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L.A. GROUP FAVORS SEMESTER EXAMS IN CLASS PERIODS

Recommends Holding of Finals At Regularly Scheduled Meetings, Rooms

COMMITTEE FORMS PLAN TO MINIMIZE DISHONESTY

3 Other Schools Cite Remedies For Cribbing—Suggest System Changes

That final examinations should be taken in the regular classrooms at the regular meetings of the class during the last week of the semester to minimize dishonesty is a recommendation made by a special faculty committee of the School of Liberal Arts.

The committee appointed by Dean Charles W. Stoddard to study reports on scholastic ethics made the suggestion as a possible way of reducing the practice of cribbing as contrasted to the numerous recommendations of other schools dealing with conditions as they now exist.

Committee Numbers 6

Final examinations would be divided into two parts and would be held in the last two periods of the final week in the semester, thus eliminating an entire examination schedule of one week, and the adjustment of conflicts. Although this suggestion is in violation of an existing college rule, the group feels that it needs reconsideration as a step toward minimizing dishonesty in examinations.

Headed by Prof. Harold F. Alderfer, of the department of history and political science, the committee includes Prof. Franklin B. Krauss of the classical languages department, Robert E. Galbraith of the English composition department, Walter O. Gordon of the department of mathematics, and Charles S. Wyand of the department of economics and sociology.

No change from the present system of conducting hour and final tests was recommended by the Liberal Arts committee in all courses excepting those in the 400 series in which there are less than twenty-five students where they suggest the use of the honor system at the option of the instructor.

In view of the fact that there is much inclination to cheat in outside work, the group suggested that as much as possible of this work be given as individual assignments and not as class assignments. If the instructor desires to verify the amount of knowledge of the reading done, the committee urges that such information be obtained by examination or oral conference.

Other Schools Make Reports

Similar reports have been made by faculty-student committees in the Schools of Agriculture, Education, and Engineering following the findings of a general committee on scholastic ethics consisting of three faculty and three student members appointed last April by President Ralph D. Hetzel.

A report of the committee on scholastic ethics of the School of Agriculture submitted last spring emphasized the removal of conditions that develop an inclination toward dishonesty rather than devising improved technique for conducting tests.

The group headed by Prof. Stevenson W. Fletcher, head of the horticulture department, claimed that most dishonesty is metted by unfavorable conditions in the classroom. The

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DAVEY, PHELPS REACH NEW THEORY OF SOLID SOLUTIONS

As a result of X-ray experiments completed recently, Drs. Robert T. Davey and Wheeler P. Phelps of the School of Chemistry and Physics have been able to show that the theory of solid solution in which metallurgists have believed so far, is incorrect.

12 Will Graduate in Less Than 4 Years

Twelve of the candidates for bachelor's degrees at the 1932 mid-year commencement will have completed the required work in seven semesters, according to files in the Registrar's office. Of this group three are women.

DUERR TO ATTEND I. F. DISCUSSIONS

National Executives Will Direct Meetings at Conference Here Next Month

Alvin Duerr, national president of Interfraternity Council, has signed that he will probably be able to attend Penn State's third Interfraternity conference which will be held here February 12 and 13, Francis L. Mathews '32, president of the local council, announced yesterday.

In addition to Duerr, other executives of national fraternities have been invited to lead discussion groups during the two-day conference. Prominent among these are Thomas A. Clark, former Dean of Men at the University of Illinois, and Joseph T. Nates, former president of Sigma Chi.

Will Discuss Problems

Additional invitations have been extended to George Banta, publisher of Banta's Greek Exchange, and Gordon Smyth and J. H. Johnston, prominent publishers of fraternity magazines. The conferences are held here every two years, usually in February, and are sponsored by Penn State's Interfraternity Council.

At the last meeting of Interfraternity Council, each national fraternity was asked to invite one of its national executives to attend the meetings here. The last conference, held in February 1930, had as its general theme "Hill Week," and it was the general consensus of opinion of the delegates attending the conference that this practice should be abandoned.

No theme has as yet been selected for the conference, which will largely be devoted to discussions of individual fraternity problems. Caterers, fraternity presidents, treasurers, scholarship chairmen, social chairmen, and chapter advisors will meet in discussion groups headed by national executives.

KOEPF-BAKER WILL ADDRESS Y. W. C. A. ON 'VOICE CULTURE'

"Voice Culture" will be the subject of a discussion of Herbert Koepf-Baker, instructor of public speaking when he addresses members of the Y. W. C. A. in Room 405 Old Main at 6 o'clock tomorrow night.

This lecture will be the third of a series of discussions centered on the general theme of "What Determines Personality." Mrs. Donald W. Caruthers will conclude this semester's discussions with a talk on "Ideals" next Monday.

'Research, in Addition to Instruction, Function of College,' Says Fletcher

The greater realization that the function of a College is as much to extend the boundaries of knowledge as to instruct students, is responsible for the steady growth in the number of research projects here, according to Dr. Stevenson W. Fletcher, chairman of the College Research Council.

A college is known principally for the contributions of its faculty to the field of knowledge as well as for the success of its graduates. This necessarily depends on the ability of instructors.

Until about ten years ago emphasis was laid on undergraduate instruction above all else, according to Dr. Fletcher. As a result what research was done, was carried on by members of the faculty who were fighting a lone fight with no organization to back or encourage them. With the exception of work in agriculture, which received stimulus from subsidies, the entire staff was at a standstill.

5 OF 6 DEANS FAVOR GRANTING EXEMPTIONS

School Heads Come Out for Change in College Rules on Giving Students Excuses From Final Examinations

By ROLLIN C. STEINMETZ '33

On the eve of final examinations, five of the six deans of undergraduate schools have come out in favor of granting exemptions to students with high semester grades.

Four of these would change the present College rule prohibiting any exemptions so that instructors or departments would have the power to say who should be forced to undergo the tests. Another favored the plan of choosing a grade, to be set by the College, which would mark the dividing line between those who should take final examinations and those who should not.

Dean Frank C. Whitmore, of the School of Chemistry and Physics, was the only one questioned who believed that the regulations now in force were for the best interests of students.

"I always used to give exemptions in my classes," said Dean Robert L. Sackett, of the School of Engineering, "and I believe that any instructor who cannot gain an estimate of his students' worth during the semester should be ashamed to admit it."

Dean Will G. Chambers, head of the Education School and director of Summer Session, stated that exemptions should be left at the discretion of departments or instructors, and not interfered with by an inclusive College rule such as the one now in effect.

Although agreeing with the other men that students with high grades should not be made to take the final tests, Dean Edward Steidle, of the School of Mineral Industries, said that a grade should be set by the College Senate, possibly above ninety percent, whose attainment would automatically release a student from the bother of semester examinations.

"If final examinations must be given at all," said Dean Ralph L. Watts, of the School of Agriculture, "exemptions should be given as a reward for the good student, and as an incentive to seek higher marks in daily work."

In opposition to Dean Charles W. Stoddard, of the School of Liberal Arts, who believes examinations to be "merely a silly holdover from high school days," the Chemistry and Physics Dean said, "To exempt a student from final tests would be to cheat him out of an opportunity of reviewing the entire course. It would also defeat the purpose of study, which is to give a comprehensive view of a whole subject."

PHYSICAL EDUCATION GROUP NAMES SOCIETY 'DISCIBULUS'

"Discibulus" was adopted as the name of the professional society for physical education students at a meeting of the group Thursday night. The constitution of the new organization has been drawn up and is being revised. Director Hugo Bezdek spoke at the meeting before all students who are majoring in physical education. They become members of the society automatically.

ALUMNUS TO ADDRESS CLUB

T. S. Kearn '20, of the Bethlehem Steel company, will address members of the Metallurgy society in Room 315 Mineral Industries building at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night.

'Research, in Addition to Instruction, Function of College,' Says Fletcher

Recognition for research was taken and then four years ago, when the Council of Research was established, a definite and effective organization was set up, in the opinion of Dr. Fletcher.

Together with the increased recognition for research has come, and should continue to come, increased attention to pure research. At the present time one-quarter of the work done is of no immediate practical value but is progress in fundamental and previously unknown knowledge.

It is this pure type of research which should be the principal aim of a college because it is the only kind which extends the boundaries of knowledge—that is what a college is for. Because of the willingness of government and industries to provide funds for accomplishing profitable ends, the practical side of research has been overemphasized at Penn State. As a State institution, with its purpose of serving the people and interests of the State, this over-emphasis is easily explained. But practical applications can only follow after the fundamentals have been wrestled from the large field of the unknown.

COLLEGE TO OBEY STATE DECREE ON BOXING, WRESTLING

Must Pay Treasury 5 Percent Of Gross Gate Receipts, Ring Board Rules

ENFORCEMENT OF 1927 LAW BEGUN THIS YEAR

Deputy Commissioner, Physician Will Supervise Meets Scheduled Here

Rather than cancel the remaining matches on the boxing and wrestling schedule, Penn State will comply with the ruling passed by the State boxing commission whereby five percent of the gross receipts at these meets are to be paid into the State treasury, Hugo Bezdek, director of the School of Physical Education, announced Saturday.

According to the action taken by the commission, a deputy commissioner and a physician representing the State are to be present at all meets and must examine the contestants and equipment. In addition, boxing and wrestling meets may not be held at the same place at the same time. Wrestling matches may be held in the afternoon and boxing at night if a different official referees each meet.

Action Precautionary

In 1923 the State legislature passed a law giving the boxing commission complete control of collegiate boxing and wrestling. The commissioners took no action on this law until this year when they applied the same regulations to collegiate boxing and wrestling matches that apply to professional meets in Pennsylvania.

Believing that Penn State has capable and efficient physicians to examine the contestants, Director Bezdek said that the action of the commissioners was taken mainly as a precautionary measure to eliminate racketeering among professionals. Inasmuch as the majority of admissions here are student tickets, it was the opinion of Director Bezdek that the 5 percent assessment would hardly defray the expenses of the deputy commissioners.

Colleges Resent Ruling

An amendment to the present law, which would exclude colleges and universities from the provisions of the former act, was introduced and passed by the State legislature at its recent session. Governor Pinchot vetoed this bill on a legality, claiming that it was class legislation. A second amendment was to be proposed, but before it could be drawn up, the legislature adjourned.

As a protest to the action of the commission, a number of colleges have announced that they would drop these two sports rather than comply with the requirements of the State. Lafayette has been holding home wrestling meets in New Jersey since it became probable that when the Penn State wrestlers meet Lafayette the next will take place in Philadelphia, N. J., instead of on the Lafayette campus.

ARTIST DISPLAYS WATER COLORS IN EXHIBIT HERE

Prof. De Bra Shows Paintings Done On Tour Through Europe

Prof. Mabel M. De Bra, assistant in fine arts at Ohio State University, is exhibiting twenty-two water color paintings in the Exhibit room on the third floor of Main Engineering.

The exhibitor holds two degrees from Ohio State and a degree in fine arts from Yale University. She has studied extensively at Columbia, Pratt Institute, and accompanied a well known artist on an extended tour through Europe. Many of her paintings were completed in Norway, Sweden, and Bavaria while she was on the continent.

Professor De Bra is a member of six art societies and has had her work exhibited at the gallery of the Royal Society of British Artists at London, England, besides at galleries in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, D. C.

CLUB TO COMPLETE WALL

Members of the Hugh Beaver club, Freshman P. S. C. A. organization, expect to complete the stone wall and general landscaping improvements to the Andy Lytle cabin this week-end.

Registration Periods

Table with 2 columns: Registration Period (A to B, B to C, etc.) and Time (T 1-5, W 1-5, etc.)

GLEE CLUB ENTERS STATE SONG MEET

To Seek Fifth Championship at Philadelphia—Will Appear At Cities on Trip

Penn State gleemen will take part in the 48th annual State Interscholastic Glee Club contest to be held in Philadelphia on Thursday, February 11. Arrangements for the contest, which will be held in the Academy of Music, are in charge of the Philadelphia Forum, and a capacity crowd is assured.

Director Richard W. Grant plans to take thirty-five men on the trip in quest of a fifth State championship, temporarily interrupted last year when the Penn State Glee Club lost to Lafayette by a judges' decision.

Concerts Planned Enroute

The first returns from the vote of the judges showed that Penn State had won ten points, only to be rescinded a few days later when it was found that the votes had been counted wrong and Lafayette was winner by four-tenths of a point.

Negotiations are now under way for several concert appearances of the club enroute to Philadelphia. Tentative plans call for concerts at Reading, Coatesville, and Ardmore on the four-day trip.

STATE GEOLOGIST WILL GIVE MINERAL LECTURES TUESDAY

D. George H. Ashley, State geologist, will deliver two lectures on the mineral resources of Pennsylvania today in Room 215 Mineral Industries building, according to an announcement by Prof. Chesleigh A. Bonine of the department of geology and oil and gas production.

Dr. Ashley will address the freshman class in Geography 9 at 3:10 o'clock this afternoon, and will speak at 7:30 o'clock tonight before an open audience.

RITENOUR ADDRESSES ALUMNI

Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, College physician, addressed the Fayette county alumni association at a dinner session at Uniontown last night, discussing the College athletic program.

'Easy High School Courses Retard Progress of Freshmen,' Owens Says

This is one of a series of interviews to determine the adequacy of high school preparation shown by Penn State freshmen.

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NEW ASSIGNMENTS FOR REGISTRATION REVERSE PERIODS

Students Enrolling Wednesday Last Year Given Tuesday Hours by Registrar

HOFFMAN WILL LEVY \$5 FINE ON LATE ENTRANTS

System Started in 1931 Found Satisfactory—Removes Former Congestion

Second semester registration will again be divided into four periods, according to initials, but last year's time classification will be reversed, according to an announcement made yesterday by Registrar William S. Hoffman.

While last year's classification of periods for letter groups was arrived at by drawing, this year's is the result of a deliberate attempt by Registrar Hoffman to distribute advantages of being in late periods to those who were assigned early periods last year. The system, which was inaugurated last February to relieve a tendency for one half of the student body to register on the last afternoon, has been found completely satisfactory, according to the Registrar.

Three letter groups, A to B, H to I, and P to R, which last year registered in the 8 to 12 o'clock period on Wednesday will this year enroll in the 1 to 5 o'clock section Tuesday afternoon. On the other hand, the B to C, J to K, and S to Sp groups, which registered in the Tuesday afternoon period last year, will register this year from 1 to 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

May Get Cards Early

Last year's Wednesday afternoon group, Cr to E, L and Me to Ma, and St to V, have been assigned in the 1932 assignments to Tuesday from 10 to 1 o'clock. Completing the distribution for the coming registration the P to G, M to O, and W to Z groups, which last year enrolled in the 10 to 1 o'clock period Tuesday morning will this year register from 8 to 12 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The customary five dollar fine for lateness will serve as a penalty for those who register later than their assigned periods. Those delayed by scheduling officers may enroll from 7 to 8 o'clock that night, if the delay is properly noted on their cards by the scheduling officer. To expediate the process, no one will be permitted to enter during the last half hour of his period, but all those who enter before this time will be allowed to complete their registration.

Registrar Hoffman has pointed out that there is no rule against students securing their scheduling cards early if their scheduling officer is willing. The scheduling officers will be in their offices from 8:30 to 12 o'clock and from 1:30 to 5 o'clock on the days of registration. Registration Tuesday morning does not start until 10 o'clock so that students may have the opportunity of conferring with their advisors that morning.

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