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HONOR POINTS AND SCHOLARSHIP

Although the honor point system has been the target for student gibes during the past four years, figures compiled by Registrar Hoffman are convincing proof of its value. Grade averages have advanced in leaps and bounds since the system was inaugurated, and there is every reason to believe that they will remain on the upward trend.

The Registrar's report shows, likewise, that regardless of the improvement in fraternity scholarship there has been no material change in the ranking order of the Greek-letter houses. This reflects unfavorably upon those fraternities that have consistently stayed at the bottom of the list. In a determined effort to get at the root of their troubles, the low-ranking houses should raise the scholastic standards required of prospective initiates.

For the same reasons, Dean Stoddart's plan of unlimited cuts for every senior who achieves an average of 1.5 prior to his last year should earn the support of every undergraduate. Such a plan would have the important effect of promoting campus-wide interest in individual scholarship.

SPIRITED SUGGESTIONS

A more compact student cheering section was suggested yesterday by a former Penn State cheerleader as the answer to our prayer for more spirited rooting at athletic contests. With this suggestion the COLLEGIAN is in complete accord. Scattering the student body throughout the New Beaver field stands tends to reduce the cheering output to a minimum since each group is influenced adversely by the poor response from other groups.

That a large, unified group gets the best results was clearly demonstrated by the Pennsylvania and Syracuse cheering sections this fall. On each occasion there were large numbers of students massed together in one section of the stands. Because the undergraduates were closely packed Penn State's enthusiasm reached its highest peak at the Pennsylvania game. Surely the plan is a good one and should be given a trial next fall. It may prove a cure for our cheering ills.

Likewise, the campaign for new songs and cheers has elicited another suggestion of merit. This proposal urges more attractive uniforms for the Blue Band. For sometime there has been agitation for other than the strictly military uniforms now in use. There is a feeling that the present uniforms are too drab-looking. Certainly a touch of color would help. Furthermore, drill formations on the football field would combine with the unrivaled music of our band to win the spectators' undivided attention.

CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

While pursuing his daily routine of studies the average student who has never participated in any extra-curricular activities or who knows little about them seldom if ever stops to consider the great number of College men who have failed in their attempts to seek recognition upon the campus. He has been reminded frequently of the indispensable services that the substitutes render the varsity athletic teams and has taken a natural interest in the election of his class officers. There, however, his knowledge of activities ends. He may know all or many of the past and present managers of sports, but how many of the first assistant managers who have "lost out" does he know? Very few if any.

In every branch of athletics at Penn State there are three first-assistant managers who have been selected for this post in their sophomore year. They are chosen on a competitive basis and consequently represent the three best men who have aspired to the position. Then follows the supreme test to determine which of the three shall be the manager. Usually the decision is exceptionally close. All have put forth every effort, devoting a great deal of time and energy, in seeking the coveted position, but not all can be elected. The one man who is successful is rewarded for his efforts with an "S," a number of trips with the team and membership in one or more of the Campus honor societies.

No alternative remains for the two unsuccessful candidates. Their work has been in vain with the exception of some valuable experience obtained thereby, but that does not seem to be sufficient. These men have worked hard in rendering services to the athletic team, and the College and should be given some material reward for their efforts. Why not present each of the losers with a small "S" which they may display on a sweater? Surely that is not too great a reward for them.

THE LION'S DEN

BY DANIEL

With the advent of Campuseer, the world has now produced three great humorists—Campuseer, Daniel, and Mark Twain. Campuseer is so good that hereafter Daniel will permit him to address you every Tuesday morning.

Which brings to mind that it's not always necessary to visit the South Pole to get the Byrd.

She's No Longer a Baby
WOMAN JUDGE BOBS
HAIR AFTER DEFYING
BARBERS 8 YEARS
Surprises Colleagues on Columbus Bench by Appearing Without Long DRESSES.

Everything is determined, the beginning as well as the end, said Professor Albert Einstein recently. The Professor must have been on a faculty committee to fix the Christmas holidays.

TO YOUNG MEN IN LOVE

I've nothing but contempt for
Those sentimental saps who
Will fall for any temptor;
And yet, so many chaps do.
To this spineless, joyless crew—
As one sap to another—
I'll confess, I'm one of you.
Greet me with "Welcome, Brother!"

J. E. '31

Announcement

Owing to the increase of production, the Dairymen of State College and vicinity, milk prices will be as follows:

How's that for coherence?

Simile

"As unknown as the Photo Shop to an activities man—"

J. L. C. '31

Farsighted

He (looking through window of women's dorm):
"Is anyone in there?"
She (blindly): "I can only see a foot."
He: "I see farther than that."

TO MY LADY FAIR

With love's indifferent mask, I hide my mood,
Lest I be withered 'neath your haughty stare.
Love's mad purpose hath been in me imbued
To make it known, I love you, Lady Fair.
Life's dullest deed would be my simplest task.
Hell's own monsters would I gladly ensnare,
If I could but summon my tongue to ask—
Of you—How are my chances, Lady?—Fair?
On later thought, love like the sea doth move,
And bids us worship other beauties rare.
Then I could erase this now fervid love,
And begin anew. How's that, Lady?—Fair?

P. E. '32

"Where Is Thy Sting?"

Lipstick may be very poisonous, as some have recently claimed, but who the heck wants to live forever?

EPITAPH NO. 4

Here lie the bones
Of Reginald Crutch;
He tried to crib
And got in Dutch.

R. E. M. '31

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DR. HETZEL LAUDS EDUCATIONAL WORK

Speaks on Extension, Summer Session Departments at Harrisburg Meeting.

Offering the work carried on by Penn State during summer sessions and in extension work as an illustration of the part education is playing in the progress of the nation, President Ralph D. Hetzel spoke before a combined meeting of the Dauphin county Agricultural Extension association, Chamber of Commerce, and Kiwanis club at Harrisburg yesterday.

President Hetzel declared that comparative figures showing the number of students in both lower and higher institutions of learning in 1888 and 1929 apply prove the reason for the nation's progress between those years. In 1888, the President stated, only 110,000 pupils were enrolled in public high schools while at the present time there are 4,000,000 students attending these institutions. He added that attendance in colleges and universities has increased in like proportion.

"All of us are conscious of real progress," President Hetzel continued. "We realize that it is guaranteed only by continued effort on common ground, though we often have difficulty in identifying these larger fundamentals of our industrial, political, and social structure."

Industries Apply New Knowledge
Application of new knowledge in agriculture, industry, and commerce has enabled these phases of endeavor to make tremendous strides, he asserted. The President added that the sphere of human activity is at present being expanded in every quarter. In conclusion President Hetzel said, "There is going forward all over the United States this ministry of education and, because of it, the fortunes of our people and our nation are moving forward."

HOSPITAL DRIVE NETS \$100
Contributions made by Penn State women to the American Women's Hospital association total slightly more than one hundred dollars, according to the final report of Miriam Mendelsohn '31, chairman of the drive.

Extension Courses Double Enrollment

Enrollment in engineering extension courses have doubled and inquiries concerning the curricula have tripled since October 1 compared with figures of a year ago. The courses were announced this fall in 103 Y. M. C. A. units and 600 industrial plants.

Of the 6600 adults being instructed at their homes, 3400 are engaged in home study courses, 1600 are attending mining night schools, 600 are being reached through branch night schools, 500 in class centers, 400 are taking foreman training, and 200 are enrolled in cooperative schools. The most popular course with entrants this year was mechanical engineering, 546 having enrolled since October.

FRATERNITY GROUPS ENTER SYRACUSE DEBATE TOURNAMENT

Beginning next week, Syracuse university fraternities and sororities will compete in the annual inter-fraternity debating tournament. The subject under discussion will be "Resolved, That a College Education is Not Worth Its Cost." Last year twenty-four houses competed for cups which are awarded to the winning fraternity and sorority.

'NO GRADING' SYSTEM FAILS

Growing discontent under the "no grading" system, which was installed last spring, has caused the faculty of Oberlin college to return to the former grading system. The advice of students that they "came to college to get an education, not marks," was taken and the usual grades were abolished, but the system was not successful.

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ENGINEERS AWARD ALUMNUS PRIZE FOR RESEARCH WORK

Martin R. Berger '29 has received a student research prize offered by the American society of refrigerating engineers at its annual meeting in New York last week.

"Rural Refrigeration" was the title of the paper which Berger submitted in which he reviewed the recent work that has been undertaken by the College on this subject. This is the first year student prizes have been awarded in an effort to encourage undergraduates to develop an interest in the industrial refrigeration problems.

PI LAMBDA SIGMA ELECTIONS

Faculty
Joseph F. O'Brien
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Albert H. Heimback '30
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