

HONORARY FRATERNITY FAVORS HONOR SYSTEM

Tau Beta Pi Society Urges Honor System Retention and Further Student Education for it

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At a recent meeting of Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity, the organization went on record as being in favor of the honor system...

The main question before the student body of the Pennsylvania State College at present, is the one concerning the honor system. It is in its element a debate of the question, "Resolved, That the honor system should be abolished..."

It goes without saying that an abolishment of the honor system will mean a "black eye" to Penn State, but without any doubts, it is a matter of asking to facts alone, it is found that definite arguments may be presented...

possible in dealing with examinations. These are the "honor" system and the "dishonor" system. A student does not cheat himself alone. A cheating student dishonors his whole class and lowers the tone of the college...

"The 123 institutions that are trying the system are its strongest advocates, and there has been a steady but marked tendency toward general adoption throughout this country (this was in 1915)..."

Next consider this point: Is there any reason why the Honor System should not be a success? Absolutely none. If it works in other colleges it should work here, granting that we are not more cosmopolitan in character...

while Reverend C. M. McConnell will talk on home work. At the Presbyterian morning service, Reverend W. H. Crutcher will have charge and in the afternoon meeting Reverend Crutcher and Reverend Kelly will have as their subject the foreign work at the Lutheran church...

It is not possible to recommend a single type of constitution for organization of a honor system, but the constitution and by-laws should be short, simple, and flexible since new and untried students must be educated yearly...

It is to be remembered that the bulletin from which this extract is taken was issued by the United States Board of Education in 1917 and therefore is authority on the subject. Therefore, consideration upon some of the suggestions given, it may be possible to make our system more effective.

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