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### RATHER A POOR JOKE

What does Penn State's Honor System mean to you? Have you ever thought it over and asked yourself that question? Have you ever read over the provisions of the system and the interpretations of it at Penn State? If so, is it limited by those provisions, or does it have a bigger and broader meaning to you? Have you been doing all in your power to make it a real system of honor?

During the current year, the Honor Committee has been confronted with a number of cases of supposed dishonesty in quizzes and examinations, and there have been convictions as well as acquittals. In nearly every case, the point has been raised by the accused that they have seen lots of "cribbing" going on all during the year, yet there has not yet been a single case reported by a student. Do you realize that in permitting such acts to go on, you are equally guilty with the culprits? Yes, even more so, for while they are so morally weak that they have no sense of honor, you are a moral coward for not reporting them or reporting them. And you are doing them more of an injury in permitting them to "crib" than you would be if you reported them, for the man who does not play square in college will certainly not play square when he is out of college, and the penitentiaries are full of men who have simply obtained the wrong start in life.

But perhaps the worst and hardest thing of all to believe is that some men, even upperclassmen, have expressed the opinion that the Honor System is a joke and that it need not be lived up to. We would hate to say what we feel about men whose principles are so low as to permit them to give such advice to others. Even the worst criminal has a sense of honor, but a man guilty of making the aforesaid statement deserves the contempt of the world.

And here is where the pitiful side of it comes in. As a result of such advice, younger men are led astray, they attempt to "crib" and apparently not being so well-versed in the art as their older advisers, fortunately, they are caught. We say fortunately because they have been stopped in time. It is a bitter lesson, but it will never be forgotten. But the man who becomes hardened to it may not be caught until later in life, and when he does, it will be fatal.

Penn State's Honor System is no joke, as some have already found out. It is a peculiar type of joke that ships a man from college for at least a year, and we fail to see the funny side of it. So do the victims now. But it is up to the students to get a broader and deeper grasp on the Honor System. Answer those questions in the first paragraph and then be honest with yourself. Are you playing square or are you a moral coward?

### ANOTHER MILESTONE PASSED

With the present issue, another COLLEGIAN year is ended and the old staff steps down in favor of a new one. The year has been a very short one, extremely short, due to the necessity of curtailing publication while the college was under the military rule of the Students' Army Training Corps last fall. However, we believe that the year has been an eventful one in many respects, and if the COLLEGIAN has taken even a small part in helping to restore normal conditions to Penn State, we feel that our efforts have not been in vain.

The retiring staff does not feel that the COLLEGIAN has been as good as it might have been thus far. Undoubtedly we have made mistakes. For these, we are sorry and wherever possible we have tried to rectify them. There are two main types of newspaper policies, the one being destructive and the other constructive. We have attempted to combine the two with the idea of making our criticism constructive. For our editorial policy, we offer no apologies, believing that none are necessary.

To our readers and subscribers, we extend our thanks for their support and encouragement, for the latter particularly. To our advertisers, who have made the paper possible, we would say that we are grateful for their help, and we would urge our readers to patronize them. To the younger members of our staff, upon whom the bulk of the routine work has rested and who have worked hard to make the paper what it is, we have no hesitancy in saying that we feel the COLLEGIAN will be left in capable hands.

For the new staff, we would ask your support in the future as heartily as it has been given in the past. If any have personal grievances, let them go out with the retiring staff and do not carry them over to the new one. And in conclusion, we would say that we have tried to follow out the policy so well expressed in the preamble to our constitution:

"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." If we have served Penn State in but a small measure, we feel amply repaid for all our efforts.

### HARDLY FAIR

Some time ago, the COLLEGIAN, following the policy of the college, urged that everything possible be done to bring the men who have been in service back to college to complete their courses. It was felt that many of these former students would be so mentally restless that they would not feel inclined to return to the regular routine of academic life, and for that reason, it was hoped that every thing possible would be done to bring these men back.

The result has been pleasing in many respects. Approximately three hundred of these former students returned to college during the opening weeks of the second semester, and the college authorities endeavored to help them by allowing them credit for their military service in many instances. These men, therefore, will lose very little actual time by their absence.

But what can be done for those men who are only now being released from service and who would like to return at once and thus get a start in completing their courses? Apparently, they are receiving very little encouragement in their efforts to return and in fact, many of them are discouraged. Is it not possible for them to at least take off some work during the balance of the present year and let that much farther advanced than if they waited until next fall? The

COLLEGIAN believes that it is and that something should be done for these students. It should be realized that if they are turned down now, they will probably never have the desire to return again and we believe that it is to the advantage of the college as well as the individuals that they should return.

## On the Corner

HERE'S WHERE WE MAKE OUR EGG-SIT

Yes, dear reader, This is moving-up week on the old sheet, and we are inclined to shed much tears that we must at last come to this day when we say farewell to 1919-20.

Betchu thought we were making our own farewell address, didn't you?

Oh, no, we are like these quizzers, we are always with you.

However, we are going to call this our "Moving-up Number." Each member of ye staff moves up a class.

So do we. That almost makes us a first-year two-year Ag.

We almost started off with something about this blankety blank weather, but we didn't. We did not consider it well to do so on Sunday.

However, now that we have had all four seasons in the past week, we would like to know which predominates. From the fall of snow and the fall of rain, we would be inclined to give it as our opinion that this is FALL.

Yet with a much WATER about, we know that a SPRING must be near.

Oh yes, we saw two more new spring bonnets last week. Guess if it hadn't rained on Sunday, the campus would have been full of them.

But then we would have had nothing to anticipate.

We hear on good authority that those students taking Domesticity 29 were advised to see "Don't Change Your Husband" at the movies last Saturday.

We didn't see it but we hear it advised in favor of "Garden Variety" husbands. These AGS always were lucky devils!

Dame Rumor hath it that the Botany Department has discovered a new variety of spring flower about the campus known as the super-sensu vicia, via mellifica oblongata. The English we are told, is "Campus Rose."

Authorities agree that its habitat is in the vicinity of Mac Hall, W. B. and U. Club. We never have seen any, but, even, but our energetic cub reporter is now investigating.

We hope Ye Ed doesn't see the above.

## The Letter Box

State College, Pa. March 14, 1919.

To the Editor, The COLLEGIAN, Dear Sir:

There has appeared in the editorial columns of the COLLEGIAN for the past three weeks an interesting discussion of the need of a social hall here at Penn State.

It seems that the idea is meeting with the approval of the student body and although there is an air of expectancy prevalent, no one has come forward with a definite constructive plan.

The ball will not roll of its own accord. Something must be done and done quickly. There is only one way of raising enough money for a social hall—by starting a series of social activities, the proceeds of which would go toward starting the fund. Something of this sort would create interest among the alumni as well as the student body.

There are a hundred and one different varieties of social entertainments which we believe could be used advantageously. For instance—

- 1 A series of all-college dances in the Armory.
- 2 Musical shows and various other entertainments.
- 3 A campaign week-end embracing a tug day and a general sale of "home made goodies" by the "Co-eds."
- 4 Donation of a certain percentage of a day's proceeds by local merchants (This cannot be considered unfair).
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Dr. Jordan presented his topic in a very amusing way that kept the large audience in continuous laughter. His talk was centered about the theme that a man's success in life depends on his own ambitions. He touched on the need of better tools, better living conditions, and a "get-together" spirit in rural life.

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