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HONOR SYSTEM EFFICIENCY

From the standpoint of student cooperation, can Penn State's Honor System this year be considered a success? Put this question squarely up to yourself and think it over. If in doubt, seek the opinion of the other fellow, and have a talk about it. How many cases of dishonesty in examinations have been brought to the attention of the Honor Committee this year? Only one, and that was dismissed because of lack of sufficient evidence. Student supervision at all times will alone make the Honor System a success.

If there has been any laxity on the part of the students in doing their share this year, it might be attributed to the fact that many consider the penalty of conviction too severe. This should not be the case, naturally, for in the commission of the crime the student takes the chance of dismissal into his own hands and should be made to abide by the results, however severe they might be. Knowing the penalty, one student hesitates to report another perhaps a good friend, and so overlooks any dishonesty that might by chance come to his attention. This condition of affairs should not exist, and we sincerely hope that it does not exist.

The Honor Committee has taken up this phase of the question recently, and with the approval of Student Council will offer for student consideration an addition to that article in the Honor System laws which refers to the punishment of convicted offenders. A unanimous vote of all members of the Honor Committee is necessary for conviction. In some cases that are brought before, that body is frequently convinced that one or two members are not fully convinced that the defendant is guilty, and consequently no punishment can be inflicted according to the laws as they now stand.

To fill in this lack of uniformity it is proposed that an addition be made to article four, section nine in the Honor System that "The Honor Committee shall have the power to compel a student to drop a subject, thereby requiring the convicted person to repeat the work, should the case in its judgment not warrant suspension from college, as before prescribed." In other words, if the Honor Committee in its entirety is not of the opinion that an offense committed by a student does not warrant his dismissal, the punishment shall be lessened to a degree, but this does not necessarily mean that the absolute dismissal shall be disregarded. It merely offers two alternatives for punishment, the proposed clause referring only to such cases where the committee feels confident that dismissal from college would be a mistake in certain cases. Where the evidence shows that the offense has been deliberate and there can be no doubt that the offender is guilty, the expulsion rule most certainly should be enforced. The proposal is of such magnitude that every student should feel deep concern in its regard and be ready to vote upon it two weeks from today. Members of the faculty have been favorably impressed with the idea.

While on the subject of the Honor System it might be well to mention that more stress should be laid upon its principles before student assemblies. Without mentioning names, we would urge that the fact of dismissals be publicly announced in mass meetings whenever the occasion demands. In this manner all will be able to know that the Honor System is really more than a figurehead, and that Penn State in flying under Honor System colors should in every way live up to its precepts. To the underclassmen especially, it should be made plain that the Honor System is of far greater value than the paper upon which it is printed.

A SPLENDID SHOWING

Athletic events of the week-end just passed have served to demonstrate several things to the student body of Penn State, chief of which being the fact that the Blue and White is being represented by teams of championship calibre in both of the great indoor, winter sports—basketball and wrestling. Decisive victories over such teams as Cornell and Pitt are sufficient evidence on that score, and there is no denial that the victories last Saturday night were both decisive.

The varsity basketball team has been having wonderful success all season, and many of the students have perhaps overlooked the fact that thus far they have lost but one game—to Syracuse, on a foreign floor. In every other game played, they have clearly demonstrated their superiority over their opponents and the games have never been in doubt. Despite the outcome of the final western trip which starts tomorrow, the season is bound to have been a successful one.

And this showing is all the more remarkable due to the fact that the team has had no regular coach, because of the enlistment of "Dutch" Herman. Captain Blakeslee has been acting in the capacity of coach, and with only one veteran, he has developed a smooth-working, heavy-scoring machine. Never in recent years has a Pitt team been so completely out-played as in the game last week.

While the Cornell meet was the first appearance of the wrestling team, the showing that was made indicates that the Penn State grapplers are going to be a decided factor in settling the inter-collegiate championships at Columbia late in March. Any team that can gain four falls and a decision over Cornell is sure to upset the dope on the championships, for Cornell has been the winner for the past several years.

The Blue and White matmen have been working hard to get into condition, and perhaps very few people realize what it means to keep trained down to the required weight. The men who are representing Penn State on the mat are certainly doing their bit for their Alma Mater, and they cannot be given too much credit for the showing made on Saturday night.

We have looked over the assistant cheer leaders all year, but so far we have been unable to see any assistant song leaders in action. The singing of college songs has been conspicuous by its absence in most of the events in the army this winter. We are supposed to vote for a song leader for next year within six weeks. Who are the eligible candidates?

On the Corner

Cheer up! Though it's Sloppy Outside, it's DRY in some classes

Here is that promised "line" from the Co-ed Department. They came across with some good stuff. Look it over. Ye Ed.

PREAMBLE
Don't get excited! We're just arriving on the scene of action once more. Although we don't profess to use the smooth-flowing words of the Ed of this Colyum, we hope you'll bear it in uncomplaining endurance. Take what is; trust what may be; that's life's lesson.

ROBERT BROWNING.
The Weather is "Soupy."
Gals never fall—they are too light and frivolous!

BY THE WAY
We wish to congratulate Track House on the wonderful Service Flag they had flying Sunday before last. But pray, why at half mast?

(EXPLANATION)—The flag pole is busted. Ye Ed.
If Betsy Ross had seen that emblem she certainly would have had ten points to her stars.

CANT be changed now!

TIMELY TOPICS
1—Male Orders Busy.
A large shipment of hearts left State College Feb. 14th, for "Beloved Objects" in Unknown Territory.
2—Feb. 15, 11:30 P. M.
On account of the heavy fire from Track House, we thought the w. k. College Widow had returned.
We hope it won't occur again.

WHY?
It almost drowned out the Old Maid "Vie."

3—Didger know that
On Feb 16th, the wearers of the Green Dinks began their chemistry laboratory duties?
"Never think on yesterday, Nor ever trouble borrow, Nor what may be in story for you Today or on tomorrow."
—Eddy Katon.

This is the second time in this colyum that we have quoted famous men. We can't help it—we're taking Eng. Lit.

4—Washington again celebrated his Natal Day.
But we observe Conservation;
No half holidays,
No final exams,
No Houseparties,
And use of substitutes;
Questionable quizzes
Cutless chapel days,
Underrated movies

NOW, since we have "got together," let's start something. Can't we? Everybody can aid.
The Seniors will lend their aid.
The Juniors can "Prom-en-aid."
The Sophs can "ser-en-aid."
While the Freshmen can "mask-fer-aid."
The Co-eds can hand a "lemon-aid."
SO STICK TOGETHER

BEFORE closing we would give a bit of advice

TRAIN YOUR RADIATOR!
The w. k. alarm clock is too great a shock on your physiological condition. Train your radiator to sing softly and gently at first, then finally burst into loud song. Thus you will be awakened gradually.

WE THANK YOU!

ADELPHIA ARTISTS WELL APPRECIATED

One of the best concerts of the college year was presented in the Auditorium last Friday evening by the Adelpia Concert Artists, who gave the fourth of the series of entertainments offered by the Y. M. C. A. and the Department of Music. The concert was a success in every way, the attendance being large, and encores being called for after nearly every presentation.

The Company with Henry Gurney, tenor; Emily Stokes Hagar, soprano; Marie Stone Langston, contralto, and Frank M. Conly, bass, rendered a varied program, part one being made up of miscellaneous selections, and part two being H. Lane Wilson's song cycle, "Dorothy's Wedding Day."

Part one opened with Denezetti's "Lucia" by the quartet, and concluded with a piano solo, Chaminade's "Caprice," by William Silvano Thunder, who is pianist and accompanist of the party. An interesting feature of this part of the program was the rendition of Gounod's "Calf of Gold," from "Faust," by Mr. Conly. This selection, which has been arranged for male voices by Dean Robinson, was also presented by the glee club in a recent Sunday afternoon concert, and the contrast between the one voice and a number is striking.

The song cycle in part two consisted of the meeting, courtship, and eventual marriage of "Miss Dorothy." The solos and quartettes were so arranged that each played a logical part in the development of the plot. The concert was concluded with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner," in which the audience joined.

PROFESSOR BRENNEMAN GETS LEAVE FOR GOVT WORK

Professor P. B. Brennehan, of the Department of Mechanics and Materials of Construction, has been granted leave of absence by the Board of Trustees on Friday and Saturday of each week until the end of the semester. Mr. Brennehan is employed during this time in supervising the installation of testing apparatus at the Naval Aircraft Factory, being built at the League Island Navy Yard at Philadelphia. He will probably be occupied during the summer months also with this work, and will more than likely be in charge of the testing when completed. Mr. Brennehan's work is under the jurisdiction of the Civil Service commission, and he stated that, therefore, there is no foundation to the report that he was offered a commission.

FRENCH PLAY TRIALS

The members of the Cercle Francais will meet this evening, in room 225 Main Building, at 7:15 for the final placing of the parts for the three plays which are to be given by the society in April. At the next regular fortnightly meeting which will be held Wednesday, March 6 the society will be honored with a talk on "Paris" by Prof. L. J. Lassalle while Prof. L. M. Hurrage will commence the first of a series of French historical sketches.

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Looking Backward

(Week of February 27)
Twenty years ago

The question which was chosen for the first intercollegiate debate with Dickinson was "Resolved, That the United States Government should establish a National University."

The Department of Industrial Art and Design added seventy new models for use in the classroom and museum.

Fifteen years ago.
The Thespians presented their sixth annual production "A Night Off," which met with great success.

Ten years ago
The question of State players playing professional baseball during the summer was discussed by the Athletic Committee.

Five years ago
The board track outside the Army was built.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT RECEIVES EQUIPMENT

The Military Department is in receipt of a number of military topographic maps which are now being installed for instruction in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. The maps have been ordered for some time but they did not arrive until Thursday. The set consists of about ten blocks which fit together making a reproduction of a section of country of quite an area. These are a valuable part of the training which is to be given to the members of the R. O. T. C. and, although the set as yet is not complete, the instruction will begin as soon as the maps can be suitably mounted. Two rooms have been fitted up in the tower of the Army for this purpose and as soon as the remainder of the equipment arrives and is installed, part of the R. O. T. C. will receive instruction every day.

The maps are accurate in every detail and make the tactical problems, for which they are designed, seem extremely realistic. It is necessary to learn the conventional signs used on the maps and the use of military problems will be taken up.

MORE HEAVYWEIGHTS NEEDED FOR BOXING

Boxing practice is progressing rapidly for the interclass meet which will be held about the second week in March. There is good material in the lighter weights but the heavyweights are conspicuous principally by their absence. Men in the hundred and thirty-five pound class are also needed.

The upper-classmen have not turned out very strongly although the Freshmen have good representation. Practice is held in the armory every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7:30.

Junata and Northampton counties have recently organized farm bureaus. The farm agents for these counties have not as yet been selected.

To Penn State Students

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FROMM'S

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News From Other Colleges

LAFAYETTE—The Lafayette College Athletic Committee of the Board of Trustees last week decided that all branches of athletics shall be maintained at Lafayette during the war.

Due to the fact that there are only about sixty members of the Junior Class still remaining at Lafayette it has been decided to dispense with the publication of the annual Junior year book.

CORNELL—Funds for a Senior Memorial at Cornell are being raised by a special campaign in which every member of the class of 1918, whether now in college or not, will be approached for subscriptions.

YALE—A new course, carrying the degree of Ph. D. and specializing in artillery warfare, will be introduced at Yale University next fall. One such course as pertain to military science and warfare will be offered in the course which will extend over a period of three years. Those who take the course will be eligible for the degree of A. B. on the completion of extra work after the war.

CORNELL—Farmers' week closed at Cornell on Feb. 16th. This year's attendance totaled over 3,000.

CARNEGIE TECH—The organization of an inter-fraternity council at Carnegie Tech was practically assumed last week with the adoption of a constitution by the representatives of all recognized fraternities.

DELAWARE—Delaware College announces that it has secured the consent of William Howard Taft to act as the principal speaker at the commencement exercises of the class of 1918.

SYRACUSE—The chaperones of the various societies at Syracuse University have decided to "get together" and as a result are holding monthly "get acquainted" Tea Parties.

MICHIGAN A. C.—The physical director of Michigan Agricultural College has undertaken the direction of a faculty class in physical training. The class has an average attendance of from twenty-five to fifty men.

The new gymnasium under construction at M. A. C. will be completed before April.

DARTMOUTH—The Outing Club of Dartmouth College has this year made its annual ascent of Mount Washington an intercollegiate affair by inviting a number of nearby colleges to participate. Of the fourteen men who received "varsity football" "Ds" at Dartmouth last fall, seven are now in some branch of the service.

LEHIGH—Professor Joseph Frederic Klein, Dean of the Faculty and Professor of Mechanical Engineering, at Lehigh for thirty-seven years died at his home, Monday, February 11th. Professor Klein is the author of many technical publications and the translator of several foreign engineering works.

PITTSBURGH—The fourth ordnance course given at the University of Pittsburgh began on February 18th, with an enrollment of 61 men.

Fifteen women students at Pittsburgh have been admitted to the Radio Course given in connection with the School of Engineering.

SYRACUSE—The athletic governing board of Syracuse University has re-appointed Frank J. (Huck) O'Neill as head football coach for the season of 1918. Coach O'Neill recently announced his retirement from football and it is doubtful if he will accept the appointment.

The varsity basketball team of Syracuse University with twelve successive victories at Syracuse University during last year, writes from France that he is with the 12th Engineers Regiment in railway work, is in good health and enjoying "rare experiences"

SCHOLARSHIP CUP AWARDED

The Inter-Fraternity Council's scholarship cup was again awarded to Phi Delta Theta at the regular meeting of the council last week. Phi Kappa Sigma was second, and Delta Upsilon third. The average attained by Phi Delta Theta for the first semester was the highest since the cup was first offered in 1913. It is awarded every semester, and the same fraternity carried off first honors for the second semester of last year. This is the fourth time that Phi Delta Theta has won the cup since 1913.

INSTRUCTOR IN FRANCE

P. X. Rice, Teaching Fellow in Engineering last year, writes from France that he is with the 12th Engineers Regiment in railway work, is in good health and enjoying "rare experiences"

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