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GRADING TO PLUNK

If they are successful in attaining the grade average of their school, students in Chemistry and Physics stand a chance of graduating, according to a survey released by the Registrar. With the numerical requirement set at 1.00, the average is 88. No other school in this College has this condition. The next lowest average is 1.14. Instead of training, then, it would seem that this school has taken as its duty one of elimination by rigorous marking. When the purpose of education construed to mean this?

Twenty-four instructors in the School of Chemistry and Physics have set their standards below the grade of 1.00; and in one case, that of a professor who instructs 112 students, the average of his classes is .12, barely passing. One instructor whose standard was .28 had under his control 917 undergraduates. On the basis of these records, compiled for the first semester of 1931-32, 2236 students in one class or another are subjected to this method of grading.

The mystery of how such a situation is tolerated is as deep as how it has developed. If this is the result of instruction by graduate students who cannot see over the brim of a test-tube, then it would appear that graduate students are very necessary accessories of the laboratory, but unfit for the classroom. This condition is not a new one: records for 1924, 1925, 1929 and 1931 show a definite consistency of grade averages below the graduating minimum. An investigation and correction of such a condition is more than appropriate. It is necessary.

The average student has few occasions to make any lasting contribution to his college. The splendid service rendered to the Penn State student body by Francis L. Mathews, Interfraternity Council president, in conducting the successful Student Loan fund dance Wednesday night, should certainly be considered as a very worthy contribution to College welfare.

LATER DINNER HOUR

Although a majority of the students who favor Daylight Saving for State College base their opinions on the assistance such a move will render intramural sports, a very important contributing factor still must be considered.

If fraternities and boarding houses keep their dinner hours at 5:30 o'clock under Daylight Saving, it will be necessary to conduct the two-hour sports period after the evening meal. Under this procedure the athletic period must combat the various organization meetings, band practices, movies, etc.

In order, then, to secure an uninterrupted two-hour sports period, it will be necessary to move dinner hour up to 6:30 o'clock and conduct intramural athletics from 4 to 6 o'clock. The later dinner hour has long been contemplated here as a more reasonable time for the evening meal, and such a change would probably not be seriously opposed by the fraternities.

A MATTER OF ETHICS

It is difficult to understand the average college man's conception of ethics. He would scorn to rob a bank, he would frown on refusal to pay honest debts, and yet he blatantly displays towels and silverware "lifted" from hotels and other establishments he has visited.

Perhaps it is a feeling that such items as towels and silverware are common property. But a little thought will show that they are rigidly on a par with any other form of private property and, as such, should be viewed with all due respect to the owner's rights.

Gate-crashing is another collegiate breach of ethics. Some college men boast openly of the number of dances they have crashed, much as the Indian would flaunt his scalp and take pride in the heap he had been able to capture. Particularly proud is the collegian who discovers some new and novel means to thwart those who would make him pay or show proper credentials before entering a dance.

The Daily Californian, student newspaper at the University of Southern California, reports: "Fraternity men were arrested recently for taking thirty-five electric light bulbs from local establishments for their house dance. Their stunt was collegiate and clever, and would have been lauded by upperclass brothers who sent them or the escapade had they been skillful enough to complete their errand."

This points to another of the many inconsistencies in collegiate ethics, and at the same time to a likely means of bringing these standards up to a plane where society will respect them. When college men come to view successful and unsuccessful escapades from the same angle, they will have created a consistent code of ethics that brands towel-lifting as robbery and places gate-crashing in the category of criminal behavior.

R. V. W.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Since it's so close to the political season, we feel that the Campuseer should draw up the following platform and place himself on a ticket sanctioned by Chiefs Yougel and Zarger. We now want the W. S. G. A. (We Seldom Get Anywhere) to back us to a woman.

We advocate for our success! One buck a week for cokes in the Corner in order to dig up all the dirt trampled around the premises. Special permission to visit (in disguise) all sorors and dorms, giving us an insight into the lives and habits of the unmitigated few.

Invitations, engraved and embossed, to all fraternity dances. Then we would not be subject to the indignities of being kicked out. We would rather be carried out.

The right to publish our name. It's not fair to have everybody subject to innuendoes and slurs, all because they are accused of being the Campuseer. Besides, those suspected couldn't even be funny in No. 14 shoes.

We understand that the girls down in Ivy Inn have been complaining that they don't get enough publicity in this column. Never fear, girls, we'll take care of you.

Saw some S. A. E.'s around Saturday night in tuxes. Must have had a dance up on the hill. Come to think of it though, that couldn't have been possible. It was too quiet around here over the week-end.

Phil Kester, formerly of Varsity Ten fame, now operates the high school band up at Punks—tawny (Pardon, we never could spell it) where he teaches in odd moments. At a little recital the other week the band played its repertoire of three numbers. There was so much applause that Phil was forced to give an encore. But the band only knew three pieces. So for the fourth number they played the first number, with a slightly different arrangement. And for the fifth number they played the second number. The crowd applauded. All of which shows a lot of things.

Signs of Spring bring signs of Love and Romance. Dick Ritenour and Nan Nace, Betty Bree and Harry Hopkinson, Dick Gehr and Bud Webb, Homer Ressler and Helen Palmer, Van Van Keuren and Peg Barnard, Jack Kennedy and Kay Mahoney, Charlie Rice and Marge Miller, etc., etc., etc.

The Tau Phi Deltas staged an all-College dance Saturday night. . . Among those who survived the scrutiny of the private sleuths at the door, we noticed Jack Carson, Bob Ayres, somebody with Alice Bierstein, and of course Shirley Thorpe & Co., feeling quite at home.

The Beta Sigma Rho's were sitting down at the festive board Sunday afternoon when a telegram came from Rochester announcing the elopement of one of the boys with a certain co-ed. The boys were quite perturbed until the prodigal son returned home and exploded the telegram as a diabolical myth by revealing that he and the said co-ed had merely been in Rochester to see about getting in Med School. Oh yeah?

About Town and Campus: Bub Byers just recovered from the Phi Mew formal two weeks ago. . . Bob Thrasher and his bag of tricks arrived in town to entertain popular Mary Calvin. . . tough on Ken England and Joe Rubin, etc. . . Freddy Pierce and his Blue Key dink at Syracuse over the week-end. . . Marge Hudson in an azure blue coat. . . Bill Ulerich, local journalist and ex-pride of the COLLEGIAN staff, tells the students in Prof. Gibbons' journalism class how to make good on 20 per . . . or less. . .

CAST CHOSEN FOR 'ELECTRA' DRAMA

Beidler '33, Thorpe '33 Given Major Feminine Roles—Hetzel '35, Hirsh '35 Selected

Selection of the cast for "Electra," the next play to be presented by Penn State Players, has been completed with the exception of two minor characters, according to Prof. Arthur C. Cloetngh, of the department of English literature, who will direct the production. A definite date for the performance has not been set.

"Electra" is a Greek tragedy translated by Gilbert Murray from the original by Euripides. Following the plan of the Greek tragedy, it consists of a series of episodes which present the story. Shirley Thorpe '33 is cast in the role of Clytemnestra, queen of Argos and widow of Agamemnon with Phyllis G. Beidler '33 appearing in the part of Electra, her daughter, and Paul K. Hirsh '35 as Orestes, her son. Making his first appearance as a Player, Roger H. Hetzel '35 will portray the character of the peasant husband of Electra.

Bertram Rosenthal jr. '35 will take the part of an old man, while Robert E. Hoese '35 is cast in the role of the hero Castor. Lilie A. Kell '33 will appear as the leader of the chorus with Mary B. Calvin '33 as the second woman of the chorus.

BEZDEK, DAVIS TO SPEAK AT ANNUAL SOUTHERN CONCLAVE

Hugs Bezdek, director of the School of Physical Education and Dr. Elwood Davis, of the physical education faculty, will be guest speakers at the annual southern conference of the national Physical Education association, which will be held on March 30, 31 and April 1 in Jacksonville, Fla.

Bezdek will speak on "Solving Administrative Problems of Athletics in the State of Pennsylvania," and "Intercollegiate Athletic Problems." Dr. Davis' subject will be "Scientific Techniques in the Direction of Professional Preparation of Physical Education Teachers."

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WPSC SCHEDULE TODAY 11:45-Campus News Briefs TOMORROW 11:45-Agricultural News Notes 4:00-Prof. Clinton L. Harter speaks on "Business as a Learned Profession" Dr. Francis M. duMont speaks on "Philippine Souvenirs" THURSDAY 11:45-Campus News Briefs Beginning Thursday at 12:15 o'clock Station WPSC will be silent until next Tuesday at 11:45 o'clock

GRANGE SHORT COURSE TO OPEN HERE FRIDAY Hetzel Will Deliver Initial Address Before State Lecture Group

With an opening address by President Ralph D. Hetzel, the second annual short course for Grange lectures of the State will begin here Friday and continue through Saturday.

Included in the list of speakers is Dr. O. E. Baker, of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Washington, D. C., who will talk on "Economic Changes and Their Effect on Present Problems in Agriculture" at the Friday afternoon session.

Others who will speak are Howard G. Eisman, lecturer of the Pennsylvania State College, B. L. Hummel, rural sociologist of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, John A. McSparran, secretary of the State department of agriculture, James C. Farmer, lecturer of the National Grange.

ALPHA PI MU ELECTIONS (Honorary Pre-medical) Faculty Dr. William A. Pearson Dr. Joel A. Sperry Undergraduates Palmer L. Auker '33 Charles P. Pluto '33 Albert M. Blitcovitch '34 Jack B. Dienna '34 James J. Dusekas '34 Laurence L. Rackow '34

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COLLEGE ALUMNUS WINS FIRST PRIZE IN CONTEST

Former Graduate Manager Awarded \$7,000 by Popular Magazine

P. Edwin Thomas '09 has been awarded the first prize of \$7,000 for submitting the winning magazine title in a nation-wide contest conducted recently by a popular physical culture periodical.

After graduating from Bellefonte Academy, Mr. Thomas entered Penn State where he gained recognition in his senior year as catcher on the varsity baseball team. He served as graduate manager of athletics here for a few years after his graduation.

KELLER, BULLINGER ARRANGE PROGRAM FOR SHORT COURSE

Prof. J. Orvis Keller, head of engineering extension, and Prof. Clarence E. Bullinger, head of the industrial engineering department, are arranging for the seventeenth annual short course in Industrial Management to be held here from June 8 to 18.

The course is given for executives who are interested in current trends of industrial management and personnel problems.

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AGRICULTURALISTS PETITION NATIONAL ENGINEERS' GROUP

Students in the agricultural engineering curriculum have petitioned the American Society of Agricultural Engineers to be chartered as a student branch of the organization, according to Prof. Ralph U. Blasingame, head of the department, and first vice-president of the national society.

At a meeting of the students enrolled in the curriculum Tuesday night, a club was formed and officers elected. Raymond G. Bressler '32 was chosen president, and Stephen J. Mech '33 secretary-treasurer.

KELLER RECEIVES PROMOTION

Prof. J. Orvis Keller, director of engineering extension, has been promoted to the rank of Major in the Ordnance department of the United States Reserves. Professor Keller will continue his assignment in the executive division of the Pittsburgh Ordnance district, where he has been serving as captain.

CATHAUM

(No matinee during Easter Vacation, Thursday to Monday inclusive)

TUESDAY—Richard Dix and Star Cast in "THE LOST SQUADRON" Also Penn State Dancers in "Spotlight"

WEDNESDAY—Lew Ayres, Una Merkel in "THE IMPATIENT MAIDEN"

THURSDAY—(Evening Showing Only) Nancy Carroll, Richard Arlen in "WAYWARD"

FRIDAY—Dorothy MacKail, Don Cook in "SAFE IN HELL"

SATURDAY—Jack Holt, Ralph Graves in "A DANGEROUS AFFAIR"

MONDAY—Billie Dove, Edward E. Horton in "AGE FOR LOVE"

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