

'Frosh' Caps Go Up In Smoke and Flame of Giant Bonfire at Northwestern 'U'

By Bill Averill
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Dear Dad,
In one of the recent issues of The Eccentric I read about the incident in which one of my Baldwin classmates was involved at M. E. T. Although I am confident that Bob Navin had nothing to do with the affair, his mishap brings to my mind a recent demonstration which occurred on the Northwestern campus.

I speak of our freshmen cap-burning which was staged last Thursday. Although nothing got out of hand, the ceremony might have assumed a grave nature had the class of '39 followed the example of the freshmen last year.

An N. U. cap-burning ceremony is usually one which is under good control, but the class of 41 took matters into their own hands, resulting in a serious situation. Last year the freshmen got the jump on the upperclassmen and held their ceremony the night before the specified date. Under a comparatively few members' influence, the boys burned their caps and marched upon Willard Hall. The freshmen women's dormitory. Leading the mob were a number of freshmen who were rather dim-witted.

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But that was last year, Dad. The ceremony which took place last week was of an entirely different nature. At 7:30 Thursday evening, the freshmen from the fraternity houses assembled on the shore of Lake Michigan, a few hundred feet from the frat. house. The kerosene-soaked wood was soon a mass of flames. Accompanied by the resounding of their drums, singing and cheers of the fellows, all the caps were tossed into the blaze.

But to get on with the story, I was in the crowd. I saw myself myself out on Sheridan road. With screaming sirens, one of the policemen went down the road to halt any oncoming traffic.

I found myself participating in a "snack dance," then standing out across the street. At the south end of the campus, the sorority quads were the next objectives. We snaked our way through the sorority houses, singing and yelling. The ultimate goal of the boys was the new Willard Hall at the west end of the second quad. On approaching the new building, I could see girls hanging out of practically every window.

Scale Fire Escapes
Almost immediately the cry, "We want women!" We want women was taken up on all sides. Some of the more venturesome of the freshmen girls did come out and mingle with the boys, but the majority seemed to lack the spirit. Well, Dad, some of the fellows decided that something should be done about that matter. Not under the influence of liquor, Dad, but purely for the fun of it, about seven of the fellows seized

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Film Folk

Louis Bronfeld's "And It All Came True," which was originally acquired by Warners for Dick Powell and Gloria Dickson has been re-cast with James Stewart, Ann Sheridan and Humphrey Bogart as the leading players.

A French film company which will make English language films in Astoria will use as its first story Charles Norris' "Bricks Without Straw." Sylvia Sydney is to have the leading feminine role.

Class Well Organized
So you see, Dad, that the class of '39 can conduct itself properly. And I don't think that you'll hear any reports of our class ever getting out of hand.

Keep everything under control until I come home for Easter next week.
Lots of love,
From your son,
BILL.

COLOMA, (MPA)—Just what the most modern engineering school in the Middle West, Bob would make no mistake in considering N. U. But I doubt that he'll leave M. E. T. unless the situation is more serious than what I assume it to be. But I'd love to see him here at N. U., just the same.

EASY JOB—FOR HIM
BRONSON, (MPA)—Whether you consider safe-cracking a talent or not, there is at least a certain amount of knowledge involved in the business. That knowledge put a man in Jackson prison, but it came in handy there one day recently when expert assistance was needed to open the safe in the guards' quarters. A man serving time for safe-cracking easily did the job.

THE ANSWERS
1. About 1,200,000.
2. They range from \$4.47 in Arkansas to \$48 in California.
3. It is estimated that they number 9,000,000.
4. No.
5. From 330,000,000 to 360,000,000.
6. Probably in China.
7. Yes, by the terms of joint resolution of Congress, approved March 10, 1924.
8. The Althing, of Iceland; more than 1,000 years old.
9. 0.124 seconds.
10. Central Standard, except in the northern district of Lower California, which uses Pacific Standard Time.

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Bronfeld's "The Pains Came," Myrna Loy and George Brent are the other principle players.
Jackie Coogan will have a part in "Million Dollar Legs" which features his wife, Betty Grable.
Lionel Stander is enjoying a holiday cruising down to Panama. He will return to Hollywood the last of this month to play the detective in "What A Life."
Binnie Barnes spent her vacation in New York and Havana, Cuba. When she returns to Hollywood she will start work in "I Married His Wife" with Warner Baxter.
Robert Donat is to be featured in a re-make of "Beau Brummel" by Metro. The picture may be produced in London as Warners and Edward Small threaten the actor with an injunction if he attempts to work for another studio in the United States.

EFFICIENT MARSHAL
AUGUSTA, (MPA) - When Marshal William Parry picked up a man on a charge of being drunk, he not only conducted him to jail, but sobered him as well. While he was taking the culprit to the county jail recently, (there is no jail in Augusta) the marshal's car ran out of gasoline. Leaving the prisoner to guard it, Parry walked several miles for gas. By the time he reached the county jail, officers there refused to accept his prisoner—he wasn't drunk any more.

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