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FINAL EXAMINATIONS

For some time we have been of the opinion that the final examinations, in the majority of cases, are an unnecessary evil for several reasons. We believe that the time has come when the proposition of abolishing them should be considered by the students and an appeal made to the faculty to weigh the evidence for and against the examination and to take action on a resolution which would make the making of giving examinations optional with each instructor. We believe that men in the senior class now generally share the opinion that final examinations should be discontinued. The opinion of these men is of much value since it is not based on selfish interests; due to the fact that very few seniors need worry about passing the last set of examinations which they are obliged to take.

We believe that the many objectionable features of the examinations overbalance any good which may accrue from the present system. In the first place over two weeks of each year are given up entirely to the finals and, if there were no exams, these two weeks could be used to much better advantage either in intensive review or in continuing the work of the semester. It is our impression also that examinations do not really test the knowledge of the student because it is often the case that a student can do very little work during the semester and then "pram" enough during the few days preceding the exams to receive a passing grade. Knowledge obtained in such a way is seldom retained.

It is also true that in many cases the student knows the subject in question but under the stress of the examination is unable to set forth what he could under ordinary conditions. Moreover many examinations have become mere endurance tests. Under a system of no final examinations, the student would be obliged to do more consistent work during the semester and frequent quizzes, coupled with closer observation of class-room work, would be a much better test of knowledge.

Much more could be said against examinations and much could probably be said in favor of the continuation of the present system, but we believe that when weighed in the balance the present system would be found lacking. In urging the faculty to consider the proposition of abolishing examinations, we would suggest that that body consider the adoption of a system under which it would be optional with the instructor as to whether or not an examination should be given in the particular subjects which he teaches.

WEAR A TAG.

Every loyal Penn State man,—and therefore,—EVERY Penn State man,—has his work "cut out for him" this week. By far the biggest thing that Penn State has had to contend with this year is now nearing its close. It is the biggest thing in its line that the College has experienced in its entire history. The immediate success of the College hangs in the balance. Whether it will tip up or down in the final reckoning depends to a large extent upon we students. Two days yet remain in the "College Appropriation Booster Campaign." You know your share, your duty, your little part. Have you done it? If not,—get busy—Wear a tag!

"Let the other fellow do it," you may say. But what if all of us would say that? The cooperation of every individual is needed to place Penn State where she ought to be and can be. Others are interested in Penn State's future and are working hard for her establishment on a higher plane. This is evidenced in the following editorial which appeared last summer in the Harrisburg "Patriot" under the caption of "Handicapping a College":

"President Sparks' speech at the Penn State picnic held with such pronounced success at Hershey recently, ought to have been heard by all present and prospective members of the legislature which sits next January.

"Dr. Sparks after recounting the great growth of the institution asserted that probably 600 prospective students in the fall would have to be denied admittance to the college because of lack of appropriations. This condition is not only a reflection on Pennsylvania but an evidence of short-sightedness that has prevailed much too long.

"In a literal sense, Penn State is the only state institution the commonwealth possesses. It has been doing its work on a shoestring. While the great states of the west and even the south are backing their state institutions, Pennsylvania pauses at the gateway of a great opportunity. Its own state college has lost professors and stood helpless before its possibilities while state appropriations were squandered or voted to institutions not so worthy as State.

"The time is here when citizens should demand of legislative candidates their attitude toward Penn State."

If outside interests can in this way see the needs of Penn State, those students here who refuse, or neglect to assist in this campaign are doing themselves and their College a great injustice. Even though a great world crisis now holds the center of public interest, this little duty to Penn State will require but a few moments of leisure time. Do it NOW. Wear a Tag!

ICY SIDEWALKS

For some time past students and townspeople alike have been forced to face the unpleasant necessity of making their way over the ice and snow covered sidewalks that are to be found throughout the greater part of the town. This condition has been particularly noticeable the last two or three weeks. Now in this enlightened age it seems hardly possible that many property holders are ignorant of the borough ordinance requiring them to remove snow from their sidewalks twelve hours after it has fallen and with it any ice that may have formed, or of the state law under which a person may collect damages for injuries sustained as a result of the non-removal of such ice and snow.

The general excuse given for not complying with the borough ordinance is the fact that in the last two or three storms the quick change from snow to rain has made it impossible to remove the snow before it was converted into ice. With all due regard for this point of view it seems that under stress of experience property holders would take steps to remove the snow while it is in the slushy state, regardless of whether or not it might be raining at the time. Better a little discomfort at such times than a suit for damages later on. Then again where ice has already been formed it is always possible to eliminate slippery conditions by the intelligent application of a little salt, sand, or fine ashes.

Thus far no serious injuries have come about as the result of icy sidewalks, but no one can suppose for a minute that such a condition is going to continue indefinitely. It is to be hoped then that the borough council and property holders will interest themselves at once in this matter and take the necessary precautions to safeguard pedestrians who find it necessary to use the sidewalks of the town. In this connection a word to the wise is sufficient.

THE COLLEGE FLAG

What has become of the "College Flag" idea that has apparently lain dormant for almost a year?

Two years ago student opinion agreed that to be in keeping with the big university and college customs, Penn State should have a distinctive emblem to be used as a representative banner, or flag. The inability to choose a suitable design for such an emblem apparently denied the movement any definite progress. A number of designs were submitted and none was entirely suitable. But there the matter dropped, to be taken up again last year, when no further progress was made. Another half year has slipped by with still nothing further accomplished in a matter of no little importance. Cannot something be done in this matter so that, by the end of the year, Penn State can boast of this little mark of distinction?

The Inter-class treasurer has just completed his report on the condition of the finances of all classes for the first semester. The summary of this report is printed in another column. By comparing the present financial condition of the classes with the condition at the beginning of the semester, and by taking into consideration the amount of class dues still outstanding, one can come to no other conclusion than that the budget system is here to stay. The prophecy that was originally made for the system—that it would save money for the classes—is seen to be a reality. Much credit is due to the way in which the finances of the various classes have been handled since the opening of college last fall.

ON THE CORNER

Just a little swing at this
and a little slap at that

THIS HURTS!!!

We rejoice with greatest gladness,
For 'twill be long before we will
Hear that old time quiz-week slogan,
Of—"How'd you hit 'er, Bill?"

TO BE FRANK with you, we don't
think much of that rhyme (?) either—
but give us a chance to just start-
ing to bat in the stove league.

SPEAKING of rhymes, we just hap-
pened to think that "Penn State"
sounds pretty well with "up-to-date."
What are YOU doing to make her so?
Idle Speculation—Wondering just
how many students have failed to produce
these letters by this time

HERE IS AN excellent sketch which
shows in accurate detail just what we
think of the fellow who has no excuse
for not wearing a tag:



WE PAUSE to advance the most ex-
treme caution to the Dear Little Fresh-
ies when they ask for the bottle of ex-
cess. The d. f. f. might wish they had
not been so hasty.

THIS WAS seen on one corner
WRESTLING
ADMISSION FREE
and on the next corner
WRESTLING
NO ADMISSION

WHERE ARE we at, anyway? Is
we are, or is we ain't?

THE MOROUR
(Our Own Forgetory)
Entry No 1—Some green dinks—passer
Others:
Final Exams
White slips (for some)
Boston Tech
Cash for text books.
Decent sidewalks

YE ID of this column will always be
most grateful to receive your ideas on
the higher thots of nothingness. Post-
card your contris to us, addressed thusly—
"Corner Editor, Penn State Col-
legian, State College" Thanks

FOR THIS WE COME TO COLLEGE
"SAY, WHICH is the easier, Rhetoric
8, or English Lit.?" came to our ears
as we were hung up on the corner.

WE HAVE got to hand it to the girls,
they surely are looking out for the time
when they can easily support a "worse
half!" Four of 'em are listed in Jimmie
Bechtel's vegetable growing contest and
with the coming of the frolicsome
springtime each will have her little
garden plot to care for.

WE CAN'T close the column without
a crack at the well known Ford. One
of the w. k. breed just sold past our
& bus, office steaming like one of
Baldwin's latest models
A LOCOMOTIVE FORD, so to speak

Thirty-four members of the faculty
are now engaged in delivering lectures
in the "Home Chautauque" lecture cir-
cuit, which has proved to be a great
success. A total of twenty-four groups
are receiving weekly lectures on a wide
variety of subjects.

One of the largest groups attending
the lectures gathers on Tuesday nights
in the club room on the fifth floor of
Old Main. The girls have not been for-
gotten in the make-up of the schedule,
and a group gathers in McAllister Hall
once a week for a talk. The lectures
will close before the beginning of the
Easter vacation and it is impossible
to add any new groups to the present list.

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at
Krumrine's

THE GREATEST NEED

OF PENN STATE
Alumni in the Legislature.

To the Editor of the Collegian.

With regard to what con-
stitutes the greatest need of
Penn State, there are many nec-
essarily to much diversity of
opinion, but to my mind at
least, it would seem that one
of the most urgent needs is
more, also faced the office
legislature of Pennsylvania.

It is commonly known that
up to the present time the ap-
propriations for Penn State have
not been sufficient to meet the
needs of our fast growing in-
stitution. Each year sees an
increase in number of students
applying for admission, and
for the last four years have
been turned away because of
lack of proper accommodation.

Even at the present time sec-
tions are so crowded that the
benefit derived in any sub-
ject by the individual is not
of a standard high enough to
make him efficient in that sub-
ject.

This problem of overcrowd-
ing, because of limited approp-
riations, also faced the offi-
cials of the University of Mis-
souri as a solution to this
perplexing problem, the pres-
ident and board of trustees of
that institution took it upon
themselves to "win some of
their graduates for seats in
the state senate. When these
men became senators, they
with person knowledge of
the needs of their university,
voted these needs in the sen-
ate chamber and emphasized
the fact that, if the Univer-
sity of Missouri were to con-
tinue to exist and to graduate
efficient men, greater approp-
riations were needed in a
short space of time the serious-
ness of the situation at the
University was so impressed
upon the senate that immedi-
ately greater appropriations
were forthcoming, and now
that college ranks among the
leading educational institu-
tions in the West.

The plan which worked so
well at the University of Mis-
souri has in it, I am sure, an
element of practicality that
might well be made use of at
Penn State. We as students
of the College should study
more closely the problems of
state and local government
with a view toward future
participation in the activities
of the state legislature and
should that condition be re-
alized it is only fitting to sup-
pose that adequate provisions
could be made for the needs
of our Alma Mater.

A Student

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Alumni News

Following is a list of the addresses
and occupations of some of the mem-
bers of the Class of 1916—

C. E. Taylor is a student engineer
in the employ of the General Electric
Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

L. P. Teas is an assistant in the
Geology Department of Cornell Uni-
versity, Ithaca, N. Y.

C. M. Thompson is a teacher in the
scientific department of the Mounds-
ville High School, Moundsville, W. Va.

Frank W. Torrey is working on a
dairy farm at Gerard, Pa.

J. W. Towson is a student apprentice
with the United States Rubber Com-
pany of Williamsport, Pa.

H. P. Vall is a research fellow in the
department of mechanical engineering
University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill.

F. C. Vallant is a machinist in the
employ of the Mifflin Manufacturing
Company, Lewisburg, Pa.

F. W. Wagner is chemist with the
Hewitt Steel Corporation, Newark, New
Jersey

G. C. Walker is employed in the
technical department of the Vacuum
Oil Company, New York City.

H. J. Wallace is a supervisor of
Germantown, Philadelphia.

W. B. Walton, is a chemist with the
Pennsylvania Smelting Company, Car-
negie, Pa.

H. S. Ward is a teacher in the High
School at Huntingdon, Pa.

A. H. Wardwell is an apprentice with
the Westinghouse Air Brake Company,
at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

P. W. Warwick is a trucker on the
farm of R. J. Walton, Hummelstown.

I. B. Watkins is a chairman in the
employ of the engineering corps of the
Carnegie Steel Company, Homestead.

F. W. Webster is the assistant man-
ager of a truck farm at Wellsboro, Pa.

G. W. Weller is an apprentice en-
gineer with the Union Switch and Signal
Company, Williamsport, Pa.

W. E. West is manager of Farmland
and Farmer at Fruitland Park, Florida.

J. F. Whitby is employed by the
Aetna Explosive Company, Newton
Hamilton, Pa.

W. H. White is a chemist with Ar-
mour and Company, Chicago, Ill.

C. A. Whitman is with the General
Electric Company at Schenectady.

J. J. Wilhelm is working for the Du-
quesne Light Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

B. E. Williams is a roddman with the
D. L. & W. railroad at Bangor, Pa.

MINING EXPERT TO LECTURE
Mr. Edwin M. Chance, consulting
chemist and engineer for several large
engineering and anthracite companies
of Wilkes-Barre, will deliver a lecture
before the members of the Mining So-
ciety of the College on Wednesday
evening, February 14. The subject of
Mr. Chance's lecture will be "Methods
of Detection and Control of Mine
Gases." Any person interested, al-
though not a member of the society, is
at liberty to attend.

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WHO'S WHO IN THE FACULTY

Sara Cutts Lovejoy, B. A.

Sara Cutts Lovejoy, Dean of Women
and Director of the Department of
Home Economics, was born in Haver-
hill, Mass., and received her early edu-
cation in the public schools of that
place. After graduating from high
school, she entered Mt. Holyoke Col-
lege, and in 1898 received the B. A.
degree.

The following year, she took up
graduate study in home economics sub-
jects. In 1900, she studied in the Bos-
ton Cooking School, and took up ad-
vanced work at Columbia University
in 1901, '02 and '07, and attended
summer school at Harvard University
in 1903.

Miss Lovejoy started teaching at the
National Cathedral School, Washington,
D. C., in 1902-03. From 1903 until 1905
she was teaching in the National Park
Seminary, and the two years following
were spent at Miss Porter's School at
Torrington, Conn.

She has held her present position at
Penn State since 1907, and great strides
have been made by the department
since that time. In 1907, there were but
seven students at Penn State in the

Home Economics course, and now
there are 185. This increase is due
largely to the progressive methods and
personal work of Miss Lovejoy. Her
influence was also used in the es-
tablishment of two scholarships for
girls by the General Federation of
Women's Clubs.

In the past she has done a large
amount of extension work for the col-
lege in the Home Economics depart-
ment, and is still in demand as a lec-
turer in all parts of the state, although
the bulk of this work has been placed
in other hands.

Miss Lovejoy is a contributor to
many magazines. She is a Daughter
of the American Revolution, and a
member of the committee on Patriotic
Education of that organization. She is
also a member of the College Club of
Philadelphia, and a charter member
of the National Home Economic Asso-
ciation. She is a member of the ex-
ecutive committee of the Association of
Deans of Women, an organization
composed of the Deans of Women in
co-educational colleges. She is a mem-
ber of the Psi Upsilon Sorority, and
Phi Kappa Phi.

SECOND MATCH FIRED
The second match of the intercolle-
giate schedule was fired by the Rifle
Club last week. Owing to press of work
at the War Department at Washington,
this year's schedule has not been re-
ceived, and even the names of the pro-
voking week's opponent is not known as
yet. The team is practically the same
as that of last week, except that the po-
sitions of the individual members is
changed, and the score of 776 is exactly
the same as last week. The team con-
sists of H. Siegenfuss '18, W. W. Mc-
Millan '18, G. D. McCool '20, and R. E.
Tucker '18.

ALUMNAE CLUB TO MEET
The Alumnae Club will convene at
the Woman's Building for a few days.
The chief work of this organization
this year has been the establishment of
a Loan Fund for the benefit of women
students. This fund is the result of
contributions of women graduates of
Penn State.

SERIES OF LECTURES
Professor A. L. Koehler, of the Ar-
chitectural Engineering Department
will give a series of Thursday after-
noon lectures in the Zoology Lecture
Room at McAllister Hall, beginning
February 15. The subject selected for
the series is "Period Furniture" and
holds promise of being very interesting.

VISITING HERE.
Mrs. Bruce Dunlap '13 is visiting at
the Woman's Building for a few days.

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