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HONOR SYSTEM EFFICIENCY

Again, the COLLEGIAN finds it necessary to bring up last year's much discussed question of the efficiency of the Honor System. Although it has only been in operation for a short time this year, due to its partial cancellation during the S. A. T. C. days of the past semester, many of the main defects noticed last year have again cropped out. The Honor Committee is seriously handicapped, due to the fact that it can pursue no half-way methods, but can only find an offender absolutely guilty or innocent. It can readily be seen that this does not allow the Honor Committee much leeway in some doubtful cases. The evidence may be such that the Committee may be morally certain that a man is guilty, but still it may not be definite enough to warrant the extreme penalty of expulsion from college.

Practically, in fact exactly, the same question was discussed at length in the issue of the COLLEGIAN for February 27, 1918, and we here quote from same:—"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." Note—The Honor Committee this year reports only several cases brought before it for consideration.)

"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 the commission of 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 light. 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. All unanimous vote of all members of the Honor Committee is necessary for conviction. In some cases that are brought before that body it frequently happens 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 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 inflying 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.

All that has been said above we feel to be the truth and self-evident as such, and, although it was written about a year ago, it exactly expresses the present actual condition of affairs. But, for the benefit of the new students this year, although all the old men will remember the fact, it might be mentioned that the proposed change suggested above, did not pass the student mass meeting when it was brought up for a vote.

From all that has been said it may readily be seen that some such provision should be incorporated in the Honor System to take care of any cases similar to those cited. Several conferences have been held by the Honor Committee with a faculty committee, considering some changes which are absolutely necessary in the System. Although these deliberations have been going on for some time, no definite decision as to exactly what change to suggest to the student body has been reached. The COLLEGIAN sincerely hopes and recommends that any change that is brought up will receive the hearty support and cooperation of the student body, and everyone may rest assured that whatever change is suggested will be the best thing that can be done and that the committee is solely actuated in its recommendations with the idea of bettering Penn State.

One of the matters brought up at one of the conferences was the fashion that many instructors have of flogging the Honor System in the faces of the students by some remark such as, "You are on your honor in this quiz," and "Don't forget the pledge." The COLLEGIAN wishes to side with the committee in the opinion that this is not the right thing.

One suggestion that was made to the effect that each new man be asked to sign a paper when matriculating, thereby giving his word to support the Honor System, and doing away with the signing of the pledge for every examination. We feel that this would be a good addition to the System, as it worked admirably in the case of the Electrical Engineering School.

It will be remembered that the Electrical School was the founder

of the Honor System at Penn State, having had a system of its own for several years before the whole college took up the idea. In this case however, it applied only to the Juniors and Seniors. At the beginning of the third year, the Juniors were asked to sign a paper, thereby subscribing to the rules and regulations of the System. In closing we again wish to urge that every man support any suggestion coming from the Honor Committee and do his utmost in the future to make Penn State's Honor System as effective and successful as was intended when it was inaugurated.

The COLLEGIAN notes the marked change for the better in Dr. Sparks' condition during the past week, and it is our hope, and in this we are voicing the sentiment of the whole college, that he will soon be completely recovered. The news of Dr. Sparks' illness when received some time ago came as a considerable surprise, though it was known that he had been working practically incessantly, and this together with the multitudinous number of unusual happenings during the part of the year already passed, have probably been the cause of his nervous breakdown. Latest reports from Dr. Ritenour state that he has improved considerably.

As was announced last week, Dr. Pond, Dean of the School of Natural Science, is acting in the capacity of president during Dr. Sparks' absence, the latter having been granted a year's leave of absence by the Board of Trustees. The COLLEGIAN feels that the Trustees selected a good man to be acting president until Dr. Sparks is able to resume his duties, and we wish him success in his new capacity.

On the Corner

WE ANNOUNCE THAT SPRING IS HERE AGAIN!

Well, dear reader, another thirty minutes of agony is before us

Some poor pruin told us this week that our colium was dodder'n a door knob

We said he was prevaricating and proved it thusly:

Life is just one fool thing after another (Emerson, or some other guy like him says so)

This colium is just one fool thing after another. (Yo ed says so, anyhow)

Hence, by the laws of trigonometrical retroscopion, this colium is LIFE

News stem. March came in like a blating lamb and will go out like a roaring lion. It will be accompanied by the Nittany lion. It is probable that a tiger, Penn, Lehigh, Columbia and Lehigh will precede it by some distance

If nothing happens, we'll have a poem on "Spring" again next week. That is, provided some poor nutt hands one in.

That reminds us of a little poem we herd once it goes like this: "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men"

But we lik it so much better this way "A little nonsense then and now Sometimes is pleasing to a cow."

By the way, we tho't no Freshmen could go and visit the wimmin, and yet we know of some Frosh who every Saturday nite go to see Julian, Martha, Hannah and Boubah, and no Soph ever says a word about it

But we should worry. We ain't no Soph and we ain't on the Tribunal

O B. Toos, our unhuman joke collector presented a property addressed and duly signed petition to put in a joke this week. After due deliberation on the part of ye ed, it was duly moved, seconded, passed, carried, and finally recorded, to let the Hon. O. B. Toos sling his pun. Here he (the joke, not Toos) is

"20—"Say, bo, diddy know there's a town about twenty mile down the line named after you?"

"21—"No, what is it?"

"22—"MARBLEDHEAD"

Some guy asked us this week: "Is there a little ivory in your dome?"

We're sure we dunno.

Well, dear reader, another thirty minutes of agony is behind us.

Looking Backward

(Week of March 5)
Twenty Years Ago

The baseball department gave a mask ball in the Armory on Washington's Birthday. There was a larger crowd present than at any previous event of this kind. The grand march—a panorama of people of all nations, an intermixture of every conceivable hue and color—was excellently executed by fifty students.

Fifteen Years Ago
Penn State's baseball schedule for 1904 was announced. It included seven games. The most important contests were with the Army, Princeton, West Virginia, and W. and J.

Ten Years Ago
About one hundred members of the Junior Class were present at a banquet in McAllister Hall last Thursday night. A stag dance preceded the banquet.

Five Years Ago
The Penn State wrestling team defeated Lehigh. The Brown and White team was unable to score in any of the bouts.

The Penn State basketball team defeated Pitt 26 to 17 last Friday night on the Armory floor

ENGINEERING NEWS

Dean Sackett attended the annual banquet of the engineering alumni at Schenectady, New York, March first. He also conferred with the engineers of the J. G. White Corporation in New York concerning the power plant.

Professor E. D. Walker returned to active duty as head of the department of Civil Engineering last week. He addressed the engineering faculty at its regular monthly meeting, March third, and described various places of interest which he visited while in France. He will address the Seniors at the regular engineering lecture at 4.30, room 300, Engineering D, this afternoon, on his engineering activities in France.

The School of Engineering is planning to take its annual inspection trip during the week preceding the Easter vacation. The present plan is to visit Harrisburg, Philadelphia, New York and Schenectady. Last year the trip was omitted because of war conditions. Dean Sackett will lecture to the Freshmen and Sophomore rhetoric classes in the Auditorium tomorrow night at seven o'clock.

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FORMER STATE STUDENT BOXED EX-KAISER'S EARS

With the exception of one former Penn State student, there is probably no other living man on the face of the earth, who can boast of ever having boxed the ex-Kaiser's ears. This event occurred when the arduous ambitious ruler of the House of Hohenzollern was a very young youngster, and probably when he was still in a docile frame of mind without any plans of future conquest of the world. The incident, however, undoubtedly proves that the then young German prince had a mind of his own and determined to use it to further his own schemes.

The honor, if it may be considered as such, belongs to Dr. Arthur N. Davis, a former student of the Pennsylvania State College. Some years ago young Davis was at Penn State and studied landscape gardening; while here he helped to lay out the present design of the botanical gardens in front of the Botany Building and immediately opposite the Carnegie Library. He did not remain to complete his course, however, but went to Philadelphia, and according to the story which is being told, enrolled in the dentistry school at the University of Pennsylvania.

A short time after receiving his degree, a number of dentistry students accompanied a Philadelphia dentist on an inspection tour through Europe. Dr. Davis, it seems, was greatly pleased with the city of Paris, and settled down there to practice. In due time, he became the dentist to the royal family, which happened to be the House of Hohenzollern.

On one occasion, when the ex-Kaiser was set a boy, he was brought by his mother to Dr. Davis's office for treatment of a particularly bad tooth. The ex-ruler, it is reported, always had a violent temper and displayed it especially at this time. While the dentist was rendering a service to the patient, he struck a sore spot, and the prince, accustomed to having his own way in everything and using the only means possible for retaliation, bit the finger of the dentist. Dr. Davis warned him not to let this happen again and proceeded with his work. Now, as has been said before, little William was accustomed to taking orders from no one, and he determined to show the dentist that he was his own master. So when Dr. Davis put his hand in the ex-Kaiser's mouth to continue his work, the youngster immediately repeated the performance. Dr. Davis, seeing that a reprimand was useless, boxed the ears of the prince, and he, probably being overcome with surprise, allowed the dentist to complete his work without any more difficulty.

SENIOR DANCE

The Senior dance will be held in the Odd Fellows' Hall, Friday, March 14th. Admission, one dollar. Faculty members, alumni and Seniors only.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE STUDENTS FORM SOCIETY

A meeting of the Senior and Junior commerce and finance students was held last Thursday evening in the Liberal Arts Building for the purpose of organizing a Commerce and Finance Society. Mr. E. V. McCollough, of the School of Liberal Arts, was the speaker and gave some good suggestions for organization and urged the founding of the society on a solid basis. The nomination of officers and the appointing of the committee on the constitution and by-laws was postponed until the next meeting.

The object of the society is to bring different speakers from the various phases of commercial life to speak along practical lines and if possible in the future to make several trips of inspection to large commercial cities. The necessity for such a society was developed by the speaker who pointed out the fact that the Pennsylvania State College is handicapped by its location and the only way to overcome this is to bring the practical side to the students through speakers and trips. The Commerce and Finance Department is in sympathy with this plan although the sanction of the Trustees must be secured before an inspection trip can be undertaken. It was decided that all students regularly scheduled in the commerce and finance course are eligible for membership in this society and a large representation is looked for at the next meeting.

MUSICAL CLUBS TO GIVE CONCERTS SOON

The various musical clubs of the college are again due to work, after a short period of inaction due to the Washington's Birthday celebration and the Farmers' Week activities. The mandolin club is preparing to render a concert in the near future and a trip will also probably be arranged. Several selections were given by the mandolin club at the "free movies" last

Thursday night, which is the first time that it has been heard in public, this year.

The varsity male glee club is also practicing diligently, but as yet no trips have been planned. It is probable, however, that this club will be on the program for one of the Sunday afternoon concerts sometime within the next few weeks.

At the mass meeting two weeks ago, the girls' glee club gave an excellent selection and if anything may be judged from this, it will make a good showing this year. According to present plans, the girls' club will appear again in the very near future. The college chorus, which will continue to sing in Sunday chapel, it now practicing to render Steiner's "Crucifixion"

A schedule of the meetings of the clubs has been posted and is as follows: Monday, 6.45 p. m., Girls' Glee Club; Tuesday, 6.45 p. m., Freshman Quartet; Wednesday, 7.00 p. m., Men's Glee Club; Thursday, 7.00 p. m., College Chorus.

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