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YOUR DIPLOMA

Final examinations for the first semester of this college year begin Thursday morning. From that day until the close of the examining period, students will be under pressure that is then perhaps greater than at any other time during the year. As each student prepares for his examination he knows that it is the final test of his knowledge in that certain subject for the semester. He knows that to succeed in the course he must pass that examination or to maintain his high grade he must make a high grade in the final. What does he do during that period of high mental pressure?

He makes final preparations in the subject, and if he is a conscientious person he assures himself that he has at hand all the information it has been possible for him to glean for himself BEFORE THE EXAMINATION. He then takes his test with what knowledge he has personally gotten and there he allows the matter to end. Whether he passes or fails in the final, he has done his best and it has been an honest attempt.

Unfortunately all students are not alike in this respect. As has been proven ever since examinations or quizzes were first held, there are students who cannot face the ordeal squarely and so must make for some dishonest method of attaining the end in view. And so, almost as an hereditary evil, we have each year received a number of students, who some time during their college career, have fallen and will fall to the temptations of cribbing and cheating their neighbors and themselves. It is these persons who, having found an easy method of attaining a difficult end and having succeeded in their first attempt, repeat the effort, show their indifference to the system of honor in vogue, and influence other weak-minded students to follow the same unrighteous path. And so it is this person, who during the period of high pressure, knowing that he will have difficulty in passing the final examination, prepares in sundry fashions to achieve what he has during the entire semester neglected to prepare for.

This is the man who leaves this institution, undetected, mostly because some other student has been too faint in the matter of reporting, with a PENN STATE DIPLOMA, the same that the man who did his work honestly receives. Is it fair?

Every REAL Penn State man will agree that it is absolutely unjust to the other students, unjust to every man who ever has or ever will become the possessor of a Penn State diploma. Yet that is where the matter rests in most cases. We cry out in indignation; our self-pride and pride in our institution is deeply hurt, but we sit back and allow such things to go on.

Mr. Penn State student, you who work so diligently for what you receive, you who later on will be asked to guarantee your diploma, what answer can you give an employer who has had experience in handling men who went to college, who received the same diploma that you receive, and who failed in their work because they had received that diploma dishonestly?

Think it over. Place your own value on your diploma. Its worth to you is just the same as is the value you place on the efficiency of the Honor System. Do your part in making it a success.

ANOTHER PHASE OF HONOR

Penn State is fortunate in having at its disposal an institution within itself that aims at all times to provide and maintain material which the faculty and student body of the college will have occasion to make use of. This institution is the Carnegie Library. Yet, for all its endeavor, for all its desire to serve efficiently, it is continually being subjected to ravages which maim and devalue certain of its departments. Books, circulars, pamphlets and other valuable information, gathered at the expense of considerable time and labor, so necessary to students at specific periods, are taken away, removed without permission of the librarian or the signature of the one who wishes to use the material.

When the Carnegie Library was presented to Penn State, it was the wish of the donor that the institution be conducted on the Honor System. Ever since, the pact has faithfully been kept by those in charge. They have done their part but the students have not. Never, since the presentation, has it been carried out in the fullest sense. There have always been some who persisted in stealing, it can be called nothing else, that which is the property of students yet to come.

If you who have done these things and are doing them would but think of the consequences of the act, there would probably be less done. That which you take and make use of when your leisure permits in the meantime would do many another student a great amount of good. The practice of removing books on reference shelves, failing to return them, or removing other information from the library, perhaps to discard later must cease. Those who are responsible must realize that they not only steal from the many other students in college at the present time, most particularly those in their own courses who also need the information as pertinently as they do, but the vast number of students who will in some future day require that selfsame information. It is not fair to them. It isn't fair to the thief himself. At some time he will have occasion to need reference material and then, when he looks for it, it is gone because someone else has done what he, in other instances, also accomplished. What a feat! Let's have it stopped.

BYRN MAWR PASTOR IMPRESSES AUDIENCES

Reverend Andrew Mutch, of the First Presbyterian Church of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, delivered two interesting and impressive sermons at the chapel services on last Sunday morning. Dr. Mutch has been pastor of the church at Bryn Mawr for seven years, before which time he was pastor of the Presbyterian church at Galashiels, Scotland. The messages of Dr. Mutch were both applicable to every day life. His sermon to the Freshmen pertained to the obtaining of the best that life had to offer while he spoke to the upper classes gathering on the subject of the "Sins which so easily beset us."

"There is no one who is an absolute all around genius Raphael had the desire to write poetry but he was a genius of but one kind, a painter. Dante lacked the ability to paint an angel but he had the ability to write poetry. Thus it is that a sculptor is capable of carving and moulding materials and a poet is able to create with the necessary characteristics of a good painter. We find people who are shining examples in one particular line of endeavor but who are failures in others. There is always a blind spot in existence in the decided blot which plays havoc in human life. Each nation has a besetting sin. All kinds of sin are present in the world but there is always one special weakness, all of the others being remote. There is always one sin which really threatens us. Just what is our weakest place? People are inclined to show their virtues but turn a blind eye to their weaknesses. A man is no stronger than his weakest point. We are just as strong as our weak part but not stronger."

"Our besetting weakness determines our greatest moral struggle in life. Our other sins are more remote but special effort must be exercised on our weakest point. The political parties have great platforms with planks comprising the different issues. Among these issues is one outstanding feature. This is applicable to our own lives. We have a great comprehensive moral platform and we must fight the battle on a single issue. Wood will split if it is chopped along the line of cleavage but the axe hardly makes an impression when it is applied against the grain. So it is with life. There are certain temptations in life which do not affect us because they are directed against the grain but there are others which bring disaster when applied to the line of cleavage."

"There are times when a man's good points are fatal to him. Many good qualities are the reasons for the downfall of men. Our moral struggle is not usually centered upon our gifts but upon our weaknesses. Robert Burns had his besetting weakness and it was the struggle with his passions that gave birth to his greatest poems. His bitterness was the result of his effort to prevent his faults from enveloping him. Our weaknesses are to be conquered. The action of learning to ride the horse that throws you is applicable to the phrase to "Lay aside the weaknesses that beset. Many others beside Burns have said 'Aye, 'tis easier said than done.' There is no weakness that is incurable with the saving power of Jesus Christ who said 'My strength is made perfect in weakness.' A man's weaknesses may become the greatest outstanding feature in his life. Lay your besetting sin along the sight of God and He will change it to the greatest characteristic in your life."

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AUDIENCE IS PLEASED BY QUARTET PROGRAM

That Penn State has a Varsity Quartet of an exceptionally high caliber was the opinion of many after hearing the organization repeat their Panama program with some additions last Friday evening in the Auditorium. This was the first appearance of the quartet at State College, although the members have already made two trips, including one made to the Canal Zone during the Christmas vacation. The quartet appeared in white instead of the conventional dress suit. This gave an air of the tropics to the entire program. The quartet consisted of Dean C. C. Robinson, director, the quartet composed of A. R. Kennard '21, E. H. Rolston '23, B. W. Knapp '21, W. A. Stoelting '21; Miss Ruth Jackson, leader; Mrs. C. C. Robinson, pianist; and H. P. Shubert '22 instrumentalist.

The music rendered by the quartet was of stellar quality and all of the numbers were greeted with approval. The unusual ability of the members to fit the humorous selections to notes especially pleased the audience. In addition to the popular and classic numbers, a comic sketch entitled "Rehearsal on Deck" was being some humorous incidents that occurred to the quartet while on board ship, added to the variety of the program. The final number, consisting of a number of Penn State songs, in which all of the members accompanied themselves on string instruments, was greatly appreciated by the students. The solo by E. H. Rolston, a class given by Mrs. C. C. Robinson, called "For All Eternity" met with such success that he was obliged to give an encore.

The readings by Miss Ruth-Jackson met with much approval and greatly aided in rounding out the program. She had a wide variety of interesting material read unusually well, including children's parts in an Italian dialect poem, an O Henry story, and a selection from a novel written by an incident in a country church.

ILLINOIS PROFESSOR TO TALK ON METAL FATIGUE

A lecture that promises to be of no little interest to the students of metallurgy and engineering in particular, and to those of scientific mind in general, will be given by Doctor H. P. Moore, Research Professor of the University of Illinois, tomorrow evening in Old Chapel at seven-thirty o'clock. His subject will be "The Fatigue of Metals Under Repeated Stresses." The lecture will be illustrated with films showing the action of metals under stress.

Doctor Moore is very prominent in the mechanical engineering profession. He has occupied several positions of importance, both in institutions of education and in the business world. Among the colleges where he has held positions on the faculty are Cornell University, University of Wisconsin, and the University of Illinois, where he is now located. He is the designer of several machines for testing the strength of materials, and apparatus for measuring change in form of materials under stress. During the summer of 1918 he was a consulting engineer in the United States Bureau of Standards. He is chairman of the National Research Council committee on the fatigue of metals and member of a number of engineering societies. Doctor Moore is the author of several text books and many pamphlets on engineering subjects.

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DR. FREAR HONORED BY TOBACCO GROWERS

Dr. William Frear, Professor of Experimental Agricultural Chemistry and vice director of the agricultural experiment station, was the recipient of a splendid gift at the banquet of the Lancaster County Tobacco Growers Association which was held in Lancaster last week. Dr. Frear was presented with a miniature tobacco leaf watch chain of solid gold in recognition of the service which he has rendered towards the development of tobacco in that county. The banquet was given in honor of the Penn State professor who had worked so diligently in the interest of the improvement of the tobacco crop.

The first experimental work which Dr. Frear supervised in tobacco growing in Lancaster County was commenced in the year of 1903. He conducted shade growing and seed breeding experiments prior to 1912 when the United States Department of Agriculture gave additional assistance. From that time to the present, fertilizer experiments have been carried on. Dr. Frear has become a prominent figure in the regions surrounding Lancaster which are interested in tobacco growing and no man is more welcome to this tobacco growing section than he who has done so much to the interests of the growers.

LOOKING BACKWARD

Fifteen Years Ago
President Atherton announced his desire to relinquish his duties after twenty three years of service in building up the college from an agricultural school to one of foremost technical institutions in the country.

Thirteen Years Ago
Ralph L. Watts was appointed head of the Department of Horticulture to assume his duties on the following March.

Eight Years Ago
Arrangements were made whereby the Penn State Glee Club was to make a trip to the coast during the Easter vacation.

Six Years Ago
"Dick" Harlow was appointed football coach as successor to "Bill" Holtenbach who had retired after five years service as coach.

Five Years Ago
Centro Cervantes, the new Spanish club, made arrangements for the production of the first play to be given in Spanish.

Carnegie Tech Educator Here

Doctor W. W. Charters, Dean of the School of Education of the Carnegie Institute of Technology at Pittsburgh, is spending the present week at Penn State in consultation with the members of the faculty of the School of Agriculture upon problems and methods in teaching. Doctor Charters is meeting the faculty every afternoon except Saturday at four-thirty o'clock in Room 100 of the Horticulture Building. He is a recognized authority on teaching and teaching methods, and for the past few years he has spent a great deal of time consulting with the faculties at various institutions on this subject. He has had a wide experience as an educator and is well qualified for his present work.

Commencing his career as a teacher in a rural school at Rockford, Ontario, he later became the principal of the Model School at Hamilton, Canada. He then took a post on the faculty of the State Normal School at Winona, Minnesota. He held the position of principal of the Elementary School at this institution for ten years. For ten years, beginning in 1907 he was the professor of the theory of teaching at the University of Missouri, and during the last seven years of his duties there, he was the Dean of the School of Education. From 1917 to 1919, he held the professorship of education in the University of Illinois. In 1919, he became attached to the faculty of the Carnegie Institute in the capacity of the Dean of the School of Education and director of the research bureau of rural training. Doctor Charters is an author of numerous pamphlets and reports on the technical phases of education, he has written "Methods of Teaching" and "Teaching the Common Branches."

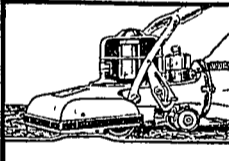
The faculty of the School of Agriculture feel that they are fortunate in receiving the cooperation of Doctor Charters. Last year the work of this nature, as well as that of supervisor of the school, was in charge of Doctor William H. Gilpatrick and proved to be of great benefit to the members of the faculty of the school.

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