

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

Tendency of the public schools to eliminate hard courses from their curricula helps to minimize the raised standards of high school preparation shown by freshmen entering mathematics courses here, Prof. Frederick W. Owens, head of the mathematics department, has commented.

"There is a very marked attitude in the high schools of the State that because a course or a part of one is difficult, it should be discontinued," Dr. Owens said. "This viewpoint is a counterpart of the haste and carelessness in America today.

"The public schools are much more responsive to popular will than are colleges. Through school boards and parents of school children, high schools are influenced by the most casual tendencies of the general public."

Dr. Owens cited another objectionable feature of high school preparation in the inclination there to have instructors teach courses in which they did not major.

If a teacher applies for a position as instructor in mathematics, for instance, and no vacancy exists in that course, Professor Owens said he may be placed as Latin teacher, even

though his knowledge and interest in this subject is very limited.

"It is hard to make any clear-cut conclusions on the quality of high school preparation," Dr. Owens pointed out. "The determining factors are the school, the instructors, and the individuals, and these vary. A change in faculty often lowers or heightens the school's standards."

Professor Owens believes that high school students should be given more school work and should be put more on their own initiative. He thinks such an arrangement would train the students to go ahead with their studies when they are removed from parental and other pressure in entering college.

"A good public school preparation is necessary in mathematics, probably more than in any other college subject, because the student must have a sequential knowledge," Dr. Owens said.

"If a college freshman must continually review the ABC's of mathematics, he finds it very difficult to acquire new facts. As a result the student who did good high school work in mathematics usually continues as a good student at college."

LEADERS CLUB IS ORGANIZED

A Leaders Club of Junior Mechanics was organized in the department of industrial education last week. The new society is part of a course offered at the College this summer.

DEAN SACKETT NOMINATED

Dean Robert L. Sackett, head of the School of Engineering, has been nominated as one of the three managers to be elected by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers this year, the A. S. M. E. News announced recently.

Election will be held this fall, each manager being elected for three years. For a number of years Dean Sackett has been chairman of the A. S. M. E. committee on relations with industry.

PETE UPDEGROVE, INJURED, GOES TO OLYMPIC TRIALS

Pete Updegrave, Penn State's 158-pound entry in the Olympic boxing trials, will be unable to participate in the try-outs because of a broken arm sustained in preliminary work-outs at Syracuse, N. Y. Pete may make the trip to California as a spectator, nevertheless.

Al Lewis, 147-pounder, and Davey Stoop, 118-pound ringman, were scheduled to fight their first Olympic trial bouts this week. If successful in the first, they will be called to enter additional bouts later in the week.

Campus Beauty Up to Students, Ebert Declares

"The campus has been graded and plans carried out now to the point where only student cooperation is required to keep it in attractive condition," Mr. George W. Ebert, supervisor of grounds and buildings, said yesterday.

With the completion of rebuilt Old Main in 1929-30, extensive and permanent changes in the layout of the campus were put into effect. New walks were placed, throughout the College grounds, and the work of re-sodding bare spots left from construction projects was carried out.

Mr. Ebert believes that the campus now presents its most enticing appearance since the razing of Old Main. He is anxious, now that the new Home Economics and Dairy buildings are completed and all such expansion finished, that students will refrain from cutting corners and otherwise thwarting the work of the grounds and buildings department.

HOOVER WINS STRAW BALLOT

President Hoover was given 270 votes to Governor Roosevelt's 150 in a straw ballot conducted this week at the Cathaum Theatre. "The Dark Horse," an anonymous candidate, also received 150 preferences.

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"The Young Woman's Guild" of the Paul's Methodist Church will hold a food sale at Keefer's Hardware Store on Wednesday, July 27, starting at 10 a. m.

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THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH has formulated certain rules and regulations governing the operation of swimming pools and bathing beaches within the state. Some of the important regulations you will be interested in

ARTICLE IV.—Quality of Water

SECTION 1.—The water used at all bathing places shall at all times have a chemical content and quality acceptable to the Department of Health, and accordingly said Department will determine what purification processes, if any, are needed to accomplish this end.

SECTION 2.—Effective disinfection is required of the water in all swimming pools. Whenever chlorine, calcium hypochlorite or other chlorine compounds are used for swimming pool disinfection, the amount of available or excess chlorine in the water at all times

when the pool is in use shall not be less than 0.1 p.p.m. nor more than 0.5 p.p.m.

SECTION 4.—All water in the pool shall at times of use, be BRIGHT and CLEAR.

SECTION 5.—Not more than two out of five samples of the water supply admitted to the swimming pool or of the water in any part of the pool, when the pool is in use, collected on the same day or not more than three out of any ten consecutive such samples collected on different dates, shall show a positive test of B. Coli in 10 c.c.

Average Temperature of Pool Last Week 79 Degrees F.

OUR POOL has been inspected and APPROVED by the PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH in every respect.

We Invite Your Inspection and will be Pleased to Answer any Questions.

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