

favors the student in that it doesn't give some of the division officers any chance to make such horrible blunders as formerly." Such are some of the expressions heard in regard to the new rule regulating absences. Although student opinion is divided upon the subject, we think it an improvement, and shall so class it. But it is only one of many improvements which should be made.

Chapel exercises, Wednesday morning, at eleven o'clock the opening day of the session. What does that mean? It means that according to present condition of railway transportation it is necessary for a student living in the Western and Northwestern parts of the Commonwealth to spend the greater part of five days en route in order to reach college, take an examination and to matriculate.

Now, that is an inconvenience which ought to have some weight with the authorities. The number of students who work their way through college is increasing largely every year. Many of these work at profitable vocations through the summer vacation. Every day of work counts. It is this class of students which cannot afford to be harassed by the "bad boy flunked—keep him after school" sentiment which seems must have controlled the schedule of such hours as have characterized the opening days.

We see the necessity of setting a time for the opening exercise of a session at which all should be required to be present, but we do not see any reason why an hour should be set which is so obviously unjust as the present one.

With examinations on Tuesday and Wednesday, and the opening exercise at one o'clock on Thursday afternoon there could not be the least reason, we believe, for complaint.

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