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THE "ENGINEER" COVER DESIGNER



Ralph Walter Owen

Ralph Owen, the designer of our magazine cover, is a twenty-three year old junior art major in the College of Education. He calls Austinburg, a town near Lake Erie in Ashtabula County, home. It was from the high school of that town that he graduated in 1935. Ralph had his first taste of drawing for publications with his high school paper. Besides being the staff artist of this newspaper, he was on the track team (high jump and the 440), the debate team, and took part in several declamation contests while in high school. His extra-curricular activities included cutting classes whenever possible.

Our artist first saw the Ohio State University when he took part in a state-wide high school track meet in the Ohio Stadium. However, before matriculating at the University, Ralph studied for about a year at the Cleveland School of Art. Although at State he is studying to be an art teacher, he is also taking all of the straight art courses possible.

The cover of the freshman issue of the Sundial and the "Coed Quips" in the same magazine are examples of Ralph's work. His room is literally a gallery of art as college boys, and most men in general, would have it.