

## "Gunther"

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the student is in good condition and is attending classes.

Later, "Gunther" commented on the incident, "I came to University Park this summer to boost my average and instead, as a result of this incident, I boosted my reputation to one of even greater infamy and notoriety."



## Advice On How To Study

University Park-With September comes the opening of school -and quizzes, tests, and final examinations.

Dr. David W. Stickell, supervisor of examination services at The Pennsylvania State University and formerly a professional associate with Educational Testing Service in Princeton, N.J., has some tips on tests, not only for school children but for college students as well.

His first bit of advice, as you might expect, is to "Prepare yourself for the test. Understanding the material you are expected to know is usually the best way to earn points on a test."

His next suggestion is that you read the question carefully and understand the question.

"Too often," he says, "students read things into questions which are not there or overlook key words which are there."

When a student feels uncertain about an answer, Dr. Stickell has a few other suggestions:

-In a true-false test, the use of words such as "never" or "always" would seem to indicate a negative answer.

-In multiple choice questions, the right answer might need more qualifiers to be correct and therefore might be the longer sentence. Also, there is reason to believe that an option that does not flow smoothly from the stem, or opening of the statement, is unlikely to be the correct answer.

Another axiom that states "when in doubt, choose the answer 'c'" is a doubtful one, says Dr. Stickell, especially when the tests are professionally prepared or in published form. Skilled test builders are careful that correct answers are scattered among all of the lettered options.

Dr. Stickell says teachers who prepare tests should give careful thought to their preparation so that they do, indeed, successfully test the knowledge of the student.

In making up a test, Dr. Stickell advises that the teacher first decide the purpose of the test. He suggests the development of a "blue print" and then the preparation of the questions to fit the blueprint or specifications. He suggests careful review of the questions by more than one person.

He also emphasizes the importance of providing clear instructions to the examinees.

"Make clear to the students the purpose of the test and also the procedure on which the test, especially an essay test will be scored," says Dr. Stickell.

Tests can be used as a learning procedure or to measure what students have or have not learned, says Dr. Stickell, and it is essential the instructor determine the purpose before preparing the test.'

## Mugs Ready

Those students who have not picked up their mugs from the Awards Banquet last year, may pick them up in Mr. Binns' office in the upstairs of the Commons.

## Everyone's Wild About Andy

University Park- Most of the women living on the third floor at Hastings Hall, a Pennsylvania State University residence hall, are in love with the same guy.

During the past year, they've flooded him with flattering notes, left phone messages for him with his fraternity brothers, and sent "welcome back" greetings at the start of each new term.

While "we've all been in love with him," notes Kathy DeVivo, of Stroudsburg, one of the residents, there's been a slight problem.

"None of us know him personally," she lamented last week.

"Him" is Andy Bailey. He's the Nittany Lion mascot.

"Some of us first saw him last year at the football games and fell in love," says Miss DeVivo, a sophomore in elementary education. They then formed their unofficial fan club.

The reason why Bailey hasn't known any of his Hastings hall fans is simple-for the entire year all of the fan letters and phone calls have been delivered anonymously.

But there's a happy ending.

Finally, the Hastings residents decided to identify themselves. They invited Bailey to meet them for a picture-taking session at the Nittany Lion shrine. However, they didn't tell him they were the ones who've been his secret admirers. When he arrived-dressed as the Nittany Lion-he was overwhelmed by more than 30 screaming coeds. He then learned that these were his unidentified fans.

"We have always considered it our duty to make sure he knows he's appreciated," proclaimed Miss DeVivo.

Now he knows.