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## ARE YOU WILLING TO REPORT ANOTHER MAN?

The question of reporting another man for cribbing should be the guidepost by which every man votes at the coming ballot. If a man is not determined to see that his neighbors shall live up to the letter of the Honor System, he has no right to vote for the retention of it even though he may be decided not to crib for himself. Under the Honor System a man is bound not only to be honest himself but also to see that every one of his associates is scrupulously honest, and if a man is not willing to assume this responsibility, he is undermining the Honor System by voting to keep it. Under the proctor system the principle involved is "everyone for himself", but under the Honor System it is "everyone for everyone else". You are directly responsible for seeing that no one cheats in any examination at which you are present and your willingness to shoulder this burden should decide your vote.

There is no question at all as to the theoretical value and superiority of the Honor System over the proctor system. It teaches the principles of self-government and puts a man on his own responsibility, while the proctor system puts the student under the watchful eye of the proctor and the constant suspicion of attempting to crib.

The great majority of the students of this college are naturally honest and no doubt prefer to take examinations under the Honor System. But in voting at the coming election, the problem of reporting must not be overlooked. This can not be said too strongly; the man who will only be honest himself, and will not see that everyone else in the class room is honest also, is knocking the system when he votes to retain it. A vote to retain the honor code is a pledge to uphold it to the fullest extent of one's ability. It is self-government to the Nth degree, and is a responsibility that all must shoulder if it is to be a success.

## SALUTE THE PRESIDENT

One of the finest customs of Penn State, the saluting of the President, has been sadly neglected of late. This failure to obey the college custom has no doubt been caused largely by the fact that we have been without a president for some time, but now that the position has been filled there is no excuse for not carrying out this fine old custom and tradition. The President of this institution deserves the utmost respect from everyone of its sons and daughters, and the salute is one of the best means of showing this respect.

## HELP BUILD THAT MEMORIAL

Next week every student will be asked to contribute a small sum toward the erection of a bronze memorial in honor of the graduates of this college who gave their lives in the recent World War. The tablet will be a work of art and a credit to the college and deserves a contribution from everyone. The Rehab Club, all men who have seen service, have given half of the proceeds of their recent entertainment which amounts to almost one half of the sum necessary to start work on the tablet. Such a work of art will be a welcome addition to the campus and will mark in a fitting manner the men who attended this institution before giving their lives in the conflict. The least that one can do is give the small amount asked by the student committee.

## News From Other Colleges

**SYRACUSE**—Syracuse students gathered to honor their athletes in the annual Block "S" dinner, at which over twelve hundred men attended. Block letters were awarded to eighty-five men. Numerous speakers addressed the students on such subjects as "football," "rowing," "baseball," etc.

**CORNELL**—The constitution of the Cornell Honor System will go into effect on Monday, May 2, according to the decision of the Student Council.

**HAVERTFORD**—Plans for the second Haverford Parliament, which will convene on the sixteenth, are practically completed. Alumni, to the number of four hundred, are expected to be present, and an elaborate program of entertainment has been mapped out.

**LAFAYETTE**—The class of 1922 organized the Freshman Classmate smoker, an annual affair at the College. One of the features of the smoker was the granting of permission to the Freshmen to walk on the grass and smoke pipes on the campus.

**HARVARD**—Harvard has accepted an invitation to play football with the University of California in the East next fall. The California College is also trying to get a game with Boston College.

**UTAH UNIVERSITY**—A society at Utah University has formed a crusade against the use of tobacco. The club was organized by a law student under the name of the Student Anti-Tobacco League.

**UNIV. OF CALIFORNIA**—The University of California has made arrangements to send its baseball team to Japan this summer.

**SYRACUSE**—A Tag Sale conducted by the Corps and Tug, the honorary junior society, to raise the necessary funds to provide sweaters for the crew and baseball teams was just brought to a successful close. About 100 women assisted by selling the tags on the campus.

**SYRACUSE**—Twenty-seven students, former members of the Advertising and Salesmanship Club and Founders of Sigma Mu Beta, professional advertising and salesmanship fraternity, were enrolled as charter members of Syracuse, original chapter at their first meeting here. The fraternity is the only one of its kind in the country.

**DELAWARE**—The state legislature of Delaware passed a bill authorizing Delaware College to change its name to the University of Delaware.

**LEHIGH**—A special class in boxing, Jiu Jitsu and wrestling as well as methods of defense against clubs and knives will be taught in conjunction with the present gym classes.

**CORNELL**—A polo dance will be held during the latter part of April to raise funds to outfit the polo squad with the proper equipment. To date the members of the squad have been compelled to meet their own expenses.

**HAVERTFORD**—A joint concert of the Wellesley and Haverford Musical Clubs was given in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia recently. The concert was a great success.

**W. AND J.**—The Freshmen recently executed a coup d'etat when they staged a large banquet in an inn near the college. The program consisted of music, cheering and speecing. The banquet was brought to a close by three "sophes" who furnished excellent amusement for all the frosh present.

**UNIVERSITY OF UTAH**—Jack Dempsey attended the Junior Prom. of the Utah University.

**GEORGIA TECH**—Eleven hundred men have been enlisted in the R. O. T. C. at Georgia Tech. The corps is composed of five units—infantry, artillery, signal corps, aviation and motor transport. Their equipment includes a plane, three different motors and many accessories, an 8-inch howitzer, a 155 mm. gun, tractor, trucks, etc.

## HONOR COMMITTEE HAS TRIED EIGHTY-ONE CASES

Defendants Total Two Hundred Fourteen for Past Six Years as Reported by Secretary

To Editor of The Collegian:—  
It has come to the attention of the Honor Committee that it would be advisable to acquaint the student body with a few general statistics concerning the work of the Honor Committee since this system was inaugurated at the college about six years ago. Both the opinion and the Committee are of the feeling that these facts should be given to the student body before a vote is taken and the fate of the present system decided upon. It is with this view in mind that I have been asked to submit the following general facts from the records of the many meetings that have been held by the Committee since the summer of 1915. The first case was heard in June of the year of 1915 and since that time the Committee has passed judgment upon eighty-one cases of students who have been charged with which two hundred and fourteen students were connected. Of this number, eighty were found to be guilty and sentenced accordingly while the remaining hundred and thirty four were found to be innocent of the charges against them and immediately acquitted. The foregoing statement is almost positive proof of the honesty of the student or group of students to "frame up" any case against any other student or students. Of the total number of cases reported to the Honor Committee, forty-three of these have been submitted by instructors who had been led to suspect the defendants from circumstantial, direct, and indirect evidence. The other thirty-eight cases were reported by the students themselves and were prosecuted in the same manner as the other cases. These statistics indicate conclusively that some of the students are supporting the Honor System and that certain rumors heard on the campus to the effect that only instructors are reporting and have reported cases are entirely unfounded and should be treated as such.

By a careful analysis, it can be seen that cribbing has been on the increase since the opening of school in the fall of 1919 and has been abnormal ever since. The other thirty-six cases were reported during the first year can probably be attributed to the newness of the system and the lack of faith in the report. During the following three years the number of cases decreased remarkably and this fact leads us to believe that cribbing was not carried on to any extent. Then came the fall of 1919 when an increase of eight cases over the number reported during the previous school year was effected. The war is blamed for this. The number of cases in 1920 reported this year was one short of the number reported last year over the entire school term but it can safely be predicted that at the end of this semester the number will have increased to an unprecedented amount.

The Honor Committee is meeting every week to consider the large number of cases that are being reported. It feels that a change is needed to combat the apparent increase in cribbing. The general situation is more serious than might be of interest to the students to know that twenty three men have been sentenced since the beginning of this semester. Below is a summary of the general situation as reported by the Secretary of the Honor Committee.

Cases	Men
Number reported by instructors	81
Found guilty	214
Found not guilty	89
Number reported	154

  

Years	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Number reported by instructors	12	2	1	2	12	16
by students	7	3	3	3	12	7

(Signed)  
Secretary Honor Committee

**DOCTOR ARMBY TO ASSIST NATIONAL RESEARCH BODY**  
Dr. H. P. Armby, of the Agricultural Experiment Station, has been asked to assist in the preliminary organization of some scientific investigations which are being planned by the National Research Council for the promotion of better and more economic national nutrition. For this purpose he expects to spend part of his time in Washington during the next two or three months.

## STUDENT URGES HONOR SYSTEM BE RETAINED

Suggests Alterations of Present Method of Examination Rather Than Abolishment

Dear Sir:—  
The writer has been much gratified to note the stand that the Collegian has taken relative to the Honor System at Penn State. During the entire college year the Collegian has been constantly agitating a right solution for its at least one student who appreciates its efforts. The writer had the great privilege of assisting in the establishment of the Honor System here at Penn State. He well remembers the great mass meeting held in the Auditorium, and how some of the students seemed to be very much amused when one of our prominent men on the campus in a speech advocating the adoption of the Honor System said with a voice full of emotion "Men, I'd die for Old State." It was a meeting that the writer remembers as full of conflicting emotions on his part and one that he will never forget.

The Honor System was opposed by a very strong and active minority, and in order to obtain their assent the entire scheme was placed on a trial basis. That is, if it did not work as expected, changes were to be made to suit the conditions and if it did not work eventually it was to be abolished. If it has failed it should, without a doubt, be abolished. However, before it is abolished the writer would like to bring before the student body a few causes for its failure at Penn State the past few years. These causes or reasons for failure have been deduced only after numerous conversations on the subject with members of the faculty and fellow students. They are listed as follows:

1. Failure to educate or to stress the real value of the Honor System to the new students and what it means to themselves and to Penn State.

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two ways, namely by adding the words "neither have I seen any cribbing going on in this examination" to the present rule, or by making it a rule in the Honor System. Such a rule would tend to eliminate the loose talk one hears about the campus by students who do not know the principles of pedagogy. The honor element is a vital point in all teaching and a lot of instructors do not know this or if they do, fail in their application of it. It is common knowledge and has been the subject of several letters to the faculty, that students are kept below grade to make them work harder. Students are reported below grade when they are really in good standing. Some mark up a paper or blue book with a secret system of hieroglyphics "that nobody understands but the instructor. Some instructors are not able to distinguish between the student who is trying to cultivate a "drag" and the student who is really after some assistance in the subject. Some give these sections two quizzes at a time, one for every other student. Aside from the practice of some of our faculty of handing out below grades with a heavy hand, remaining in the room during a quiz regardless of the rules of the Honor System, everything is alright. The student feels that his instructor thinks he is absolutely honest. The instructor does not seem to care what the honest student thinks about him, he has instinctively the confidence of the student by such methods. Realizing that his instructor does not trust him, neither does the student trust the instructor. There arises at once a mutual understanding that the other fellow is legitimate game, and of course this feeling is going to be stronger on the part of the student. The result is in most cases cribbing on the part of the student, not to cheat himself, but to get something over on the instructor, making the excuse to himself "well the instructor thinks I'm crook and I might as well be one."

The writer holds malice towards none. What has been said here has been said "for the Glory of Old State." The abolishment of the Honor System does not mean the abolishment of cribbing at Penn State. There might possibly be more cribbing than ever before. In order to remedy the present conditions, State will have a "black eye" whether it is abolished or not. Keep in mind that the Honor System has passed through the S. A. T. C. regime and all the other unusual conditions brought about by the war. The Honor System did work before the war. Before we condemn the Honor System to the scrap heap let us sit down and calmly think over what has been done and most of all what has not been done. Don't fall to overlook your own part in bringing about its failure. Heated argument avails nothing. Whatever your final decision may be, may it be for the Honor and Glory of State.

4. Failure of the Honor Committee to function as promptly as it should.

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## PLAYERS ADOPT NEW PLAN OF ORGANIZATION

Rapidly Expanding Dramatic Club To Open Managerial Positions To Non-members

At a recent meeting of The Penn State Players, a new plan for staging the plays of the organization was devised. This was found necessary because of the rapid expansion of the work. During the next four weeks, the Players will perform in York, Lock Haven, and Bloomsburg while other out of town engagements are still pending. To take care of the extra work, it is the plan to open offices to students outside the club. The plan as outlined is as follows: The office of stage manager and property managers shall be filled by competition. All regularly-enrolled Freshmen are invited to volunteer their services and these Freshmen will be called upon to assist in the collection of properties, in the preparation of scenery, and in the work on the stage. From these shall be elected at the annual May meeting, three to act as first assistant managers during their Sophomore year. At the beginning of the Junior year of these first assistants two will be chosen by election to the office of Property Manager and that of Stage Manager.

The office of Costume Director shall be filled in the same way. Any of the college women may offer their services in the designing and preparation of costumes and from these, two will be selected as first assistant directors, one of whom will later be elected Costume Director. All managers will be made active members of The Penn State Players with all the privileges and that organization. All students wishing to try out for these positions should report in Room 350 Old Main, on Monday evening, April, twenty-fifth, at eight o'clock.

In view of the fact that the year is so nearly over and that the work will be comparatively light, it is expected that a large number will take advantage of this unusual opportunity and affiliate themselves with this growing organization.

**SOPHOMORE GIRLS ELECT NEW CLASS OFFICERS**  
At a recent meeting of the girls of the class of 1923, the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Alice Fell; Vice-President, Agnes Taylor; Secretary-Treasurer, Alice Siegrist.

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