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ETHICS: IN COLLEGE AND AFTER

Too many students go through college with the belief that they can neglect their work and sponge upon their classmates, and then after graduation, can start out with a clean slate and a new code of ethics.

These undergraduates are laboring under a false impression. They forget that four years of bad habits are extremely hard to shake off. They forget that the standards of college students are not a lot different than standards in business or professional work.

"Two great tests in mental discipline are accuracy and honesty. It is far better to master a few subjects thoroughly than to have a mass of generalizations about many subjects."

The world will have little use for those who are right only a part of the time. Whatever may be the standards of the classroom, practical life will require something more than 60 percent or 70 percent for a passing mark.

"In your last issue you—on one of your second assistant lung-stainers—said, speaking of ways of crashing the Senior Ball don't."

Although Penn State as a whole seems quite resigned to the viewpoint that final examinations are a necessity under some conditions, there are many strong advocates of the theory that finals should be inflicted upon students merely as an indicator of how much undergraduates have learned to think during the semester.

We understand, for instance that Dr. Boucke's course on wages was largely based upon some particular theory advanced by Penn State's noted economist during the semester. For the final examination Dr. Boucke read the class a theory of wage scales from another text.

THROUGH THE FILES

Somebody told us the other day that out was a pretty punk racket. Nobody believed in the moral influence of the press any more, and even if they did, when did the COLLEGIAN take a stand on anything?

In a rather depressed condition we leafed listlessly through the files. What was the use of fooling around in Old Man every Wednesday and Sunday, after all? Back in the fall of last year, for instance, somebody suggested that scholarship selections weren't so good.

And then there was R O T C. All those various editorial that tried to steer a straight course through a controversy that nobody knew much about. That ended up by some very definite suggestions made in these columns.

Well, there's probably some more of the same kind of thing, but we closed up the file-book in a hurry. If we went much further, we wouldn't believe what that fellow said about policies being the bunk.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

This is the story of Boni Gravatt Who travelled to Birmingham School. He found the girls pretty, and witty at that, But they tried to pronounce him a fool.

Oh Boni Gravatt, Boni Gravatt! Why did you let people know about that?

They sent him a photo—a fine looking fella Surrounded by beautiful Shes

"This is what you think of Howard R. G. But not what we think, if you please."

Oh Howard R. G! Oh Howard R. G! Do you really think you're that kind of a fella?

"I know why they sent it," says Boni Gravatt, "They're really quite fond of me, see? They wanted to write—they discovered in that An excuse to write something to me!"

You think it was really precisely that? Oh! Boni Gravatt! Oh! Boni Gravatt!

Bob McClure is one of those people who have become greatly attached to this college and don't seem to want to leave. They hang around for years, going to classes occasionally and enjoying the atmosphere of this quiet little haven.

The trouble with numerals is that you have to go out and win a new set every time you class graduate and leaves you behind. A man who has won them in three different classes should be spared this bother, he should be allowed to exchange his numerals for a letter. You can wear one of these indefinitely.

In case you haven't read the State College Times this week we're quoting the following from the Hall Column.

"Push tush, Frothy! How do you get that way? In your last issue you—on one of your second assistant lung-stainers—said, speaking of ways of crashing the Senior Ball don't."

"Search around the house for an old battered, grey fedora hat and the trickiest string tie you can find. Hire a tux of about 1903 vintage, lean to dance the one-step affected by Y. M. C. A. members on their annual outing and weenie roast, and date an older-looking co-ed. You should have no trouble now in just walking in, the door keeper will think you're Dean Warnock, Billie Dye, Colonel Boal or Governor Pinchot."

"The other three notables can speak for themselves—and often do. As for me—well, my tux is post-war stuff, it is my dress suit, worn only to the Military Ball and the Junior Prom, that dates back to 1905 (not 1903). My one-step I never learned from Y. M. C. A. weenie roasts or frat house toilet coasters. Such as it is, I thought it up myself. That older-looking co-ed seen with me at dances is usually my wife."

"And as for that battered old hat—I threw that one away three years ago. It is a new one I have been wearing ever since."

"If I can arrange it with these other three, we'll all four walk into a class dance soon in such attire, and manner as will make you young bloods look like an illustrated textbook on what just simply isn't being done!" A. R. W."

Principal Backs High School As Preparation for College

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

Another viewpoint was expressed on the question of high school preparation shown by College freshmen when Principal J. Hays of the State College High School commented yesterday on opinions advanced by Dr. Frederick W. Owens and Prof. Oscar P. Smith.

"One of the greatest problems of the public school instructor is to fill the educational needs of divergent groups. Some of the pupils he trains will continue their education in college, while others want a training which they can consider complete when they finish high school."

Principal Hays believes another point to be considered is that a much higher percentage of pupils enter college now than six or seven years ago, and that, as a result, the lower-grade student is more in evidence. He is convinced that this is true regardless of the rather exacting college entrance requirements, because the high number of pupils places a goodly number in the first two-fifths of the class.

In giving his reaction to the assessment that high schools are eliminating easy courses, Mr. Hays said that, while this is true, he believes that the so-called easier courses substituted are better fitted to the student's needs and may be easier for this reason.

Commenting on the statement that high schools tend to place teachers whether or not they are suited to teach the particular courses assigned them, Mr. Hays said, "To my knowledge, this condition exists only in small high schools where it is necessary to have instructors teach two or more courses. In the case of larger schools, teachers almost without exception are placed in the course where their major interest lies. This is true now more than ever before, because there is a surplus of teachers, and it is easy to find the person best suited to the need."

In regard to the matter of lack of personal initiative in high schools, Mr. Hays said that this is a natural condition and is hard to overcome because the student lives at home, where the individual lives at home during the first two years of study, may solve the problem.

Prof. R. Adams Dutcher, head of the agricultural biochemistry department, attended a committee meeting on Tuesday at the State College, Pa., to discuss the United States Pharmacopoeia, an authoritative reference book in the field of drugs, in New York City last Friday. Composed of men representing the entire country, the committee hopes to cooperate with a similar group in Europe to internationalize vitamin standards.

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Fine Announced For Tardy Registration

The regular five dollar fine for late registration will be enforced on all students not enrolling in their scheduled periods, William S. Hoffman, College registrar, has announced. He also reminded students that no one will be permitted to enter the building to register during the last half hour of his assigned time.

The periods for registration, according to initials, are as follows: A to B, C to E, F to G, H to I, J to K, L to M, M to O, P to R, S to Sp, St to V, W to Z.

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THURSDAY—Warner Oland, Linda Watkins in Earl Derr Biggers' "CHARLIE CHAN'S CHANCE"

FRIDAY—Gloria Swanson in "TONIGHT OR NEVER"

SATURDAY—Doug Fairbanks, Jr., Joan Blondell in "UNION DEPOT"

MONDAY—Marian Marsh in "UNDER EIGHTEEN"

NEXT TUESDAY—Robert Montgomery in "LOVERS COURAGEOUS"

NEXT WEDNESDAY—Linda Watkins, H. B. Warner in "GOOD SPORTS"

Laurel and Hardy Comedy

NEXT THURSDAY—James Cagney, Loretta Young in "TAXI"

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