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#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1927

#### STOP! LOOK! LISTEN

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Honesty, says the sentimental old theory, is the best policy. Honesty, declares the crativale student nemos sefully, has its price—and he points logically to the number of unfortunates who once were Penn State men, and now alast are men of the world. Now that the semi-annual warnings to stop, look and listen have caused their usual flutter every student and every faculty member will assume his habitual complacency for another four months at least. There will be sighs, of course, for those who have not taken the admonition too literally, but these are to be expected.

This semester's slaughter of the imnocents was not without its counter attack. Experienced observer maintain that February's cribbers led one of the most successful repulses of the faculty charge in the history of final examination campaigns. Unfortunately the campus billboards which were to be the heavest guns on the side of the faculty failed to function, as a result the angel's serenade "A true Penn State man won't" was sadly misinter preted so that it was borne in mind by thoughtful students as "A true Penn State student won't—give up the opportunity to cheat".

To the fair-minded observer it cannot but appear that the authorities are not only placing a virtuously ignorant trust in the honesty of the students, but are actually blindfolding themselves in order to avoid a persistent and embarrasing civil. And it is an evil that can no more be cured by placing, the student's soul at stake (via the campus billboards any more than it can be remedied by toleration or cynicism. Most certain of all it cannot be removed by ignoring the situation Missionary work, as lately practiced among the students, is an insult: it is a confession that the students are either a horde of savages or a company of men of the world. The folly of saving the latter is too well known to be discussed and the length of time involved in converting savages to accept honesty, affectionately or professionally, is so great that in so short a space as four years

and 10 so clever a thing is remarkably barren of results.

In the opinion of most witnesses the only way to improve things—and we admit them wrong, even it by pointing out the truth we be philandering with cymersm—goes beyond applying the rod. The one way is to make final examinations optional for those students above grade and required for those below. If this seems to be placing, too little emphasis on final examinations, one can point out that finals have never been emphasized and that they never have been important But if the administration rejects this suggestion on the grounds that it is necessary to maintain a reasonable number of students in college, it should certainly turn down the proposal to double the number of proctors. Someone might be caught copying.

B. K.

IF THE SHOE FITS

Surprising, how this old Armory of Penn Stato's will work its way into the editorial columns of the COLLEGIAN, isn't it? If it isn't in connection with the inadequacy of equipment then the point of contention is the actions of students while attending athletic events. On this occasion we find it necessary to turn our guns on the students.

If all of the occupants of the section marked "Lettermen" were bona fide winners of the coveted "S", then Penn State could boast the most liberal Athletic Association in the county. All of which

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is another way of saying that there are many students who don't believe in signs. "Handshakers" and "Chisolers" have an easier time finding parking space with the "S" men than "One-cyed" Connelly would have in 'crashing' the Auditorium for an Intercollegiate debate, with apologics

ogies.

At the basketball game Saturday night one-half of the Lettermen space was apportioned to the co-eds. This is a proper step since it seems that the section as a whole is too large for the varsity "S" wearers. The remaining half of the section contained a surprising number of non-athletic looters. It some students have the idea that numerals are sufficient passport for entry to the section, they are laboring under a misapprehension.

Point number two brings up the decidedly noticeable lack of respect for one of our oldest customs—the singing of the Alma Mater after an athletic event. It should be unnecessary to remind Penr State students of this, but the thoughtless breach of this custom at all winter sports this year has been glaring. In all respect to our Alma Mater, please remain in place for the singing of our College song.

Point number three calls attention to the fact that ne smoking is permitted in the Armory. Despite the repeated efforts of the cheerleaders to curb smoking at the last games, students grossly refused to take heed. Common sense should wain anyone that a fire in the Armory during an athletic event would be nothing short of a tragedy. Finally we wish to ask of each student that

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a little respect be shown to second assistant managers in discharge of their duties. A little co-operation will make it a lot easier for them to carry
or and make the best of an unpleasant job.

#### WE THANK YOU DR. HETZEL

This afternoon the mid-year graduation students, their parents and friends will be guests of Dr. and Mrs. Hetzel. This event is unique in that it is the first time the President's home has been opened to graduating students for an informal recention.

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The occasion offers a rare opportunity to departing seniors to become acquainted with President Hetzel Penn State students appreciate the interest and friendly attitude which Dr. Hetzel has taken in the individual and student body as a wheeler with the individual and student body as a wheeler with the individual and student body as a state of the control of the contr ole and the reception enhances the esteen the has been growing for the new Presiden to he assumed his office.

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Along with Di. and Mrs. Hetzel, all the deans of the College will be in the receiving line. Each graduating senior has received a personal invitatior to the reception and will be given an opportunity to make President Hetzel's acquantance. The increasing friendly relation which has been growing between the student body and the College Administration is indicative of a bright future to Penn State under Dr. Hetzel's regime.

### The Bullosopher's Chair

"Snuckle through all of them, Smithers! Looked as hough they had you goofed right proper last week, my torthy. Stacked every clip I had on you though, and I nee you wouldn't fail me Those things are confoundally mean and rivitating We ought to dispense with mals. They instigate a useless examming, prompt an unclable grading, cause endless wonly to students—and aculty,—mete de honesty and cheating, make additional to-

SMITHERS—Whoa, Whoa, now ole Plato face You're right but you're wrong! What you're expounding's true But liston. Three of my courses were terrible—you know—the profs. But lo and alias when I began eramming fast. Sunday I learned what awful good courses had been spoiled by illogically thinking teachers. They wanted definitions. They wanted recitations—pariot tongued imbientities. They piled up their work with the last few days and then assigned an ungodly assignment in their paner. They fused and threatened with penel and grade book till I was disgusted. I had no hankering for the subject as they would have it. Then I crammed. I saw things as a whole and in a new light altogether. Now I'd really like to take those courses! In themselves they're really into taning, but they were choked to death by nincompoon grade-book profs. Thanks to exams—hell week or no hell week, if all the students learned as much about courses last week as I did, then finals are worth it.

# Get Degrees Tonight

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