How old is you?"
"Ah's five. How old is you?"
"Ah don't know."
"Yo' don't know how old you is?"
"Nope."
"Does women botha' you?"
"Nope."
"You's fo'."
-Fang

Voice from rear of room: "Are you sure the third question's in the book?"
Proctor: "Of course."
Voice: "Well, I can't find it."
-Widow

Two residents of the backwoods country greeted each other one morning.
"Say," queried the first, "what did you give your mule when he had heaves?"
"Turpentine," offered the other helpfully.

Two weeks later they met again.
"What did you say you gave your mule when he was sick?" asked the first.
"Turpentine," answered the helpful one.
"Well, I gave it to mine and it killed him."
"Killed mine too."

> -Froth
"My uncle is in Africa hunting anteaters. He wants to bring one back alive."
"Why does he want to bring one back alive?"
"He hates my aunt."

- Widow
"This has all been very interesting, madame, but I am no longer with Dr. Kinsey."
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-Barter

He who laughs first told the joke.
He who laughs last censors the magazine. -Hoot

Superman is really keen.
Batmas's really swell.
I just don't like old Mary Worth--
She can go to hell.
-Squat
Both women and pianos are similar in brand Some of them are upright and some of them are grand.
-Aggievator

She: "Did you ever try selling vacuum cleaners?"

He: "No. Why?"
She: "Well you'd better give it a try. That's my husband coming up the walk." -Anon.

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Overheard at the Cardinal:
"I hate the Beat Generation."


You may wonder what a picture of the Octopus editor sitting in front of a typewriter is doing up there. Or you may not. Anyway, this is our way of saying that the Octy is being printed this time by photo-offset multilithography, which is a fancy way of saying that more copy costs less money. The typewriter is an IBM Executive, which rents for $\$ 8$ a week, and cost the magazine $\$ 375$ when a former staff member accidently knocked over the typing table. This wild machine is able to type like print, so the copy can be photographed instead of set in lead. When we first got the machine, with the magic name IBM acorss the keyboard, we thought all this would be easy. We soon discovered, however, that even the International Business Machines Company cannot build a typewriter which will not make mistakes. In fact, with all the extra keys used to even out the right margins, it is twice as easy to make blunders. If you'll sight down the right margin of this colu mn, you'll note that the last line looks a little short. Oh, well.

Beneath the new type face, we are hiding some stories by people who can write. This is almost an innovation for the Octy. But for the other crowd, the ones who Don't Care, we've included the usual fare of jokes, cartoons, and ads.

At this point we took stock and found that we had neglected the engineers. This is a common practice, since most people have never met an engineer, and tend to think that there are only a handful on campus. This simply is not true. So, for the EE's, Me's, CE's, and ChE's, we have included a helpful Gouge, to ease the burden of the Laboratory.

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1. Haresfoot is the name of:
a. The bowing team
b. A blonde on the third floor of Langdon hall
c. A town in Pennsylvania
2. This year's Haresfoot show is called:
a. Keep 'Em Laughin'
b. Desire Under the Elms
c. Fred Doerflinger
3. To become a member of Haresfoot you must have:
a. $\$ 500.42$
b. A cleft palate
c. A permanent stoop
4. The authors of the show are chosen by:
a. Hare ballot
b. A quorum of Union janitors
c. Pure necessity
5. The cast tours five cities, one of them being:
a. London
b. Combined Locks
c. The City of Dreadful Night

6. The Haresfoot trip is known as:
a. The Haresfoot trip
b. Why Herman was expelled from the University
c. Wow!
7. The slogan of the club is:
a. All our men are ladies, yet everyone's a girl
b. All our girls are women, yet everyone's a fool
c. Where love is, there is God also
8. Membership in the club entitles one to:
a. Walk around dressed like a girl
b. Steal books from the University library
c. Flunk out of school early and avoid the June rush
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