

## Town Hall Wasn't To Blame

During and after Friday night's Town Hall performance by the Standells, members of the Town Hall Committee were assailed by many in the audience who took offense to the off-color jokes told by the singing group onstage.

The entire incident was regrettable but the Town Hall Committee feels that the Town Hall Committee should not be blamed. The situation seems to fall under the heading of a great misunderstanding. The Standells were told beforehand that they were to perform as if they were on television and not in a nightclub.

The group did not completely re-do its act for this but said it would use the same format as used for a teenage dance in Dallas last week. This seemed acceptable at the time, but it seems that teenagers today are used to stronger stuff than the mixed audience Friday night desired.

It should be noted on the Standells' behalf that after they were informed of their mistake at intermission, they complied agreeably to the request that they tone down their act. It should further be noted that an entertainer always gives what the audience wants; and it was evident, from the hoots of laughter from much of the audience, that the fare was fine as far as they were concerned. That says as much about the audience as it does the performers.



"I don't know what got into her! At the end of th' First Quarter I asked her if I could borrow her raincoat to wrap my boots in and she would hardly speak to me th' rest of the game!"

## Ciardi Challenges Teaching Methods

By ROBERT HOBSON  
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Mass education techniques used by today's teachers in teaching only memorization and recaptulation of subject matter may be seriously impeding creative thought, according to John Ciardi, poetry editor of the Saturday Review.

Ciardi, noted as a poet, translator, and lecturer, was the speaker for the first presentation of the year by the Great Issues Committee.

Today's college student should have facts presented to him in such a way that he may formulate original ideas and correlate them in relation to himself. Empathy — identifying oneself with an object or idea — is the key to actual understanding, and it is the particular responsibility of the liberal arts college to encourage this kind of voluntary projection in all areas of study.

In answer to a question con-

cerning the nature of happiness, Ciardi said that an indomitable will to know and a reluctance to remain satisfied with existing conditions were prerequisites. The quest is not an easy one, but the hours of uncertainty are overshadowed by moments of revelation.

Ciardi suggested that the melancholy which accompanies these periods of doubt can at times be strangely enjoyable.

At the end of the lecture Ciardi was asked to read some of his work. One of the poems, "Was a Man", an elegy to the poet Roethke, was a romantic description of a roguish life-spirit, ending in passionate veneration of the man's lyrical sense.

Ironically, in describing Roethke, Ciardi described himself: possessed of an inextinguishable joie de vivre transcending the lowest depth of despair to which the anxious soul can be directed.

## Lecture Series Set For YMCA

The "My Last Lecture" series begins its fifth year tonight at 7:15 on the second floor of the YMCA.

The first speaker in the four-week series will be Col. Gilbert E. Mayeux, of the Modern Language Department.

Prominent members of the faculty and staff will speak to students as if this were their "last lecture." These talks will be given at supper meetings on October 10, 17, 24 and 31.

Other speakers in the series will be Bennie Zinn, director of the Department of Student Affairs, Dean of Students James P. Hannigan, W. L. Penberthy, professor emeritus, Health and Physical Education Department.

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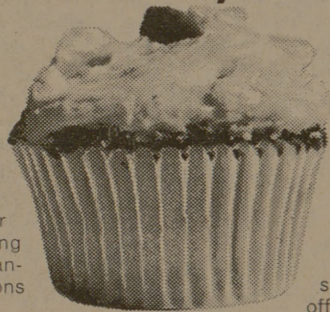
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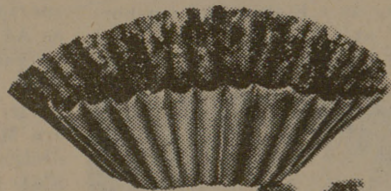


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