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A STUDENT'S VIEWPOINT.

Since the proposal by the "Collegian" two weeks ago of the abolition of the present final examination system, there has been much comment heard about the campus on both sides of the subject. General sentiment in the student body appears to lean towards favoring the abolishment of final examinations. The same is true to a large degree among faculty members and college executives.

The chief point advanced by those opposed to such a change is the fact that they claim that they can get more out of their course by a thorough review of the entire semester's work just before the examination. This point has been carefully studied by a student who is specializing in education, and he summarized the entire situation as follows:

"In the first place, under the present method of conducting final examinations, only the more conscientious students systematically prepare. These are usually the students who do not need such preparation. For the rest, the finals merely serve as an instrument for grading, and an unnecessary instrument, as grades can quite as well be assigned on the basis of daily recitations and monthly quizzes.

"Again, final examinations consume a tremendous amount of time, energy and patience, particularly on the part of the instructor. "Finally, an elimination of the finals would result in more stress being laid on actual instruction, and on weekly and monthly quizzes. This is extremely desirable for the student."

As we have before mentioned, a change of system on the part of the faculty could be made with the understanding that if the instructor so desires at the end of the semester, he could devote the time saved to an extended review of his course, with perhaps one or two general quizzes at the end, covering the more recent work. The ten days gained by the abolition of the present system would thus be used to a very satisfactory degree.

DON'T TAKE THE OTHER FELLOW'S DUST

As day after day of your life passes into the discard, have you ever stopped to consider what you as an individual really mean to the College? If not, it might be well for you to try. What are you giving the College in return for that which it is giving you? Are you interesting yourself in its problems, are you doing your share in the matter of its government, are you supporting its activities, or are you letting the other fellow shoulder all the responsibilities of college life, thus throwing away the opportunity to fit yourself for the more important responsibilities of later life? In short, are you lined up squarely behind the College with all six cylinders going and the cut-out open, or are you putting along on one cylinder in the dust of the other fellow's achievements? Take a few minutes off and think.

Take for instance the matter of loyalty to the athletic teams that represent the College. Are you living up to the ideal set by the men of former years? By actual count there were less than eighty freshmen present at the last varsity basketball game. At the same time over double that number were to be found at the moving picture theatre in town. Whose fault was it—your's as an upperclassman or your's as a freshman? Probably it could be traced to both. Under such conditions do you not see it is high time that something should be done? Can you reasonably expect a spirit of loyalty in the underclassmen of future years when it is almost entirely lacking in the underclassmen of the present?

If you would improve conditions around the College, get out of the rut that has been worn in the path of least resistance. Get away from an over-indulgence in the movies and unnecessary gossip. Get out and do some real work. Get back of the things that need your support and then go the limit. Get back to be an intellectual parasite on the College, living in the reflection of a name and reputation that have been built up by those who have gone before you. For a change do a little building on your own account. When it comes to supporting those things which go to make up the college, don't take the other fellow's dust.

"THE PIPER"

With the presentation of "The Piper" last Saturday evening as a distinctly all-college production Penn State, without question, entered upon a new era in dramatics. For some years back it has been the cherished desire of many, closely associated with the welfare of the college, that the ethical and esthetic life of Penn State might be more definitely fostered. A greater stride in that direction could not be hoped for than that represented in the splendid production of "The Piper."

The "Collegian" extends a hearty expression of congratulations to those who took part in the play and to those who were instrumental in other ways in making possible the realization of what, some months back, was commonly regarded as a sure failure. With the splendid success which favored this venture in the field of "higher" dramatics, it is expected, that in the near future, the idea will not only be continued but will be developed to the highest possible plane.

COLLEGE CUSTOMS.

Every student should read with care the revised list of college customs which has been presented by the Student Council for student body approval. A special committee has given much time and thought to the revision of obsolete customs, and it has made some very good suggestions. But as in all such matters, some things may have been overlooked entirely, in the minds of many students. All such students have been given a chance to voice their disapproval on any rule, or to make suggestions for further revision, and they should take advantage of this opportunity before Student Council meets again next Tuesday night. Any suggestions will be welcomed by the committee or your Council representative. The Council will take final action at its next meeting.

THE GREATEST NEED OF PENN STATE

To the Editor of the Collegian:
Penn State is in danger of being over-organized. During the last few years there has sprung into existence a multiplicity of clubs and societies. Undoubtedly many of these are of direct benefit to students, but in the founding of additional ones it must be remembered that the new organizations will embrace men who are already overburdened with work in other directions. Those who are leaders in existing projects will logically appear at the head of new ones.

It has become plainly evident that men who now hold important offices in several college organizations find it impossible to discharge all duties dovetailing upon them without neglecting something. It seems unfair to demand so much of men's time for work that brings them neither pleasure or profit and but hinders them in more important business. Some students by the time they reach their senior year have five to ten meetings a week to attend to, ranging from a county club feed to a meeting of the Student Council. Under the circumstances, then, would it not be better to avoid as far as possible the founding of new organizations and instead seek to enlarge and broaden the scope of those already existing?
A Student.

ON THE CORNER

We now Throw the Spotlight on the House Party Queens

IT WILL SOON be definitely settled that "sole power shall be vested in the Student Tribunal to interpret" the college customs.

JUST ALONG that line, we hear that some few Freshmen have been under the impression that on Saturdays all restrictions are off, and have taken advantage of their self formed opinions to cavort about the burg with members of the opposite sex. 'Tis said they even treat 'em to the movies.

WE WOULD recommend a careful study of the revised customs on the part of the innocent ones.

GUESS WHO!
(Penn State Personalities)
"Throw your arm up See? (pronounce it 'see') This way, See? Now shove! See? Now your foot. See? Throw it around quick. See? Now you've got it. That's the way. See? Now, pause!" (pronounce it 'pass').

JUST LIKE finding money—the seniors collecting that \$2.00 refund from the graduation fee.

THIS FROM a Liberal Art-let—Alternating Current is that which makes lights go on and off.

WE WISH that some of our many contributors would get the habit of using onion skin paper. We would like to see through some of the centrics.

WE MIGHT also suggest that a thumb tack be sent along so we can get our Roomy to see the point occasionally. He is pretty tough, so make it a big one.

A HOUSE PARTY.
Anticipation—Speculation—Biddance—Cancellation—Re-speculation—Re-biddance—Acceptation—Vacation—Pleasurization—Deportation—Glorification.
WEBSTER HAS nothing on us when it comes to inventing new words. "FROTHY" makes her appearance this week, built by the Architectural, for the benefit of the h. p. 's.

IT SHOULD be well designed.

IDLE SPECULATION—Wondering who played the pipes for the "Piper"!

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SUNDAY SERVICE: Leave State College 3.00 p. m. Arrive Tyrone 4.45 Leave Tyrone 7 p. m. Fare \$1.25 each way.

Watch for new schedule to go into effect April 1st.

Alumni News

The following completes the list of the names, addresses and occupations of the members of the class of 1916 that has been published in this column from time to time.

H. J. Williams is an assistant on the farm of G. R. Hill at Towanda, Pa.

E. A. Wilson is an assistant inspector employed by the American Locomotive Company at Sharon, Pa.

J. P. Winslow is a farm superintendent at Bennezet, Pa.

F. W. Yeager is a chemist employed by the Barrett Manufacturing Company Philadelphia, Pa.

H. C. Yarger is a research fellow in the department of Dairy Manufacture at the Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

L. E. Yocum is an instructor in the Botany Department of the Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

C. L. Yoder is employed by L. H. Wisc at Kingston, N. J. as a tree surgeon.

P. W. Ziegler is employed in the Rato Department of the Westinghouse Electrical and Manufacturing Company, Pittsburgh, Pa.

H. D. Zimmerman is an orchardist in the employ of H. W. Leeds at Westville, N. J.

L. C. Zimmerman is a draftsman in the employ of the Arctic Ice Machine Company, Canton, Ohio.

J. D. Zink is secretary of the Alpha Zeta National fraternity at Harrisburg.

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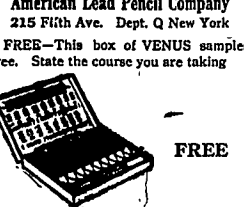
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"Hiawatha's Wedding Feast" will be sung in the Auditorium by the College Chorus on Sunday afternoon, March 11, at 3.30 P. M. instead of February 18 as was previously announced. The magnitude of the selection made it necessary to postpone the date of its production so that more time could be devoted to its preparation.

The solo parts will be taken by Miss Catherine Davis, soprano, Mrs. Russell Blair, contralto, Mr. Russell Blair, tenor, and Professor Henry Ridenour, bass. Mrs. Clarence C. Robinson will accompany on the piano. Some unique signs are being made by the Industrial Art Department for the purpose of advertising the cantata.

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AT THE INFIRMARY.

The condition of L. A. Martin, who is confined to the infirmary with a slight attack of typhoid fever, shows much improvement and he is now on the road to recovery.

Other inmates are F. A. Ybanes '20, who is suffering from chicken pox, and R. C. Jamason, two year course, who has an attack of quinsy.

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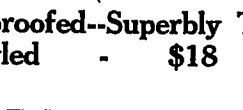
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