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STUDENT LEADERS

There is need for more general leadership in student government and affairs about the campus and a greater degree of co-operation between undergraduates and the administration for stimulating student activity and opinion along more positive lines.

At the present time, practically the whole burden of campus government and activity management is being carried by a few individuals who work unceasingly and tirelessly at the expense of their health and their studies in the protection of undergraduate interests and the regulation of student affairs.

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 undergraduate affairs and the betterment of the college are conceived and worked out in secret.

And the deplorable part of the whole thing is the fact that the administration and the undergraduates regard the situation as a matter of course without taking any definite steps for correction.

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 serious thought in connection with the advisability and practicability of holding final tests.

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.

Since the institution of the abbreviated system of examinations, and, indeed, prior to that time, many prominent members of the faculty have expressed themselves as being in favor of abolishing the finals entirely.

Final examinations entail an immense amount of work on all 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.

limited time. And if, in this rush, he should give an unfair grade, he is doing an injustice to the undergraduate that might have serious 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 because 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 subject in its relation to the course.

The question of final examinations merits the thoughtful consideration of both undergraduates and faculty members. The elimination 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.

Along Sport Lines

Grove City's Team: Down in the wilds of Mercer county, Pennsylvania, there is situated a small village of not more than three hundred students and this institution boasts of one of the greatest basketball teams in intercollegiate circles.

On the team's roster this year is one Joe Hutman, a New Castle, Pennsylvania, boy, who is playing his second year on the varsity. Two years ago, he was the star of the Penn State freshman basketball team and was captain of the yearling grid team.

Hutman is a great basketball player and any college in the country would be glad to have him but it appears that in Grove City, he has found in his institution his liking besides possessing exceptional ability.

Four years ago, New Castle High School and Beaver Falls High School were battling it out for the basketball leadership in Section Four of the Western Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Athletic League. The deciding game was played at New Castle and it was a rough and tumble fight throughout.

During a recent hockey game between Princeton and the team representing the Canadian Royal Bank, Harold D. Reese, a Tiger player, was killed when he received a vicious blow on the head.

Thoughts of Others: AWAY WITH ALIBIS (Oregon Daily Emerald): Is this an alibi campus? An ex-serviceman called our attention to the fact that in army service a man was expected to do his work without question, and no excuses were accepted for failure.

Head of campus organizations, of student activities and members of the faculty would probably be the first to vouch for the statement that the average student spends considerable time scheming out reasons why his or her work is incomplete.

Executive must mix understanding with their work, but a real service can be done those working under their direction by instilling ideas of getting results rather than framing excuses.

JEWELRY: GET IT AT Crabtree's

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Development of a scientific agriculture, correlated with a general plan for famine prevention under Oriental conditions and in a land where farming methods have not been changed in forty centuries, is the task being accomplished by the Agricultural Department of Peking University.

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PROF. ORTON TO AID IN PREPARATION OF REPORT

In order to assist in preparing the annual report of the plant disease survey of the United States, C. R. Orton, Penn State instructor in pathology, left for Washington, D. C. last Tuesday, January 23.

Such next specialists are brought in from different parts of the country to help in making out this report, which this year is to deal especially with the disease of fruits and a Penn State representative has been among those selected for the 1924 report.

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THE DUFFALO THEATRE CO.

TUESDAY: CONRAD NAGEL, MAE BUSCH, PATSY BETH MILLER, HOBART BOSWORTH, ALLAN PRINGLE, CRICHTON HALE

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY: ALL STAR CAST in "Judgment of the Storm" Stan Laurel Comedy

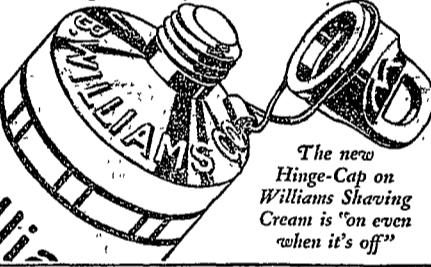
THURSDAY & FRIDAY: EVELYN BRANT and MOATE BLAU in "Loving Lies" Split Family Comedy

VIOLA BAVA & MILTON SILLS in "The Heart Bunnies" NEWS WEEKLY

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