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## Letter To Editor

DEAR EDITOR:

I am not in the habit of writing letters-to-editors, but I feel that this is an occasion to warrant such an act. I would like to use this letter as a means of thanking our classmates, the day students, for their kind invitations to all of us to visit in their homes Easter week-end.

I think I can say for my fellow-boarders that we all have enough patriotism in us not to mind too much not getting Spring Holidays, but we must admit, it is kind of hard to spend Easter away from home. We'll miss going to church with the family, Mom's home-baked ham for Easter dinner, and helping little brother hunt Easter eggs, and if it hadn't been for those kindhearted day students, I'm afraid that there would be some mighty homesick little girls around Queens the week-end of April first. But thanks to them, we'll spend Easter in homes instead of dormitories, although the homes be not our own. If we can help get some wounded soldier to a hospital quicker by not using the trains this week-end, we don't mind it one bit, especially since the day students have extended to us their kind hospitality.

We appreciate their invitations from the bottoms of our hearts. We only hope we can repay them in some way.

Sincerely,  
A BOARDING STUDENT.

## College Jewelry

By DORIS NUNN

"All that glitters is not gold," but glitter can perform a multitude of functions—so some people think. After all, they say if your jewelry is not showing, no one notices it. Especially is this true of college girls. Jewelry of several different kinds is one of thin but self-advertising means. Each type of jewelry serves its own purpose.

Now, first of all there is fraternity jewelry and that with the seals of schools. At a recent basketball game I saw a girl who wore a Sigma Chi ring, a Clemson lapel pin, a Furman necklace, and a Kappa Alpha pin. However, had she not worn the combination, no one would have known her popularity.

Then there are those who wear the service man's jewelry and who appear to be more mature and worldly. A friend of mine delights in wearing a major's oak leaf. It isn't everyone who knows that this belongs to her father. To see some girls I would think that each was the sweetheart of the armed forces. Navy wing, Army sweetheart pins, silver wings, and anchors all adorn these popular military co-eds. Some girls with their many ribbons and stars would appear to have been educated through all the campaigns of the war. No doubt, however, they deserve these after having gone through what might be necessary to get them—medals for bravery!

Finally and quite popular is costume jewelry which serves all purposes at all times. Of all types

## On Hats

By DORIS TURNER

To me there is no word the meaning of which is as wrongly applied to the actual use as the word hat. Webster defines hat as "a shaped covering, especially one with a crown and brim, for the head." In my opinion, however, Webster should change his meaning to "a shaped covering especially one without a crown and brim, for a portion of the head," for actually this is what one sees now or should I say what one does not see? Of course, this definition of a hat is nonsensical, but then one must take into consideration that the hats themselves might be called nonsensical.

The show window of the most exclusive ladies' ready-to-wear shop of a fairly large city is the place most frequented by peculiar hats, for the hats seen there are, indeed, the latest and the original creations. Some look as if they had been plucked from a bush; some, like birds seized while flying; others, like pancakes topped with long feathers; and still others, like huge bows of ribbon. For example, I saw only recently in the window one of the most peculiar hats I have ever seen. It was a purple hat with a narrow brim and a flat top upon which were several stilt-like objects supporting a cluster of chartreuse leaves covering the entire top. It seems to me that instead of drawing admiration, as most hats, I believe, are designed to do, one such hat would bring only laughter and amusement to observers. If this is the case then, why do women persist in wearing such hats?

Another example of a peculiar looking hat was one I observed on a young girl recently. It looked like nothing more than an oversized flapjack sitting on a smaller, up-raised portion of felt. It was perched so far over the center of her forehead that she had to throw her head slightly backward to see where she was going. That hat seemed to have two disadvantages: it was uncomfortable to the wearer, and it gave the observer a sense of uneasiness for fear that the girl would bump into someone.

A church is a good place to see odd-looking hats. Several Sundays ago I chanced to see a hat which, I am sure, if the preacher had seen it, would have distracted him sorely from his sermon. It too was a purple and chartreuse hat, for it seemed that the combination of these two colors had just entered into the latest fashion. The hat itself was purple and sat in a very ridiculous manner over the left eye. Beginning from the left side of the hat, a chartreuse plume wound around the back of the head, trailed along the right side of the neck, and ticklishly ended up under the chin.

A hat which is probably worn more by everybody of the female sex, both young and old alike, is the famous "beanie." This type is worn for every possible occasion: sport, street, dress, and evening. It is nothing more than a crown trimmed or untrimmed, just as one wishes. For sport it may be worn untrimmed entirely, with the possible exception of a feather. For street and dress it may be trimmed with a veil. And finally for evening one may wear it trimmed with sequins. Thus this little hat serves the purpose for all occasions.

Hats, I believe, seem to be a woman's pride and joy. Most of them are so fantastic that I have come to the conclusion that the purpose of hats is not to protect the head, but to attract attention, and we certainly have to admit that this creature called woman has a very peculiar way of attracting attention.

of this jewelry rhinestone clips and pins are most popular. College girls seem to think that a rhinestone pin will make even an old baggy sweater look dressy. I tell the truth when I write that a girl who was going to a dance one night had on a not too dainty rhinestone necklace, dangling earbobs, two hair clips, and a bracelet—all of rhinestone. She was indeed a striking figure. In fact, she nearly blinded me.

From observation of just these few people, instead of the glitter of jewelry's covering the defects, it merely adds to the gawdiness. College jewelry seems to reveal, in a way, the character of its wearer, that is sincerity and dignity or some such trait.

Perhaps these various uses of jewelry that I have mentioned have served the owner's purpose, but what a purpose! This reminds me that such girls have never read or taken to heart Steele's essay "On Ladies Dress" in which he quotes Horace. As Steele applied Horace's quotation to ladies' dress, so may it be applied to campus jewelry—"Simplex Munitus."

## Home Economics Majors Get Basic Training

Since everything has gone to war, naturally the practice house went G. I.—anyway, we all feel as if we have had basic training for the WAAC, WAVES, or MRS. The daily routine of our six weeks were more or less on a military basis. The alarm at 6:45 A. M. would arise the entire company of seven girls. Then mess call and all the pretty colored housecoats arrived at the tables (Am I kidding?) Classes at 8:30 and those on K. P. had a hard time getting there on time—super woman was really needed. Back to lunch and what we were going to have was always a surprise—beans and bread or maybe a change with bread and beans. Then K. P. again just to make things more interesting. Lab in the afternoon and everyone worried about the other fellow blowing up the lab. Preparing the meals for chow in our dainty white frocks with never a stain on them, was a sight. (Yes a new kitchen is being built in). The education you received on waiting on tables was remarkable my dear, if one is not careful one could be hired out right from the school (we have had several offers you know).

Then the check by the lieutenant and everyone was as busy as a bee cleaning the rooms by putting dirt under the rugs and having a Fiber McGee closet. The lieutenant and we (Pvt's) had "after dinner" for the higher ranks and oh boy! The gang was really trying to make impressions—could be for promotions. Last, but not least, we had a party of our own for our gang and everything looked grand—but I keep wondering why our friends went out with bicarbonate of soda in their hands.

We packed our duffle bags the next day as we were on our way to a new place (we can dream can't we?) All in all we had fun but now that gang is wondering whether or not the rank of Pvt. will be changed to a Pfc.

## "Image Of Josephine"

By BOOTH TARKINGTON  
Reviewed By  
SUZANNE BLACKMON

One of the greatest problems facing the American people today is that of the proper handling and treatment of the ever increasing number of returning war veterans, many of them wounded in mind and spirit as well as in body.

The leading character in Booth Tarkington's newest novel, *Image of Josephine*, is such a veteran. Bailey Fount, wounded hero, returns from the wars and recovers physically but his mental outlook on life is still doubtful when he takes a job as Assistant Curator of Paintings in the art museum that his distant but extremely wealthy uncle has erected some years before, shortly preceding his death. Here Bailey, with the helpful and understanding guidance of the other employees of the museum manages to gain control of his nerves and he regains a semblance of his former self. He is almost well and is almost practically back to normal when Josephine—his rich, spoiled, temperamental distant cousin comes into his life. Josephine, the granddaughter of the erector of the art temple, almost undoes all of the progress that he has so far made. Because she is twice jilted Josephine uses Bailey as an excuse to the world for her desertions. She pretends that she fell so in love with him that she was forced to ignore the man to whom she was engaged. In reality he has become so disgusted that he had left her.

In the end Bailey, amazingly enough, seems to realize that he has made a mistake and that Josephine is really not what she seems to be and that her exterior is an image, but not of her true self. He returns to the Army, secure in the knowledge that she will wait for him.

The book on the whole is a very good character analysis, but is not particularly strong or convincing. If you like Booth Tarkington, however, you will probably enjoy this, his latest book.

## POLL OF THE STUDENTS

Now that elections are over, the question of the week is what improvements can be made in Student Government for the coming year?

ANN PERRY: The order of elections is good, but the Student Body should show more interest and thought in them so that we may be sure of having the most capable girls as officers.

LINDA BRYAN: Elections as a whole ran rather smoothly, but all the hands from the floor should be recognized so that some of the elections will not have the appearance of being carried through in an unorganized and hurried manner.

MIRIAM KUHN: New students and transfers should be given more consideration in elections. There should be more interest shown by those students not holding office in order that Student Government as a whole can run smoothly for the benefit of everyone.

CHARLOTTE KAY: Day students should work together to keep their building in good condition. Not all Day Student Bodies have such a nice building where the students can spend their spare time. The Day students should have social gatherings to bring about closer fellowship among students.

CORA ANN PARKS: Elections should be spaced a day or two apart. After having them day after day, everyone is so tired that she will vote for anyone just to get through with elections.

MARY SPARROW: In elections students should consider the capability rather than the personality of students running for office. Until there is less group politics in our elections our student government will not function democratically or purposefully.

MARY LACY BOST: Our student government can be improved by developing more of a co-operative spirit among the students. This does not necessarily mean that the student body is divided, but there is always a need for greater co-operation if the student government is to function properly on campus. We should always be willing to do any task assigned, and unless we have a legitimate cause, we should by no means criticize the work of the Student Government officers because they are trying their best to please us and to carry out the responsibility involved in their particular office.

### GREATEST AIRPORT NEED

Washington—In the billion dollar airport program recommended by the Civil Aeronautics Authority, the greatest increase in the number of airports is proposed for towns of less than 5,000.

### HALF MILLION PLANES

Washington—It is not unlikely that in this country alone we shall have by 1950 at least half a million private, commercial and military planes in active service according to William A. M. Burden, Assistant Secretary of Commerce.