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News Editor this issue \_\_\_\_\_ W. L PRATT STUDENT LEADERS

There is need for more general leadership in student governme Intere is need for more general reducts in p in student government rund affairs about the campus and a greater degree of co-operation between undergraduates and the administration for stimulating stu-dent activity and opinion along more positive lines. The need is generally recognized and deplored, but no definite steps are taken for correcting it.

for correcting it. At the present time, practically the whole burden of campus government and activity management is being carried by a few indi-viduals who work unceasingly and trelessly at the expense of their health and their studies in the protection of undergraduate interests and the regulation of student affairs. Every new movement, whether it be for the welfare of the undergraduates or the college, is started

It be for the weithre of the undergraduates of the conege, is started and usually carried through to completion by the efforts and activity of a few over-worked individuals. This is not as it should be. Nor is it a case of presumption on the part of these individuals in taking added responsibilities with no other thought than that of the vacant honor that may be reflected upon them. For the ideas

of greatest moment in connection with the government of undergrad of greatest moment in connection with the government of undergrad-uate affairs and the betterment of the college are conceived and work-ed out in secret. It is simply a case of loading down a man, who has proved himself capable by making good in one particular line, to the point where both the college and himself suffer as a result. The col-lege suffers because, with so many varied interests, the most capable individual can not hope to attain more than a minimum of success in any one of them. The man himself suffers because, with the dur-tes incident to his various positions which he can not shirk, he is forc-ed to neglect his studies and his health, sometimes with serious re-sults. sults.

And the deplorable part of the whole thing is the fact that the And the depotence part of the whole thing is the fact that the administration and the undergraduates regard the situation as a mat-ter of course without taking any definite steps for correction A system, whereby some regulation would be imposed governing the annount of extra-curriculum work that might be carried by an under-fraduate, would do much to eliminate this unnatural and unhealthy state of affairs And it, would, at the same time, produce a large and more reresentative group of potential leaders among the under graduates. The problem can be solved by a workable point system

#### THE QUESTION OF EXAMS

While the examinations of the first semester are still fresh in the minds of the students and faculty members, it might not be amiss to bring up for discussion a question that offers much food for ser-ious thought in connection with the advisability and practicability of holding final tests. Each year, about this time, the modern examina-

holding final tests. Each year, about this time, the modern examina-tion is subjected to a varying amount of criticism by many thinking undergraduates and instructors. And each year a same inventory of the arguments advanced pro and con the exam reveals the fact that it is being regarded with rapidly increasing disfavor. A decidedly forward step was taken by the administration last year in shortening the period of examinations from four to two hours The consequent shortening of final tests, made necessary thereby, has done much to eliminate many of the unnecessary evils that were previously associated with after-semester examinations. This is true despite the fact that there are some instructors who insist upon giv-ing the old four hour quiz even though the period has been shortened to half that time. But cases of this nature are the exception rather to half that time. But cases of this nature are the exception rather than the rule

Since the institution of the abbreviated system of examinations and, indeed, prior to that time, many prominent members of the fac-ulty have expressed themselves as being in favor of abolishing the finals entirely. These men base their arguments upon the conviction inatis entirely. These men base their arguments upon the conviction that grades determined altogether by daily recitations and monthly quizzes would tend to insure a much fairer working basis for the undergraduates Under the present system of marking and grad-ing, there are far too many instructors who depend upon the work of an examination to show the true worth of a student. Passing or

of an examination to show the true worth of a student. Passing or flunking a final is the system employed too often in determining; whether or not a man posses or flunks the work of a whole semestery , If the final examination were, in every case, a truly representa-tive one, and if assurance could be given that the undergraduates would begin the test under norman physical and mental conditions, then, indeed, there might be some justification for basing the sem-ester's grade upon the showing made in the examination. But, con-

then, indeed, there might be some justification for basing the sem-ester's grade upon the showing made in the examination. But, con-ditions of this nature are ideal, and ideal conditions are seldom, if ever, met with in actual practice. The work of two hours is greatly over-emphasized in the majority of cases and oft-times leads a stu-dent to resort to questionable tactics in order to pass a course. Final examinations entail an immense amount of work on all parties concerned.

parties concerned. The student crams for a short time and expects to pass a course if he can but acquire enough temporary knowledge to pass the quiz. The instructor is expected to look over a large num-her of examination papers carefully, and to give a fair grade in a very,

limited time And if, in this rush, he should give an unfair grade, PEKING UNIVERSITY HAS he is doing an injustice to the undergraduate that might have :

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consequences. But it is hardly within reason to expect that there should not be some arguments in favor of the final examination. One school of the college stands out as being very much in favor of exams be-cause the type of work is claimed to make necessary a final test in order that the student may obtain a clear idea of the entire sub-ject in its relation to the course. And this is true, perhaps, in some instances.

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The question of final examinations merits the thoughtful consideration of both undergraduates and faculty members The elimina-nation of such tests would not mean a consequent lowering of the standards of the college as is oft-times contended by the followers of the old school. And it is certain that some changes will have to be brought about before mean uncer classes. brought about before many years elapse.

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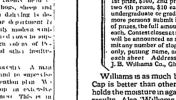
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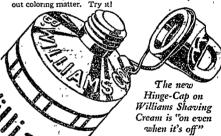
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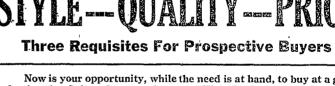


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