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A SYSTEM TO REGULATE CUTS

For some time past there seems to have been developing in the mind of the student body a strong desire to see inaugurated a certain definite eystem which would regulate the number of cuts allowed a student in any one subject during a semester. As things stand at the present time there is in the different schools and departments within the schools, absolutely no uniformity in the number of cuts a student may take in one subject without its effecting his final grade in that subject. Some instructors allow a certain number of cuts, others allow a different number, still others allow no cuts at all, and there the matter rests

With such a condition of affairs existing in regard to this really important matter it would seem that Penn State is decidedly behind the times compared with other educational institutions in the country. Investigations already made show that a large number of colleges, in the eastern part of the country at least, have some system whereby the number of cuts allowed a student in a single subject is definitely regulated. As examples of institutions where such a system is inforce we might cite Princeton, the University of Pennsylvania, or Amherst. At the latter place, for instance, students may cut ten percent of the classes in any one subject during a semester. Every cut over and above the prescribed number takes off five percent from the final grade of the student in that subject. Cuts immediately before and after vacation periods count double.

Such is the general system which, is followed in not one, but many, colleges. With legard to the cutting of classes before and after vacations, Penn State could well take a few pointers. From the system outlined in the foregoing paragraph and thus climinate the five dollar ruling which now exists. Certainly if such legaliton of cuts worked out successfully in other colleges there is no reason under the sun why it should not work out qually well here. In this connection, then, it is gratifying to

POLISH

When the average Penn State graduate gets out and rubs showlders with the world at large, just how does he stand among men—real men? Is he the polished, cultured and refined product whom people in general expect that a college graduate should be? Is he the broadminded, free thinking, well read individual, who in the future is to be looked up to by the people of his community, or is he the careless, in-

looked up to by the people of his community, or is he the careless, indifferent, sloathful scapegoat that so many undergraduates are
thoughtlessly fitting themselves to be?

Glance backward over your years at Penn State What have you
MADE her do for you? We have been told by learned men of the
world that a college education consists not only of the knowledge that
we procure from books by hours of constant study, but that it comes also from our own initiative with respect to our associations, our aims the varied personalities that we meet and the lessons we force them to give us during our undergraduate days. In other words, it is the polish that we receive while in college that determines to a large extent the nature of the character that we will display to the outer world.

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Polish. Ordinarily we think of the word in the sense of "shine" or "lustre." But Webster also tells us that the word implies refinement or "lustre." But Webster also tells us that the word implies refinement in the sense of its "removal of social roughness or crudeness." Too many college students are inclined to be rough and crude in their mannerisms, and ready at any time for a questionable remark, joke or story. There is no necessity for this at Penn State, regardless of any opinion that one may have to the contrary. Penn State offers every opportunity for the most crude to acquire a "polish". She has her up-to-data lectures, her music, her dramatics, her art, her libiary, her visitors of national fame who come and leave their messages behind. In fare Penn State possesses all the tools necessary to give the polish, but the big question remains—Do the Penn State students take advantage of the greatest of all opportunities that she offers? Observation tells us that a comparatively small number do so.

Think for a moment. Do you leel that you are entirely satisfied with your college course, so far as you have gone with it? The wide-awake man is never satisfied so long as he has a definite ambition still ungained. Your college education is what you yourself make it.

Certainly Penn State "has the goods." You have every right to your share. Go in and get it. There are many first class lectures yet to be given by competent men. You may say that you do not have time to attend them. Cut a class, or run a chance on lailing in a recitation for such things can readily be made up later. But such opportunities that are presented almost daily never come again. Go in for high class music and the dramatic arts such as are being presented here so profusely this year. Make yoursell familiar with current events. Cultivate personalities. Branch out from your chosen profession and acquire that "polish" which makes the MAN.

Penn State was at her best last week-end. Her athletic teams shone as they had never done before; her cadet band was a decided credit to the institution; her entertaining ability and outside attractions afforded a most pleasing setting for the true Penn State hospitality. The hundreds of visitors who came here for the attractions went away well pleased and with every reason to be so. To the 'varsity wrestling and baskektball teams especial credit is due for their good work. Their respective seasons will close this week and if their final efforts are executed on the same plan as in last week's demonstration, we can truthfully say that hey both have had a most successful season.

The varsity debate with Dickinson in the Auditorium next Friday evening will mark the opening of this year's debating season. In former years this form of inter-collegiate competition has not been supported as it should by the general student body. This year, however, it is to be hoped that every one will line himself up behind the de-

nating teams and accord them the support they deserve. In this en-ightened age it seems rather peculiar to find people so deeply interest-d in purely physical contests, and at the same time so entirely neglected in purely physical contests, and at the same time so entirely ful of the equally important and interesting contests of brains.

Just in passing it seems that attention should be called to the actions of a few individuals who reflected anything but credit on the College last Saturday afternoon by their attempts to break up the singing of songs at the basketball game. Undoubtedly efforts were made to sing some songs which were more or less out of place, but that fact should never serve as an excuse also to spoil the singing of the regular college songs. Such a practice is not only poor form but also a poor way of boosting the general idea of college singing which is being fostered at the present time

THE GREATEST NEED OF PENN STATE

OF PENN STATE

A Stronger Pre-Legal Course
To the Editor of the Collegian
In common with most of he alumni
of Penn State, I have been considsides this interested in your spection
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be bought to the attention of the Logislature in as strong a form as possible. I believe that the presence of Penn State men in the Legislature is of tital importance, but we are at once confronted with the fact that it is practically impossible to get an engineer, or any man with a technical education, to take an active interest in politics. This beling the rise it appears that the thing most necessary to do at the present time is to strengthen the Classical and Pre-Legal courses so that we will be it sining men to take their part in this line of work. Other colleges are doing this and are socuring excellent results from it as an example, I would clie the University of Illinois, which has a strong Legal and Classical course and which it represented in the state legislature by a considerable number of its alumn! I was connected with this university during the years 1911 and 1915, and know that the appropriation of approximately \$5,000,000 which was received by Illinois in the state legislature.

MI'MORIAL TO DORWART

Treshman Bible class which every Sunday after chapel was meete every Sunday after chiped was recently organized as a memorial to the litt Albert L Dow ut Although the organization is of a very loose mature, it was the idea of Dean Blaisted and the chies with the chies of Carrying the class to permanent one in order to have a better means of Carrying the class from one year to the next. In this way "the Dean says, "the memorial will be permanent and the memorial will be permanent and the work of Dorwant long remembered it is a fitting one for a man who has done so much for Ponn State Good freshmen, good upperclassmen, and a better Pen State, this was the alm of Dorwant."

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"HOW MANY more!" breathlessly sales the h p q as they reach the fifth floor on the way to the tower

HOW TO BOOST PENN STATE
STAGE A pointo race as a class scrap between the Sophs and Freshles the winner to receive the murphys and the funds from the sale of same to be turned over to the college to build then armony This is a good plan because it will save the state a pile of money. Andy Lytle says he thinks he can supply two spuds, four more will be necessary

OUTSIDE!
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Henry Prentiss Armsby, director of location of the calorimeter here gav-

Henry Prentiss Armsby, director of the Animal Nutrition Department, and former dean of the school of agriculture, was born in Northbridge, Mass, in 1853, and received his early education there He received his B. S. degree from the Worchester Polytochnic Institute in 1871. He took up graduate work at Yalo and received the Ph. B. degree there in 1874, and the Ph. D. from the same institution in 1879 he was honored with the degree of LL D by the University of Wisconsin in 1904.

For the year 1876-77 he was an assistant in chemistry at Rutgers college, and from 1877 to 1881 he was chemist with the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. He was vice-principal the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. He was vice-principal to the Connecticut Agricultural College, from 1881 to 1883, and was a professor in agricultural chemistry at the University of Wisconsin until 1877. That years in agricultural chemistry at the University of Wisconsin until 1877. That years in agricultural chemistry at the University of Wisconsin until 1877. That years in agricultural chemistry at the University of Wisconsin until 1877. That years the chief reason ration of the subject of unimal nutrition. The was demonstration here ever since, For twelve years, 1890 until 1902, he was demons the chief reason ration as the chief reason of the subject of measuring the properties of the

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