Phantom foot nibbler alive at Yale; Minnesota coeds taste new freedom

By Bob Dennis

Four hundred and eighty-two graduate students and one professor's wife, were attacked recently by a "phantom foot nibler" in the stacks of the Yale University library. One of the nibbled coeds, a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps, was unable to track down the nibbler.

"It may be said in fairness to tough freshmen that the nibbler is a sort of "phantom foot nibbler" at large," he said. "It is a creature that has been seen in the stacks of the university library, but no one knows for sure what it really is."

The nibbler is said to have four legs, two arms, and a tail. It is about the size of a human, but it is covered with fur.

"The nibbler has been observed to crawl up on all fours and at times has been seen to roll over on its back," the professor's wife said. "It is said to have a peculiar smell, but no one knows for sure what it is."

The nibbler is thought to be a natural enemy of the college library, and it is said to have caused a great deal of damage to the books.

"The nibbler has been known to chew through the bindings of books," the professor's wife said. "It is said to have a great appetite, and it has been known to eat books right in the stacks."