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AN EXPLANATION

The report of the Educational Section of the Citizen's Finance Committee recently appointed by Governor-Elect Pinchot contains several statements which are not consistent with true conditions as they exist. The report appeared in three sections and was disseminated throughout the State by the public press. With the first two sections of this report which deal with the public school system of the Commonwealth, the Penn State Collegian does not concern itself, but the third section merits attention.

The Educational Committee reported that "three state or semi-state institutions are needed to properly educate those entitled to higher learning", and that "three such institutions exist at the present time, but all are under private control. They are private institutions, charging rather high tuition made necessary by their small endowments and relatively small appropriations." It is, indeed difficult to reconcile these statements to the true status of the college.

Penn State is a land grant college, wholly dependent upon federal and state aid which is received by appropriation. No tuition whatever is charged and in no way can it be considered under private control. The Board of Trustees of the college consists of thirty-one members. Three of the four ex-officio members are high state officials; six are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate; and twelve are elected by county delegates to represent the agricultural and industrial interests of Pennsylvania. It claims undisputable right to state aid.

However, there is one part of this report that the Collegian heartily endorses. Adequate appropriations have never been received by Penn State. Although economy in the strictest sense has always marked the administration of the college, yet the State Government has seen fit to decimate the appropriation asked. This has happened year after year with the result that, while universities in other states have progressed, the State College of one of the greatest states in the Union has been neglected to a great extent and placed under a handicap.

There is no other institution of higher learning in the State which depends upon the generosity of the Legislature and of the Governor as does Penn State. Other colleges and universities have their endowments and private gifts but not so with Penn State.

Year after year, a thousand or more applicants have been refused admission because of this neglect until the people of the State have arisen to question such procedure. Even now these same people are endeavoring to raise two million dollars for the welfare of their sons and daughters attending State College. Even the President of the Nation has marked the needs of the college and has expressed the hope that such conditions will soon be rectified. Pennsylvania will watch the next meeting of the Legislature with interest.

President Thomas is to be commended for his immediate action in answering the report. His article to the Associated Press has done much to combat the wrong impressions formed by the report.

TWO HOUR EXAMS

With the semester examinations but two weeks away, it behooves the student body to think seriously of the trying ordeal that faces it. The announcement of the examination schedule was greeted with sighs and moans; the statement that the examination this year would last but two hours in order to provide for more than two in one day aroused little interest at first. But now there is a growing restlessness that cannot be denied.

What will be the effect of this reduction in the length of the examination? If it means that the work of the semester will be condensed to a greater degree and that more importance will be placed on the daily recitation, there can be no complaint. If the faculty reduces the length of the examination proportionally with the reduction of time, there is no cause for being uneasy.

But if the student will be expected to work faster than he has done in the past, if he must write more rapidly and solve the problems with greater dexterity, if he must write a three or four hour exam in two hours and be expected to pass with flying colors, he must be a super-human.

The fundamental principle of the examination involves the reasoning powers of the student. The greatest benefit is derived from the concentration and the analytical power demanded. That examination which requires memory work in order to be treated in the time allotted fails in its purpose and has no place in the college or university of today. The ideal examination is one which concerns the most important and necessary principles of the subject and which allows sufficient time for the student to complete all the reasoning and thinking processes in analyzing and the grasping the details of the question. If he is hurried, he does not give his best work and the examination fails to show the true worth of the student. This should be borne in mind by he who is entrusted with the making of the examinations.

Penn State students are human. They are anxious to place the college in the forefront and they will do their best when the time comes, but they can not do the impossible; they can not write a four hour examination in two hours.

SIGNS AND SIGNBOARDS

In this issue of the paper, the Superintendent of the Department of Grounds and Buildings serves warning on students and campus organizations that all improperly placed advertising will be destroyed. This conforms with the action of Student Council taken last year which provided for the many sign boards appearing on the campus and which prohibited the placing of advertising cards elsewhere.

In the past, this practice has transformed our otherwise pretty campus into a sight, sad to behold, colored with bits of cardboard

and gaily trimmed advertisements could be seen on prominent trees, shrubs and landmarks. The only effect such advertising had was to make the campus resemble a small town on a circus day.

Again this year, the students and student organizations are asked to cooperate with Student Council and the Department of Grounds and Buildings in making the campus attractive. Confine the posting of placards, bills, notices and signs to the bulletin and sign boards on the campus and in the buildings.

Campus Gossip

A Stroll about College
Lots of fellows getting haircuts today. Guess we'll soon have to do likewise before the cold spell sets in.

We wonder what the barbers do when the students leave. This town must be a pretty quiet place during vacations. In fact, it's pretty quiet most any time.

The freshmen look conspicuous with their ears exposed to the four winds on these wintry days.

But we expect to see all such facial accessories disappear beneath green toques when the first real frosty blast comes.

Everybody hurrying to class as the hour approaches. We wonder where they are going and if they will all get there.

We're glad that we don't have the hour on. We always like to delay our education as long as possible.

A few late ones running to class. It seems that some people can never start anywhere on time.

Several hardened sophs loafing on Co-op Corner. In cold weather like this we would just as soon keep moving.

Always glad when we hit the west walk up the campus with the steam pipes underneath to melt the snow.

The ruins of the Old Engineering Building seem sad and desolate today. Why aren't they covered up? It mars the appearance of the front entrance.

Past the Old Willow which seems determined to protect its offspring, the New Willow. Wonder if the young tree will ever grow to the size of the old dying one.

Those people ahead must be visitors in town. No one else but a stranger stops to look at the funny stone monument in front of the Armory.

The numerals on the Armory roof with their patched-up appearance because of the new slate scattered promiscuously look somewhat the worse for wear.

Some ambitious athletes running on the board track. That's not our idea of sport in winter, especially when the exercise is followed by the ice cold baths of Armory fame.

Some Short Horns are self-consciously approaching. They seem to feel their conspicuousness and show it.

We admire the ambition of the short course students and hope that they find their stay at Penn State profitable.

We can't help wondering how many chapel seats, library shelves, and radiators have been sold to those unus-

The Letter Box

Editor Penn State Collegian.

While at Washington and Jefferson College recently, I saw the following suggestions as to "How to Study" posted in one of the departments. I obtained a copy, thinking that it might be a good thing to present to our Penn State students.

1. Conditions favorable to successful study.

1. Study away from interruptions as far as possible.

2. Have a definite study program and follow it faithfully. Give to each subject its just share of your study time.

3. Study your lesson as soon as possible after the assignment is made. Elaborate your lecture notes by means of your textbook assignments.

4. Concentrate your mind so that outside interest will not frequently disturb your study.

5. Use of dictionary and reference books promotes good work. Carefully write up lecture notes the day they are given. This is an easy way of studying.

II. Attacking the lesson.

1. Make sure that you clearly understand the subject of the lesson, or of the particular problem to be solved.

2. Find the important facts in the new lesson and connect them with the facts previously learned.

3. Group the minor points of the lesson about the leading topics, thus making an outline of the work in hand.

4. Do not try to commit exact words until you understand the content of the sentence or paragraph. Mechanical memorizing is never advisable.

5. Make comparisons and contrasts when possible.

6. Review frequently. This greatly aids in the assimilation of knowledge. Reflection is eminently worth while.

7. Make up your mind that you can learn. A strong will accomplishes wonders. Difficulties fade away for the person with an unflinching determination.

Very truly yours,
J. A. Fagan

LOST—A tan suitcase December 16th on way to Tyrone or on Campus. Finder will please return to Woman's Building.

SPECIAL THIS WEEK

HOME MADE
Chocolate Peanuts

39^c lb

Most Delicious Ice Cream
in town.

CANDYLAND

Choice of a Career

From the Yale News

THE NINETY-FOUR
Someone, probably an insurance agent, was quoted recently as saying that from the mass of one hundred college graduates one individual only rose to the Polo and butler class, perilously near the top of the financial ladder. Five others became comfortably off and found themselves after twenty years at the small yacht and chauffeur stage. The other ninety-four presumably congregate in the great section of the American people who drive their own Buicks to the golf club. In other words, dreaming about being a rich man is one thing, and making the grade is "something else again."
Yet the ninety-four presumably work just as hard as the sumptuous six. Their business is the axis on which a small and uninteresting world revolves. They have become devotees of the dollar and when that fickle deity deserts, have nowhere else to turn. Jammed in a dull, straight rut of business they can never leave the road and jump the fence into finer fields of life. This, then, is the portion of ninety-four men out of every hundred now on the campus.
The answer to the problem lies in the proper choice of a career.

Between now and Commencement we shall have something to offer on the subject of "Careers." Watch for the space with the Famous Signature.



goes into effect this season. This is designed to give an added encouragement to the various teams and to place competition on a more level basis. There will be an assessment of one dollar for each fraternity entering a team.

The teams which will play tomorrow night are as follows:
Omega Epsilon vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Phi Kappa Alpha vs. Delta Pi
Sigma Phi Sigma vs. Kappa Delta Itho.
Theta Xi vs. Alpha Tau Omega

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MOVIES ARE TAKEN OF
PURDUE STUDENT LIFE
"A Journey About Purdue," a three reel moving picture was taken of student life at Purdue University. The picture is in story form and depicts every phase of student life and activity. The film is part of the informational and news service of Purdue and will be shown at meetings both of high school students and alumni.

Special Prices—
Adults 50c, Children 25c and Tax

TEACHERS WANTED FOR SCHOOLS

Contracts waiting for January and February. National Teachers Agency, Phila., Pa.

FRATERNITY CACEMEN OPEN SEASON TOMORROW

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WEDNESDAY HOPE HAMPTON

In "The Light in the Dark" SUNSHINE COMEDY "Step Lively Please"

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Matinee Thursday at Two THOMAS MEIGHAN In "Back Home and Broke" MERMAID COMEDY "High Power"

Adults 50c, Children 15c and Tax

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

Matinee Thursday at Two THOMAS MEIGHAN In "The Hottentot" A rapid-fire thrilling comedy drama.

Adults 50c, Children 15c and Tax

COMING:—
The amazing spectacle "Nero"

CLYDE COOK
In "Lazy Bones"
Adults 50c, Children 15c and Tax

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The amazing spectacle "Nero"



Courtesy of I. C. S.

What chance have you got against him?

It was a cynic who said: "Some men go to college. Other men study."

A slander! But yet there probably are college men whose bills for midnight oil are not large.

And there are men who left school in the lower grades who, along with a hard day's work, put in long hours of study—spurred on by a dream and a longing.

Look out for them.

The achievements of non-college men in business suggest an important fact. Success seems to depend, not so much on the place where a man studies, as on the earnestness of the student.

But, granting equal earnestness and ability, it is still true that the college man has the advantage.

Regular hours for study and lecture, the use of library and laboratory, the guidance of professors, contact with men of the same age and aspirations—all these will count in his favor, if he makes the most of them.

A big "if." The new year is a good time to start making it a reality.