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THE WORRY EVIL

There are just two periods during the academic year when the average student worries over his books—the weeks immediately preceding final examinations in February and June.

The very word worry suggests fear and helplessness, two things which are hardly compatible with the clear mental efficiency so essential in the preparation for finals.

It is indeed unfortunate that those who most need complete control of their faculties are the first to succumb to the worry evil. Worry is a weakness, an unconscious excuse for stalling that has an especial appeal to the naturally weak student.

Even for the ordinarily brilliant student, worry often proves a dangerous malady, everyone is familiar with the man who does consistently good work in class but who "loses his head" in his blue-book quizzes and fails miserably.

If they are to make a creditable showing in the finals next week, those students who are prone to the worrying habit would do well to employ every effort of will to curb it, for to indulge is disastrous.

HUMAN PROFESSORS

Down in Princeton, New Jersey, there is a professor of English who, to use the slang of the modern undergraduate, is a "bear at putting across" lectures. Sons of the Tiger inform us that at the close of each of his lectures, he is greeted with a thunderous round of applause, a custom that has grown with the institution, not simply for the sake of making it a custom but because his messages invariably merit the appreciative manner in which they are received.

This applause may rightfully be interpreted as a genuine expression of gratitude from several hundred undergraduates who are more than willing to honor a professor who has made a sincere effort to be human as well as instructive. Although such a phenomenon is unheard of at Penn State, it is generally known that there are a few instructors here who give the impression that they are favoring one with their presence, and send students away at the end of the term with a dislike for the subjects which they teach.

Several reasons for this visible attitude on the part of certain instructors are to be found in the answers to a questionnaire which was distributed among the seniors of Harvard university. One man wrote: "As I understand it, the promotion of professors and their increases in salary depend not on their ability to teach men or to inspire them to work, but upon their ability to turn out at stated intervals a book upon some subject pertaining to their field of research. Because of this system there is a double temptation for professors to neglect their students, because it is more interesting to write books and it is also their best means of winning a larger salary."

"The result is that the student, as a human being, is almost entirely neglected. I believe that a professor should be first a teacher and then a writer." Another said, "I found great scholars trying to be teachers and failing, while outside, in tutoring schools, great teachers, who did not have time to be scholars, were succeeding. There were notable exceptions, but this was the rule."

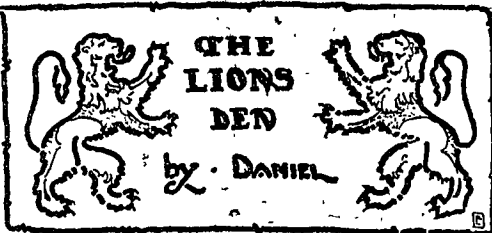
Says the Harvard Crimson on this subject: "Most professors, even in the most elementary courses, presuppose on the part of their students, an interest which does not exist. For that reason, they feel that they are fulfilling their duties if they relate facts, in no matter how cold and dreary a manner." Any course in College may be made interesting, and failure of the professor to accomplish this implies the opposite to success.

Relating facts in a clear and concise manner has never given any professor a place of esteem and respect in the hearts of his students. The instructor must also be a master in the art of being human—even if it hurts.

WELCOME NEWS

The decision of the College committee on Commencement to stage the 1925 graduation exercises out-doors will undoubtedly meet with the whole-hearted approval of the entire student body. In the past, only a small number of those visitors and undergraduates who wished to attend the exercises could be accommodated, and a limited attendance was necessary.

In many of the leading colleges and universities of the country, Commencement exercises have been staged out-doors for years, and in addition to securing a larger attendance, the ceremonies have been more impressive. It is estimated that twenty-one hundred persons may be accommodated comfortably under the new system, in comparison with the fourteen-hundred seating capacity of the Auditorium. The Commencement committee is to be commended on its action.



GOOD OLD HEAT

The heat has been remarkable, so come the comments now, And so many men are looking for a little heated con To furnish good old nonchalance while sitting 'neath the sun.

The good old farmers toss the rake and asking a selected plan And thus prepare for harvest-time when they will sell the sun To all those. And then the heat—and this will be a wow!

Too many people will imbibe of adulterated liquors To satiate the appetite made by the sun that flickers Hot rays on them. Would it should rain—then they would wear their slickers.

The good old rain will never come to clear us of our troubles And so we'll go on wishing more and blowing' good old bubbles. We'll sit in the fields we think with base feet rubbing stubbles.

The several lumber-workers in their segregated huts Will work 'n'ight, putting milk-shakes on their mile-long joints And never think of city-studies at whom they throw their joints.

To come to reasons for this rhyme, if such it can be called You'll find the writer 'sitting in some room that is four-walled Where sentence 'Overcome with heat' has caused him to be hauled.

BY A BLAZER

Wherever men shall gather to talk about things o'er There will be cigarette stumps scattered on the floor. For men who sit a-talking will never give a thought To the labors of the lady with the broom she just has bought.

The poor old lady cleaning up will bend her aged knee Retrieving cigarette stumps dropped by all those talkers free. She'll groan and grunt and worry as she goes about her work Wishing they'd remember manners that they'd never have to shirk.

So pin this on your ash-tray and cherish in your heart A thought for this old lady and the broom she has to cart. For such a nice old lady is deserving of the best— Just put your cigarette stumps in the pockets of your vest.

STOP THAT STUFF

"Pajama Parade!" The cry rings out And goes all over our head We'd like to get the crazy lout Who hid the brainy head To start such things. We'd like again To smother his little noodle Or wring around his dirty neck A Polingestian noodle.

Tom men and no boys ever like To have their sleep disturbed They don't prefer a night-long hike "No study" interrupted "It's just reversed" the answer comes, "We'd rather hike about To scare up runners like our Al And give wrist-watches out."

A growl from one of Daniel's lions We hear that Edgar Allan Poe and Robert W. Service are turning over in their graves. Will somebody please page Max Munn and the Burns Detective Agency? We love so enigmas.

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Letter Box

June 2, 1925

To the Editor of the COLLEGIAN

Sir -

The selection of an All-American team when done in the spirit in which the targets for the famous Gildion Club's shirts are selected is an event which can be enjoyed by all, professors, descendants and by students. It is a good-natured and kindly device of any intent to hurt. The editorial in this morning's COLLEGIAN puts an entirely different construction on the selection and gives it the weight of a serious and considered charge against those members of the faculty whose names appeared in the grievance on the front campus.

If the COLLEGIAN is right in its interpretation then the committee responsible should have the courage to list their names to their roster and accept the responsibility for their action. Hiding behind anonymity is cowardly and takes away from the force of the action. Also, if the COLLEGIAN is right

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EDITORS NOTE The board regrets that the editorial referred to in Mr. Bradford's letter has been so interpreted. The editorial was written in a light vein and no reflections were meant for either the committee on selection of the faculty

CASH Paid for your discarded Text Books MONDAY and TUESDAY, JUNE 8th and 9th The College Book Company Columbus, Ohio WILL BE AT THE ATHLETIC STORE TO PAY CASH For Second Hand School and College Text Books WHETHER USED IN YOUR SCHOOLS OR NOT

1928 Answers "Why I Came To College"

"I wished to broaden my mind" is the most popular reason given by members of the freshman class of Penn State when asked to tell why they came to College. Many of these hundred freshmen in the Schools of Education, Liberal Arts and Engineering participated in a survey to determine answers to this question. The results of the survey being announced today by Dean Will Grant Chamberlain of the School of Education.

One freshman frankly admitted that he didn't know why he came to College and another wanted "to study because he was too young to work and another wished to develop a strong body." One wanted to "become an expert in finance and business" and another wanted to prepare to be of most service to others.

"I never thought about not going" says one in the engineering school and another said he recalled his education was only in his first stages when he completed high school. A girl said that if she did not go to college she would always feel that she had missed something that she wanted. Dean Chamberlain gave twenty-five reasons to be checked, and the second most popular was the hope to rise above the ranks through a college education. Hope to make a better living received the third highest vote. Fifty-one students said they came to college especially to develop the capacity for rational thinking. I am thankful for rational thinking. I am thankful for the idea of four years of good times at college and only twenty gave participation in athletics as a partial reason.

IMPORTANT CHANGES AID EFFICIENCY OF LIBRARY

Among changes which have been effected in the Penn State library during this school year are several which have been almost unnoticed, but which have done much to increase the efficiency of the institution. The first of these changes was the taking of the magazines from the ledge around the general reading room, where they had been scattered indiscriminately to the room now known as the periodical room. Next, the stacks of the bound periodicals were opened to general use. This last, with the use of the indexes, has encouraged reference work.

The latest change has been the placing of all general reference books together in a new aisle. As the books have been arranged alphabetically, and are all together, there is no longer any difficulty in locating the desired book. In all there have been 3767 new books added to the library this year.

1925-26 ELECTIONS HELD BY MOTIVE POWER CLUB

Planning in detail how locomotive boilers are repaired in the Altoona shops of the Pennsylvania railroad, R. F. Hamilton '25 spoke before the Motive Power Club in its first meeting of the year last Tuesday night. Hamilton, president of the organization, created up many points in connection with boiler construction, including the placing of stay-bolts, tell-tails and rivet joints. Following the tide holes, flues and tubes patching

talks in election of officers for the new year were held, resulting as follows: President, W. C. Hougset '26; Vice-President, A. C. Alloway '27; Secretary-Treasurer, W. L. Young '28.

WANTED—Position as upstairs girl and second girl in fraternity. Call 228 S. Brainerd street. Phone 226-M 911



PLEASE NOTE—Both Theatres Open Daily entire week of June 8th.

FRIDAY—WARRIE PIERCE and MONTE BLU In "R-compense"

SATURDAY—VIOLA HANA and BEN LYONS In "The Necessary Evil"

FRIDAY and SATURDAY—BETTY BRONSON In "The Little French Girl"

MONDAY and TUESDAY—RICHARD BARTHELEMY In "Soul Fire"

MONDAY—LETTY FLYNN In "Speed Wild"

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY—First Penn. Showing of BARBARA LA MAHR In "The White Monkey"

Clean UP SALE! Be Sure to Read Each Item Listed Below. A Dollar Saved is a Dollar Earned. Sale Starts Friday, June 5th at 8 A. M., and ends Saturday, June 13. Store Open Until 8 P. M. During This Sale. THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY DON'T MISS IT! Neckwear Dress Shirts Sweaters High Grade Merchandise Sold at a Sacrifice STRAW HATS GOLF HOSE Sport Wear Sport Shoes Another Selection of Suits THE QUALITY SHOP Opposite Front Campus MORRIS FROMM, Prop. State College