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A LOOPHOLE

There exists in the Penn State Honor System a clause which should be remedied without delay. It is a defect that detracts much from the aim of the entire system and renders, in a way, a loophole for those dishonest students who wish to take advantage of it. It is that section of the rules which requires those men who detect another cheating in a quiz or examination, to "quietly inform the offending party of the detection."

The weakness of the clause might be briefly outlined as follows. The dishonest man will take a chance in cheating in an examination, after he has done so on several occasions (for such a man will perjure himself more than once when he gets started) he may be detected by a classmate, and he is given a "first warning." After that, if he still continues to cheat, the attention of other members of the class is supposed to be called to the act, and the case is carried to the honor committee. This involves too much "red tape" and unquestionably allows the cheater too much leeway. There should be no "second chance." The criminal is not warned when he is detected in the act of "burglaring," and told that he is doing wrong and must not do it again. He is captured and punished at once. In a sense, the same facts hold true with regard to Penn State's Honor System. There is no reason why the cheater in examinations of all kinds should not be halted before the Honor Committee for trial on the first offense.

The matter of changing this clause in the system is now being considered by members of the Honor Committee and will soon be brought before the committee for discussion. We would urge immediate action upon an amendment that would do away with this undesirable clause. In the two years that the Honor System has been in operation at Penn State, not one of the cases that has been brought to the attention of the committee has been taken there by a student. And in all that time we have known of but one instance where a student has warned another detected in cheating. But the greatest of precautions should be taken in this matter, and the leeway of the cheater cut down to a minimum. A cheater at Penn State will continue to be one when he gets out into the world, and it is far better to brand such before they get a chance to claim this institution as their Alma Mater.

LOST—THREE WEEKS

Announcement was made during the past week that the Department of Chemistry after a lapse of two years, would resume its custom of giving a final examination at the end of the semester to the Freshmen taking the introductory course in chemistry. This fact is significant for several reasons.

To begin with, the decision of Dean Pond in reestablishing this final examination in no way detracts from the absolute success that the department has met in the past two years in its abolition. In other words, it is not because of a failure of the plan that the Freshmen this year will be asked to take a final examination in chemistry. In fact, the department would prefer to continue its precedent rather than go back to the old system, but in this it is prevented and the students are put to no little loss and inconvenience by a most unfortunate circumstance—a lack of cooperation on the part of other departments in the college.

In abolishing the examination in chemistry, the intention of the department was primarily to establish a better course of instruction for beginners with the hope that other departments would follow suit, and thereby do away with that dreaded feature of college life—examination week. It was with the hope that the immense amount of time now devoted to examinations could be eliminated through the abolition of all final examinations, and that time very profitably devoted to study and laboratory work which in the end is of far greater benefit to the student than a continuous ten-day grind of well named "endurance tests."

Just how many students and faculty members realize that almost an entire month of the nine college months is wasted, one might say, in the giving of final examinations and re-examinations at Penn State? More than three weeks are lost during a school year that might well be devoted where they rightfully belong—to a more complete and satisfactory instruction of the students. By actual count, twenty-two half-days will have been taken up in examination work covering the first semester before everything is settled in that respect.

This waste of time—the student's time, if you please—was realized by the chemistry department when it decided to abolish this examination which this year would affect no less than 750 students, should the custom be continued. But that department could not work alone in the past two years no further time was gained by the department in the better instruction of its students. Therefore, it gained nothing by the change without the cooperation of the other departments.

Points in favor of the entire or partial abolition of final examinations by far outnumber those against it. Many students have expressed a desire for it, and its success in other institutions, and in this one instance at Penn State, should lead the proper authorities into immediate action.

RING OUT THE OLD—RING IN THE NEW

In taking charge of the publication of the "Penn State Collegian" with this issue, the new staff does so with the express intention of following, so far as possible, in the footsteps of our predecessors whose chief aim has been along the line of constructive ideals for Penn State, her students, her alumni and her friends. And while entering on the "Collegian Honor Roll" the names of the seven members of the Senior class—E. J. Kenney, F. F. Linger, W. E. Kroll, C. B. Patterson, C. R. Mason, R. G. Bright and J. A. Garber, who have combined in raising the standard of the paper during the past year,—we take great pleasure in recording the fact that they have given the "Collegian" and their college the best service possible. There has ever been a most constructive and progressive policy, and if we of the new staff are able in any way to continue it, we shall feel that our efforts are not in vain.

We can find no better words to express our future hopes and aims than those inserted in the preamble of the constitution of the "Collegian Board."

"To serve Penn State in the true sense of the word, by presenting to her students during the college year, a carefully and honestly prepared newspaper, an unprejudiced chronicle of events worthy of note; to seek after the truth above all else, and to endeavor to reflect at all times the sentiment of

the students of the college. We would especially like to urge upon the students and alumni of Penn State that the "Collegian" is their paper and published for their benefit. We invite particularly at this time the opinions by members of the student body and faculty upon current happenings of interest to all. It is almost impossible to guide the sentiment of Penn State's vast student body by the thoughts and feelings of a few individuals, and at all times the columns of this paper will be open for your benefit.

WHO'S WHO IN THE FACULTY

Joseph Moody Willard, B. S., M. S.

Joseph Moody Willard, head of the Department of Mathematics, comes from the oldest of American families, representing the ninth generation since the first Willard settled in Cambridge in the Massachusetts Bay Colony before 1641. He was born in Oxford, N. H., February 1, 1856, and prepared for Dartmouth College at the academy at St. Johnsbury, Vt. He was graduated from Dartmouth in 1887 with Phi Beta Kappa standing. He is a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, and a charter member of Phi Kappa Phi. For three years he was an instructor in mathematics at the Plinkot Academy, Doris, N. H., and for three years more he taught and took advanced work in the subject at Johns Hopkins University. He came to Penn State in the fall of 1893 as an assistant professor of mathematics, and a few weeks later succeeded to the position of head of the department, at a time when there was less than two hundred students in the college. The department today is largely of his own making and in addition he has been of great service to the college in many other lines, especially as secretary of the Council of Admissions, a position he has held ever since its beginning. He has been a pillar in the work of the Y. M. C. A. here and is a deacon in the Presbyterian church. No better summary may be given of the life of the man than that pronounced by President Nicholas, of Dartmouth when in June, 1913, he admitted him to the degree of Master of Science. "Joseph Moody Willard, student of pure and applied mathematics, gifted teacher, wise counsellor."

ON THE CORNER

Just a Little Bit of this
And a Little More of that

"HAUS MIT EM"
This take our time,
They make us claim;
They make us claim;
Those blamed exams
"Gusto!"

WE AGREE heartily with "Gusto" and the women Penn State does away with the ancient custom the better, say we.

THE TOWN is growing. A theatre advertisement recently announced a film as "Positive" the only time in this city. We are particularly struck by the names of the pined streets of our little city.

AS WE wish to meet we take note of the fact that summer finery is being unpacked in Mac Hall.

AND THAT the wheel load machinery is actually disappearing from our midst. And for this we are truly thankful.

WE WONDER WHAT
—became of the Brave Lions that formerly guarded the entrance to the campus?
—our "army" would do without our old friend and fellow citizen, "Heep" Allen if it had to.

OTHER colleges may have their English studies but when we lamp this one in the P. O. dead letter case on a post card some time ago we were inclined to believe that there are some of the breed here at Penn State.

"Dear Mother" will send my wounds home before I come home in a box.

THE CHIEF difference between the College Orchestra and a Symphony Orchestra lies in the fact that the horns of the violinists all move together when the latter plays, which quoth a student as the Buschhaus prepared to grind out another flourish.

THE MORGUE
(Our Own Forgetters)
Basketball season
Ditto for Wrestling.
Cuffless T-shirt trousers. Also green toques.
Unwisely stickers on luggage
The last bit of snow (we hope)

WE WOULD really enjoy filling away in "The Morgue" the "Ankle-deep mud," but it can't be done in State College.

OUR IDEA of the "Greatest Need of Penn State" is a pair of canal boats for the Ag students in fording the lakes on the road to the Hill.

FRESHMEN Kidnap Sophomores at Dickinson—headline in a newspaper last week. How could they do it! Sounds almost unbelievable.

FLYVER FUSS

(From the Middletown Press)
"Frank Runkle and I should tell the people he has bought a new 1917 Ford, as last week we had in the paper he has purchased a Ford car, but did not say a new or an old one. It is a new one."

A CONTRIB came in the other day in competition for the nickel steel engraving of the American Bison, and something about "Rink's pearly teeth," but we will have to ask for a translation of the same into English.

IT LOOKED like Jap wese to us
—GUESS he better get the show and ship it along but not before we add—
—we

THE last line
APPRENTICESHIP COURSE
OFFERED TO ENGINEERS

J. L. Minick, '09, in the interests of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, visited Penn State on Friday and explained the special apprenticeship course which the company is offering to the engineers who will be graduated this June. The course, which is thirty-six months in duration, is open to college graduates only, although students may begin the course during the summer vacations and receive credit for their work. After the completion of the apprenticeship course the graduate is given a position with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and promotion assured. Mr. Minick showed moving pictures made by the company illustrating the abatement of the smoke nuisance in the smokestack districts. Other films showed various tests made by the company. With Mr. Minick was J. A. Sheedy, whom Dean Sackett knew at Purdue University. J. T. Wallis, General Superintendent of Motive Power at Altoona, Pa., and a trustee of the college, is responsible for the revision of the apprentice course, and is much interested in the engineering graduates who enter the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

WILL TAKE HIKES AND SPEAK ONLY SPANISH

Plans are now being formed by the Centro Convantion Club by which the members will gain a more thorough knowledge of the Spanish language. This is to be accomplished by taking hikes in the spring on which nothing except Spanish will be spoken. The plan is quite unique as it is original and the club expects great results from it.

The first of a series of lectures on Porto Rico was given by Mr. M. Cordeiro, of the Spanish Department, at a meeting of the club last Thursday evening. The speaker gave a brief outline of the history of the Island and then dealt upon the needs of people and the natural conditions that are to be found there. At the next meeting Mr. Cordeiro will speak about the commercial features of the Island and the value of them to the United States.

COLLEGE MEN'S ENGLISH MADE DISPLAY FEATURE

Posted on one of the department bulletin boards, in Coppee Hall, at Lehigh University, are several sentences illustrating the English used by members of the Sophomore class in the mid-year examinations which have just ended. "Comment," states the bulletin, "is unnecessary, for responsibility finally rests with the student." The sentences are as follows:
"He alone traveled over the retulgent leather."
"Her anxious heart heard out of him the scoldings that had to follow."
"He stared up at the blow heavens."
"Hologna sandstitcher."
"Ita Sorgo is an alurgical individual."
"Both were aligned in their fullness and the wrong was suppressed when he set fire to his own barn being on the balance."
"When they saw that he was burdened with wurst they took it from him."
"He done it of his own accord."
"The father layed on the bed of pain."
"In pale hours he grasped the hand of his wife."
"Her broken heart already gave forth its retching vents which we all must follow."

WEARING AWAY OF COINS CAUSED BY PERSPIRATION

According to an investigation recently made by a British official, the chief cause for the wearing away of coins is not the mechanical rubbing due to long-continued use, but is produced by the fatty acids contained in the perspiration, conveyed to coins by the fingers of the persons handling them. These acids slowly corrode the base metals, particularly copper, with which the precious metal of the money pieces are alloyed. The corrosion, according to this authority, gives the coins a pitted or spongy surface which easily rubs off, exposing new portions of alloy. (Popular Science Magazine)

CHAB APPLE CLUB ACTIVITIES

Mr. D. M. Wertz, who has for the past few years successfully operated a large orchard at Waynesboro, Pa., spoke last Wednesday night before the Chab Apple Society on the commercial growing of apples and peaches. The lecture was one of practical benefit and well attended.
On March 20th Mr. F. Herbert Starkey, of Huxleton, Pa., will speak about "Opportunities in Vegetable Gardening." Mr. Starkey is a man of great practical experience and has in the past given several lectures of great value to the agricultural students of the College.

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