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At the beginning of its junior year every class here finds itself deeply in debt, and it is only due to the fact that each member is forced to pay his class dues before his picture can appear in the La Vie that the class is enabled to rid itself of this incumbrance.

If we look for the causes of this deficiency we find that they are the failure to pay class dues and the financing of class athletics. Class athletics have a value that is hard to overestimate but is the present method of financing them the best? The only interclass games that cover expenses by the present system are the freshman-sophomore football game and wrestling match. The rest are a poorly attended financial drag on the class. Why? Mainly because an admission fee is charged.

Considering the size of the freshman class this suggestion might be worked into a method of solving this problem. If at the beginning of each school year a fee of one dollar were charged each four year student at the business office for class athletics a fund, easily sufficient, would be gotten, to cover all the interclass expenses incurred during the year and leave a snug sum in the class treasury besides. By the present system one dollar does not cover the admission fees charged to attend the freshmen-sophomore contests to which every member of these classes is supposed to be present.

Interclass contests could be placed under the supervision of an athletic director and through him all bills for equipment, etc. would be paid. Here he would cooperate with the class managers and the not infrequent complaint of excessive bills would be eradicated.

The following results might be expected: An adjustment of the junior financial wrangle, a much greater attendance at interclass contests, keener competition for making teams, increased rivalry in inter-

class leagues and a marked decrease in the number of athletic dead heads that each class may safely claim for its own.

It may be said, The Honor with reasonable accuracy, that every one admits that "cribbing" is absolutely wrong, and, to be frank, has no justification whatsoever. Yet it must also be admitted that some men make a practice of "cribbing". The introduction of the Honor System, the principles of which have been explained before, will practically do away with the existing evil. The system has been in use for years in the Electrical Department of this college with the greatest of success, as both students and faculty of the department will testify. Moreover, among the leading institutions which possess an honor system are Princeton, Chicago, Williams, Virginia, Wesleyan and Washington and Lee.

The Honor System will do away with the evil of cheating because it removes any incentive to cheat; it removes the necessity of having instructors act as proctors; it puts men on their honor to give or receive no help, and to report anyone else doing so to a duly established tribunal, which tries cases of infringement with absolute secrecy. A fair trial is given, and in the case of the system proposed for Penn State the penalty is secret expulsion from college, with the privilege of returning a year later. Contrast this with the punishment inflicted at another college—namely, absolute expulsion, without the right to any further connection with the college such as are enjoyed by alumni or men who have failed to complete their courses for some other reason.

Perhaps some may object to that phase of the system which requires the reporting of cases of violation of the rules. No code of laws can be successful without provisions for enforcement. Who would hesitate to make known to the police any violations of the criminal statutes of Pennsylvania? Or, getting closer to college affairs, who would fail to report to the student tribunal a freshman or sophomore who persisted in walking across the front campus? So a man who reports another who violates the rules of the honor system, in a college when the system is established, is simply upholding the integrity of the student body and of his Alma Mater by enforcing the laws which student government has instituted.

It is extremely probably that the near future will see a reduction in the credits required for graduation at Penn State. It is hard to believe that some men are compelled to cheat because of the fact that they are carrying too much work; but if this should be the case, the proposed lightening of requirements, which we may expect with some degree of assurance, would remedy such a condition.

An Honor System for Penn State has been drawn up and has been passed favorably by the student board; it will be considered by the student council at their meeting tonight; if adopted, it will be sub-

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mitted to the student body in a mass meeting. The student body can certainly uphold the Honor System if introduced—Penn State is ready for such an innovation. Indeed, if we are not ready now, we never will be. It is up to every man to consider the proposition in every detail.

Re-examinations.

Any student having a conflict between a re-examination and his regular work of the second semester on Friday afternoon, March 6 or March 13, will attend the re-examination. He should obtain the permit for the re-examination from the Registrar's Office in time to show it to the instructor as an excuse for his absence at the last meeting of the course before the re-examination. The instructor may arrange with the student the method of making up the work lost on account of the absence.

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