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WHY IS A BELOW GRADE

The shower of below grades that is being issued from the college administrative offices and which is raining promiscuously on the members of all undergraduate classes calls for a sane consideration of the subject by both faculty members and students. Is the student indifferent and undeserving or is the instructor to blame for the apparent standing? It is true that fewer yellow slips have been given out this semester, than the corresponding semester of last year, but there are far too many being distributed. What is the matter?

It is hardly conceivable that the present undergraduate body has a lower intellectual capacity than that of former years. Surely the average student of today is able to grasp the fundamentals of education just as readily as did his predecessor of a few years ago. Then there is forthcoming that ancient excuse that the scholastic standards are being raised. To answer this, it might truthfully be said that the student has been working harder these past few terms than ever before. Then also the football season comes in for a share of the blame and is seldom defended. It is admitted that, during the course of the first semester, many are absent from Friday and Saturday morning classes. If this is the determining factor, as no doubt it is, in the case of many, then the individual student is to be blamed and can be accused of losing sight of the primary purpose of attending college. On the other hand, there are some who can afford to see the games far away from the home field during the season and these are to be congratulated for the loyalty they show.

However, there is another side of the question. Many complaints have been made to the effect that a few of the instructors are misusing the below grade. If Webster could be consulted, he would probably say that "a below grade is a written notification to a student that his work in a particular subject is below the passing standard." Below grades were not originally intended to be used as weapons or as "a scare" to secure better work and yet there appears to be some who are addicted to this practice. If a student is doing work that is above passing, and which is not entirely satisfactory, he might be notified verbally or by written note.

The student is justified in resenting such a use of the below grade. An instance might arise where a below grade issued for such a purpose might be the determining factor in causing a student to leave school, which is an injustice of a striking nature. If an instructor would but realize the seriousness of giving a below grade, he would be extremely sure of his right to do so before issuing it. This practice also seems to be directed against the freshmen and is to be criticized the more severely. If a freshman receives below grades which he really does not deserve and if these are sent home and to his preparatory school, he loses some of the regard which others might have felt for him; his parents are given the impression that he is spurning their sacrifice when, in reality he is working hard. This is by no means unusual, let it be said. During this time of the year, many of the fraternities are thinking of initiation and yet they do not care to initiate those pledges who are below grade. Here, again, injustice can easily creep in.

The instructor is trusted with certain duties and responsibilities which he may be expected to exercise carefully and zealously. He has no excuse for a flagrant disregard for the purpose of a below grade. If he must have better work from a student under his instruction, let him secure it some other way, but not use the yellow slip to frighten or threaten.

Thus, it is seen that the fault cannot be attributed to one single and outstanding cause. It is a problem to be solved individually. Let those who err, consider this matter and attempt to better conditions.

WE NEED YOU, BEZ!

Without doubt there are only a very few members of the student body who did not scan the newspapers anxiously last Saturday morning to see if Coach Bezdek had signed up with the Philadelphia National League Baseball Club as manager. There were a vast majority who heaved a sigh of relief when they learned that he was still with us. This was a temporary victory for the Penn State student.

The enemy has not yet been routed from his position of danger for the offer has not yet been definitely refused. It seems as though the final answer will come at the close of the football season.

It is up to the student body to prove that they want their friend and the benefactor of the college to stay as coach of the Nittany teams. Coach Bezdek came to Penn State with a certain understanding of the ideals of the college and students. In the few years he has been here, he has been shown that the stories which he heard in regard to these ideals were not myths. He has learned to love and to be loved by the undergraduate. He has become the center of student popularity and a companion of all. It would indeed be misfortune to have this desirable condition wrecked by the offer of a professional baseball club.

Coach Bezdek is essentially Penn State in himself. He fights hardest when odds are greatest. He is an exponent of clean and fair sportsmanship. He is democratic and popular. He is a leader in all progressive movements and a general of note. He has a true conception of the position athletics should hold in the college or university curriculum. He has achieved national recognition for his ability. He is a producer in every sense of the word.

Bez! Penn State needs you and wants you to stay. That is the cry of 3300 Penn State students.

THE COMING SCRAP

Under the direction of Student Council, a new scrap is to be staged on Old Beaver Field tomorrow. It is a scrap that commends itself to the student body for many reasons and it deserves the united support of all classes.

The sand scrap is fully described in this issue and embodies these features. It provides a clean contest between large numbers of the contending classes. It is different than any scrap that is held during the college year. It is original and belongs to Penn State. It provides a scrap to take the place of the pushball scrap. The underclassmen are exposed to a minimum amount of danger.

With these attributes, a large representation of all classes should attend the contest. The freshmen and sophomores are expected to attend and it is the duty of the other classmen in the fraternities, clubs and boarding houses to see that they do not shirk their duty.

COLLEGE ENTERED IN INTERNATIONAL

Penn State Well Represented at Annual National Livestock Show in Chicago

The twenty-third anniversary of the International Livestock Show at Chicago, December second to ninth, will find that Penn State and Pennsylvania are taking a greater share and interest in this far-famed exposition than in previous years. The college today sent out the last of the show animals that it will exhibit and enter in the many classes. The entire herd includes the thirteen head of cattle, showing at the Canadian Royal Show at Toronto this week, forty-two of sheep and thirty-one hogs. Other leading breeders in the state have entered stock that will bring Pennsylvania's total to one hundred and seventy-one head.

In the judging contests which are held at the International, the college has entered its student team, which in the Toronto contest last Tuesday placed third, with teams from Guelph and McDonald (Canadian) Universities taking first and second respectively. The Keystone State will be further represented in the Chicago contests by the Dauphin County boys' team that won the livestock championship at State College during Young Farmer's Week last June. These Dauphin County boys, under the direction of A. L. Baker, state club leader and a member of the agricultural extension faculty, will take part in the first National Boys' and Girls' Club Exposition at Chicago.

Many of the members of Penn State's faculty attend the show each year, and this year a signal honor has come to Pennsylvania in the choice of Prof. W. H. Tomhave, head of the Animal Husbandry Department, as one of the committee of judges who will award the ribbons in the Hereford classes. Dr. E. B. Forbes, director of the Institute of Animal Nutrition, and chairman of the Animal Nutrition Committee of the National Research Council, will render a report of the committee's work to that body, while Prof. J. A. Fries, another member of the Animal Nutrition staff here, will address the members of the American Society of Animal Production. Others in the faculty group who will be found around the showing and in the various meetings during the International are: F. L. Bentley, coach of the senior judging team, M. F. Grimes, P. C. MacKeis, H. H. Rayner, E. M. Christen, J. M. Vial, and R. E. Irving.

The benefits that Pennsylvania derives from the International are innumerable but are not given to exact explanation. The influence that the International exerts in the improvement of livestock radiates from the increasing number of Pennsylvanians who attend this educational exhibit. The State College Livestock and Nutrition specialists, the members of the judging teams, breeders who compete and breeders who merely attend for their own education, county agents and all others who look to the International for the best course in livestock education, come back to the Keystone State with a full determination to spread the valuable information they have secured and help Pennsylvania to first rank in livestock circles.

Nearly a quarter of a century has passed since the idea of a comprehensive International Live Stock Exposition to be held in the United States Yards at Chicago, was conceived by a small group of pioneers in the movement. Since the first show in 1900, the first week in December has been reserved for this event which is now International in influence as well as in name. Many new features have been added from year to year, perhaps the most notable of these being the Hay and Grain Show, sponsored by the Chicago Board of Trade.

Campus Gossip

Those Dumb Ags

Will no one rise up in defense of the dumb ags?
We have been heaping sarcasm and insults upon that section of the campus ever since we started writing this column.

It is an admitted fact that when we couldn't think of anything else to fill a paragraph we have made the agricultural student our victim.

And there has been no response.

We formerly awaited covering in our office expecting an army from the hill to come down and destroy the whole COLLEGIAN plant.

But the army didn't come and now we are starting to wonder.

We have not had a single pugilistic encounter or even a battle of words concerning our uncomplimentary remarks about the dumb ags.

Is there no leader on Ag Hill to defend the cause?

We wouldn't even object if this leader should be a Joan of Arc. A feminine touch would add greatly to the column.

We shall soon be led to believe that the Ags are not only dumb but also have no school pride if they do not answer.

All that is necessary is to write a letter to us in care of the COLLEGIAN and we promise courteous attention.

And if some of you Ags don't write we may even be led to believe that you don't appreciate good literature enough to read this column.

Become a Literary Light
We hereby extend the use of this column, not only to Agricultural students but to any one who cares to write.

The satisfaction of seeing your own words in print should alone be an incentive to compete for the honor.

If you see anything wrong with Penn State let us know about it so that we can help correct it.

Should you see anything humorous about the campus, let us know about it so that we can also laugh. Don't keep a good thing to yourselves.

But most of all we should like to hear from the fair co.eds.

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NEW FEATURES ADDED TO FARMERS' WEEK PROGRAM

A new feature of the Farmers' week program this year is the section on conservation which will be in charge of the college specialists assisted by state specialists. It is recognized that the farmer is the greatest conservationist and in order that he may understand the need of the conservation of wild life in order to maintain the balance of nature this program has been arranged. The value of these things in crop production cannot be too strongly impressed upon him.

Although most of the destruction of birds, wild flowers, and small game is done by those who come out from the city the power to check lies in the farmers' own hands. The State Commissioner of Fisheries, Forestry and Game will take an active part in the program. This conservation campaign will be launched chiefly against the destruction of song birds, small game, fish, and wild flowers.

Realizing more and more that the great problem in present day agriculture is distribution of products as well as production, the committee on Farmers' Week aims to present each of these phases in its relation to the economic aspects of agriculture to farm life during the entire season.

Where there is one farmer who falls down on production there are a half dozen men who stumble over the marketing and business end of the problem. Therefore in the sections of the arm crops and fruit, special emphasis will be laid on the marketing and grading market classification, without neglecting in any way economic production.

PLANS FOR FATHERS' DAY ARE BEGUN AT ILLINOIS

A poster contest is the first step in the plans for the advertisement of Fathers' Day at the University of Illinois this year. The poster will contain something that conforms to the spirit of the occasion, as well as the facts about the traditional event. Colors are to be used, and any other decoration the contestant sees fit. Every student in the University is eligible to enter the contest.

HOME ECONOMICS SENIORS SERVE DAINTY LUNCHES

A wide variety of food of the kind that "mother used to make" has been served on the first four days of each week in the dining-room of the Woman's Building at twelve-fifteen. Soups, hot dishes, salads, sandwiches, and desserts are always present on the menus which the senior home economics girls have arranged for these lunches, and anyone who has not been partaking them has been missing a real treat.

CRAB APPLE CLUB WILL HOLD IMPORTANT MEETING

At its next regular meeting the Crab Apple Club will be addressed by Mr. Robert H. Garrahan of Kingston, Pennsylvania, who is one of the leading market gardeners in the state. Mr. Garrahan has had a good many Penn State men work for him with the purpose of getting experience and his farm has come to be known in the Hort Department as a graduate department of vegetable gardening. He is well known here and there should be a big turnout at the meeting which will be on December eighth.

Church Notices

Presbyterian
Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Morning Worship 10:45 a. m. Junior Christian

St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal
Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Morning Worship 10:45 a. m. Teen Age and Wednesday evening 7:30 p. m. Prayer Meeting and discussion of personal methods.

Grace Lutheran
Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Morning Worship 10:45 a. m. Junior Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m. Senior Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m. Evening Worship will begin Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Prayer Meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Faith Reformed
Bible School 9:30 a. m. Morning Worship 10:45 a. m. Y. P. S. C. at 6:30 p. m. Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.

St. Andrew's Episcopal
Twenty-fourth Trinity. Holy Communion 7:45 a. m. Morning Prayer and sermon 10:45 a. m. Annual conference 2:00 p. m. Evening Service 7:30 p. m.

University Baptist
Services every Sunday in Odd Fellows Hall. Bible School 9:45 a. m. Public Worship 11:00 a. m.

Our Lady of Victory Chapel
Sunday mass 10:45 a. m. Saturday Confession 7:00 p. m. Week day mass 7:00 p. m.

Menorah Society
Meeting every Sunday Morning at 11:00 o'clock in Room 25 Liberal Arts Building. All are welcome.

Christian Science
Services are held every Sunday evening at 6:30 in Room 100 Horticulture Building. All are welcome.

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An open letter from Jules E. Mastbaum president of The Stanley Company of America, and his opinion of it:

November 2nd, 1922
Mr. William E. Smith,
Famous Players-Lasky Corporation,
Philadelphia, Penna.,
My dear Mr. Smith:-

Replying to your letter dated October 27th, I heartily concur in your opinion as to the entertainment value of this Paramount picture.

You know I have screened several thousand pictures to determine their merit prior to their presentation in any of our theatres. But I can't recall a single one that roused my heart with thrills and tears and gladness like THE OLD HOMESTEAD did.

THE OLD HOMESTEAD was therefore selected to play an indefinite engagement at the Stanton Theatre, beginning Monday, November 6th. I know that every discriminating theatre-goer will see it. It'll make them forget their troubles, if they have any.

I rarely endorse pictures because we do not present photoplays that do not attain our established standards, but this Paramount picture came to my memory so forcibly and so favorably that I have no hesitancy in setting a new precedent by recommending THE OLD HOMESTEAD to everyone who appreciates and enjoys a real picture.

Yours truly,
(Signed) JULES E. MASTBAUM

A special orchestra accompanying this picture. Show lasts two hours—try and see it from the beginning. Adults 50c, Children 25c and Tax