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TOO MUCH WORK?

Failure of faculty members to co-operate with fraternalists in satisfactorily filling out scholarship cards, has made the entire arrangement useless in many cases.

Nothing is more annoying than to open an envelope and find a simple "OK" or "Passing" written in the space where a definite grade should be placed. Perhaps this is done because the professional time has been utilized for greater things, but a more likely reason is that no accurate record of the students' work has been taken and the scholarship card has caught the instructor napping.

This is not as irritating as the ease of the faculty members who ignore the cards entirely. For their benefit it might be well to state that students do take the scholarship cards seriously. When one asks a question it's only polite to answer it. The same reasoning applies when the cards are concerned. No faculty member is too busy to fill them out or at least to have the task performed by an assistant.

While we're on the subject, it might be well to mention those who place a grade on the card below the one the student is practically certain he has earned by a summary of his quiz marks. The pedagogical reasoning is that the student will be spurred on to do his best with might and main for the honor of the course if he receives a grade below the one he expected. On the other hand, if he receives the grade he deserved, he will rest complacently on his laurels. Perhaps this is good "psychology" and as such we probably aren't qualified to refute it, but to reply in unacademic language, it we can't earn a certain sum we like to get paid that amount, not sixty percent of it.

As a matter of stand now, students are right when they deem it useless to send in scholarship cards to certain faculty members as they know that they will receive unsatisfactory replies or none at all.

Interfraternity Council has started out on the right foot in its march for a rushing code satisfactory to Penn State's fraternities. The questionnaire submitted to the houses by Council will give fraternities the opportunity to eliminate a principal point of contention—the date when rushing begins. Once that is determined, Council can build the code around it, rather than formulate an entire code and have it rejected at a late date as has been the case in previous years.

TOYS FOR THE KIDDIES

Until we saw one of the meetings the other night, we didn't believe that freshmen had actually formed political cliques for the purpose of electing class officers on a date more than two months distant. But when we saw the meeting actively progressing we were convinced that such was the case.

The utter ridiculousness of this is evident. Freshmen class officers mean little, there are no appointments, and the election of sophomore officers, when freshmen might well have cliques, are more than five months away. But these facts don't register with the freshmen. Their cliques keep rolling merrily along.

Perhaps we are wrong in not recognizing this active interest in student politics. Perhaps these very freshmen are veritable Mark Hannas in disguise. Upperclassmen should not attempt to check this tendency but instead should encourage it. Student Council could sponsor torchlight parades in which would march the "Square Deal" party and its rivals waving posters and banners advocating a three day week or no classes during football season.

Giant mass meetings might be planned at which inspired freshmen leaders could fire their excited classmates to do untold scholastic and athletic deeds. Perhaps, the day has dawned when the freshman politician will hold the fate of the College in his hands. To the juvenile politician this may be a wonderful tale but like so many freshman fancies it's just another bedtime story.

The average freshman has his hands full staying in College and rounding down the rough corners. His time is occupied already. Juvenile politics, for him, are out-of-place, useless, and a waste of time.

THE CAMPUSEER

—BY HIMSELF

There is a youth of tender age who goes about each night to different fraternity houses peddling ice cream in order to defray the expenses of a necessary operation in the near future. This is what I call real ambition. Let's give the little boy a hand.

Speaking of ice cream peddlers, I was visited by eight different amateur travelling merchants who tried to sell me everything from ice cream and candy to Christmas cards and potato chips. This has given me a magnificent idea. Beginning next Monday my freshmen will visit each fraternity house with a first class selection of E. E. reports, calculus, problem solutions, history maps, com. course graphs and reports, complete botany lab notebooks, assorted term papers, and anything else which can accumulate in three years. By doing this I hope to counteract the present business depression caused by the recent Wall Street crash. Give this little boy a hand, too.

Here's what they think of us in Boston, we found a letter in the Sandwich Shop addressed in this manner.

Miss Adele Veronica Abraham
Somewhere in the Penna Woods near the
"Seven mountains just where God dumped them"
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Guest House Try and Get It

In the grand old Battle of the Ages last Saturday, namely the Titanic struggle between the COLLEGIAN Bears and the F. O. P. Pun Punters, the Bears emerged victorious by the score of 20-0, although a second checking up in the infirmary revealed the fact that the Pun Punters were ahead by six and seven-eighths feet of gauze bandage and seventeen inches of adhesive tape. The most crucial moment of the entire game occurred when the captain-manager-coach-center of the Bears lost his helmet, sketches of Bearcat plays had been placed conveniently in it. With the recovery of the helmet the Bears forged ahead to prove the superiority of brain over wit.

Prof. Harris is going to have his garage enlarged so that he can get both his lawn mower and his car in at the same time.

I wonder who the brave male volunteer was who helped hold up the goal posts and the sophomore goalies shinguard during the girls' sophomore-freshman soccer contest the other day.

Prof. Tanner pulls one substituting for another economics tutor, he found students reluctant to enter the classroom with the possibility of not being taken. An announcement in a loud tone that those present would please sign the sheet, brought the reluctant ones to their seats hurriedly. When all had duly signed, he calmly tore the sheet and dropped it into a waste basket.

Seen and heard about the campus. Those tricky steps on the east side of the power plant. Hieroglyph Mitch writing incomprehensible notes on the blackboard. Teddy Macris and Lola Hard are always together—I wonder if they can each other's clothes. Speedy Gardner, of the Lambda Chi country club, who looks and laughs like Joe E. Brown. Brill Hippler, who alleges himself to be an alleged menace to alleged co-eds, it is alleged. Those boys who relate wild tales of their experiences at the Birmingham seminary Saturday night functions. All the fish in Bellefonte aren't in the river. Have you received your bid to the Rosebud club yet?



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WHYTE SPEAKS AT CHAPEL EXERCISES

Philadelphia Rector Declares Christian's Place Is in Everyday World

"A Christian's place is in the world," Dr. Robert B. Whyte, rector of the First Presbyterian church of Philadelphia, told the chapel audience at Schwab auditorium Sunday morning.

True religion is essentially missionary in scope and Christianity can only be kept by giving it away to others, continued Dr. Whyte.

One of the gravest problems that confronts the church today is poor attendance, which is due, he added, to the non-religious attitude which church members have used in the formation of contacts with the world.

Paganism and formality in religion are the two factors which are now combating religion to a greater extent than anything else, the speaker stated. It was his contention that the public will not attain the state of spiritual mind necessary to all Christians until rules and excessive ceremony are abolished.

Church attendance is not a passport to salvation, but provides the state of mind necessary for Christian triumph, the Philadelphia pastor concluded.

PRISON REQUESTS COURSES

Officials in the agricultural correspondence office report that the director of education of the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, has written requesting correspondence courses for Pennsylvania convicts in the southern prison.

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I. F. C. MAY FAVOR RECREATION PLAN

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admitted might prove an obstacle. In this connection he brought out that those students were probably the ones who needed the exercise most, having little chance to procure it under the present system.

"If we're to think of the hundreds of varsity and freshman sports candidates, the plan would bring down the house," he continued. "The 5 o'clock class delays practice until 5:30. A cold dinner not eaten until 7:30 means that the athlete's entire evening is taken away. I am sorry the idea wasn't carried out in my freshman year," he concluded.

ADDRESSES RESEARCH STAFF

Using "The Contribution of Scientific Research to Agriculture" as his topic, Dean F. B. Mumford of the University of Missouri school of Agriculture spoke before the research staff of the School of Agriculture in room 100 Horticulture building recently. Dean Mumford, in addition to being dean of the School of Agriculture, also directs the agricultural experiment station of the university.



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ZIESENHEIM WILL GIVE AGRICULTURAL LECTURE

To Speak on "Farm Management" at 4:10 O'clock This Afternoon

As the seventh of a series of lectures sponsored by the School of Agriculture and Experiment Station, Joseph R. Ziesenheim '15 will speak on "Farm Management" in Room 100 Horticulture at 4:10 o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Ziesenheim was graduated in annual husbandry from Penn State in 1915 and has been active in farm affairs since then. He has been given the title of Master Farmer, a distinction conferred each year upon the four or five most prominent farmers in the State by a committee consisting of the dean of the School of Agriculture, a representative from the "Pennsylvania Farmer" and the State secretary of agriculture. In addition, he has served a number of terms in the State legislature.

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