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NOT ALONE IN OUR SIN

That the problem of student cribbing is not peculiar to Penn State alone is the reassuring conclusion to be drawn from a recent editorial appearing in the Ohio State Lantern, student daily at Ohio State university.

Obviously cheating in exams is no more prevalent at Penn State than it is at Ohio State. Would students here be shocked if told that 24 percent cribbed on exams? Not likely. If they aren't guilty themselves, they have seen their neighbors in classes cheat plenty of times.

The Penn State remedial suggestions might also be applied to Ohio State in classes or departments where they are not now in effect. While efforts have been made in some classes to establish a closer contact between professors and students, in others such a thing seems never to have been seriously considered.

Two ways to help (remedy) the situation would be greater dependence on daily work for grades and fairer examinations in many cases.

One point in the Lantern editorial is worthy of note. Conversely stated, the suggestion that greater dependence be placed on daily grades means that there should be less emphasis on finals. While it is the general impression here that finals should not count more than one-third toward the ultimate grade, too many instructors rate the examinations much more highly.

PANHELLENIC'S PROBLEM

The problem of second semester bidding among the women's fraternities is not something to be rushed through by Panhellenic Council without serious consideration. Before knowing all sides of the question the Greek organizations generally favored a change in voting, but now that they are weighing in the balance all the advantages and disadvantages it would be inadvisable for Panhellenic to cast its final vote too hastily.

If the fraternity women can answer to their own satisfaction the three chief points to be considered in view of such a change and then believe that second semester bidding is more advisable than third, then only is it time for them to act.

Since fraternities are not here merely for their own ends but can, if they will, benefit the whole women's student body, the most important problem is, will second semester bidding help bridge the gap between fraternity and non-fraternity women? Answering that satisfactorily they must face the questions that will confront the individual groups, namely: will bidding second semester intensify the rushing period first semester and in one-half year can the upperclass girls learn to know all the freshmen and transfers well enough to select from them those they wish to bid to their own fraternities?

NO CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

Much time and space have been devoted in recent years to discussions concerning the ultimate goal of a college education. As in the case of so many pedagogical controversies, the conclusion reached is the ridiculously obvious one. Educators, almost without exception, agree that learning acquired in college should be comprehensive enough to prepare undergraduates for a well-rounded life, raising a concerted voice in praise of the diversified schedule.

Unfortunately, curricula requirements at the College in many instances reduce the choice of subjects to a modicum. Not infrequently heavy schedules prohibit the selection of studies beyond an arbitrary scholastic path. Some students, unconventional enough to desert the ranks of "grade chasers," have discovered a solution to the problem by "sitting in" on lectures other than those regularly scheduled. Thus they reap many of the benefits of the course, without being unduly burdened by the attendant outside work.

Such a practice, must, of necessity, be limited by insufficient class room space. A College ruling requires that these courses be scheduled through the Registrar's office with the understanding that no credit is to be given. However, the procedure is not an arduous one and the resultant advantages are well worth the effort. Certainly the knowledge to be gained by attending an academic lecture delivered by a competent instructor will, in every way, be of as much service in after life as that secured over a fraternity bridge table.

THE CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Lives of Great Men No 1

William S. Hoffman was born sometime ago and in some place. Exact information is not the purpose of this Tom Thumb biography. Anyway Bill is our registrar and you will find his name on practically anything official about this college, including your entrance certificate, registration card, grade report, and most bulletins, although it has carelessly been omitted from the handsome diploma that is given to all who are paroled from this institution. With the possible exception of the Ag school heads, his signature has been on more paper and in more places than anyone else's in this college. He also takes an infinite delight in writing his name in Turkish or Arabic or whatever it is, inasmuch as he used to travel quite a lot in his younger days. He still takes long trips out West to registrars' conventions, in fact, he has so many trips that they have made him an office in the organization. Bill collects odd and useful things like match boxes (you never can tell when a good match box will come in handy), Postnets, and vacation extension fines. He is a tall, dark, handsome chap, and visitors never mind waiting for hours in his anteroom (as they usually do) in order to see him. He is the champion shingle designer of Centre county—he has saved an enormous amount of money in his time—he is Professor Tanner's closest rival when it comes to belonging to organizations—in spite of his numerous keys and pins, by merely designing official and mysterious looking placards for other members to hang on their walls. Bill is quite gone on the subject of systemization, and at the beginning of every semester he conducts marvelous experiments on the registering student body. He and the Dean of Men are great pals and the two of them perpetrate what they call a column on the unsuspecting citizens of State College, in the State College Times. All in all, a good many people, including ourselves, like Bill, and those that don't manage to put up with him.

Thirty-six students under the auspices of the Y M C A visited the penitentiary the other day and gave the place the once-over. Sort of old home week in the old place, eh? The warden stated officially that the men are better satisfied with conditions since the delegation left, and they seem quite willing to serve out their terms. Who said the Y M C A wasn't an influence?

About the Town and Campus: Dr. Dotterer smiles at us philosophically. We have a standing bet that Manny Perkin will not be wearing a green necktie today, that is, not a very vivid green one. Dr. Ritenour stops to observe an airplane in progress across the sky. We know the human body scuttles so when it falls from that height, Doc. The Beta Sigma Rho boys certainly threw a swell party last week end. The town council has estimated that street repairs in Locust Lane will have to be made three years earlier than usual. Doctor Speyer steps it off at the Lambda Chi's Saturday night function. Duke Robinson III, of the S. A. E. province, with a lady-in-waiting from the Grange Dorm Court. Did Orville A. Hitchcock, varsity debater, get the last word with the Seton Hill damsel or not? The mail man won't tell. Mr. Crouse of the math department—a professional cynic. That intricately designed chimney on the new Beta house. A campus cop who is going to write a book about what he has observed while on duty. Whether it is suppressed or not depends on how observant he was. Rabbits on the Kappa Sig front yard. Squirrels are getting senile. Ir. Heicklin, cheer-leader and man about campus last year, was back for Sunday dinner. Stella Albert (you remember Stella) visited this borough also.



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M. I. BULLETIN LAUDS SCHOOL'S FACILITIES

Offers 3 Courses Unduplicated In State's Educational Institutions

The School of Mineral Industries contains the only department in the State giving curricula which lead to degrees in geology, petroleum, and natural gas engineering, according to Dean Edward Steidle in a preface to the first bulletin of the School, issued recently.

Facilities of the department in the new building are equal to those found anywhere, and plans are under way to expand the work of the department as rapidly as funds permit in order to serve the oil and gas industries of the Commonwealth, Dean Steidle stated.

Pennsylvania is the greatest mineral industrial commonwealth in the world, the Dean contended. "No single state or country can display such a firm grip on resources and such a valuable use of mineral products. The mineral industries of the State include coal, iron, and non-metallic mining, quarrying, ceramics, oil and gas production, fuel technology, and metallurgy. Mines and products derived from mineral sources account for approximately two-thirds of the entire productive wealth of the State."

The original of the present School of Mineral Industries was established in 1891 by an appropriation of the State legislature. It is one of the oldest and largest schools of its kind in the country and is recognized as a necessary part of the mining and mineral industries of Pennsylvania.

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Students Acclaim 'Wearing of the Green' in St. Patrick's Celebration

With a wave of Pat and Mike jokes settling over the campus during the past week, a student body resplendent in touches of emerald green today will give tangible recognition, either planned or unintentional, to the memory of the sainted Patrick of Irishman fame.

Although this is the first year that members of the freshman class have not backed the celebration movement en masse through the wearing of green dinks, twenty-five from their ranks have been preparing the way for the colorful day unknowingly by wearing giant bowed ties of verdant hue during the past two weeks.

Today the entire student body will join in the observance of the saint's memory with neck wear and bowery presenting an emerald blaze to the world.

CABINET TO HEAR ROHRBECK

Discussing "How to Get the Most Out of Life," Edwin H. Rohrbek, instructor in agricultural education, will address the first of a series of Freshman cabinet meetings in the Hugh Beaver room, Old Main at 8 o'clock tomorrow night.

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The wearing of the green will take other forms in the familiar shamrock lapel piece while co-eds will don their greenest dresses and encase their upper extremities in hats of similar color.

Rumors that several members of the women knowledge seekers will appear in green ribbons harkening back to their freshman days have already occasioned some little comment among masculine fashion connoisseurs. And thus St. Patrick's tradition will be observed on the campus in its intentional aspects. Among objects about the campus which will unintentionally harmonize in the whole scheme is the forestry building which stands the year-round as a monument to the Irish saint's memory through its verdant finish.

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FOREIGN DIRECTORS RECEIVE AGRICULTURAL INSTRUCTION

Senor Luis Corbelli, agricultural director of San Juan, Porto Rico, and P. Nicolaf, director of poultry education in Soviet Russia, are among the students who have received agricultural instruction through the correspondence course given by the College, according to Prof. William R. White, of the agricultural correspondence department.



TUESDAY—

Matinee at 1:30
Edward Everett Horton
Esther Ralston in "LONELY WIVES"

WEDNESDAY—

Mary Pickford, Reginald Denny in "KIKI"

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Warner Baxter, Joan Bennett in "DOCTORS' WIVES"

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Adolph Menjou, Leila Hyams in "MEN CALL IT LOVE"

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Return Showing of Constance Bennett, Eric Von Stroheim in "THREE PACES EAST"

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"KIKI"

FRIDAY—

"DOCTORS' WIVES"

SATURDAY—

"MEN CALL IT LOVE"