

Don't Gripe If Your Grades Aren't What You Expected

"Don't gripe at the prof if your grades aren't what you think they should be," begs Dr. Harry L. Van Velzer of the School of Chemistry and Physics. "One of the hardest jobs in teaching is to devise a fair marking system and carry it out."

There are so many factors to be considered. When grading an objective test, the possibility of guesswork must be considered. How should it be handled? When grading discussion questions in any subject each student will emphasize different angles.

How much should his personal slant be considered or ignored? Even the prof, after reading the same set of facts 50 times or so, is likely to change a little and give the last discussion a different grade from the first even if they are almost identical.

The crux of the problem, however, is the matter of ability and effort.

"Should," Dr. Van Velzer asked, "the student who gets a 3 easily and the student with less ability who slaves for his 3 get the same grade with no indication of personal achievement?" Dr. Van Velzer's idea is to give a test at the beginning of a course to determine the student's ability. Then, at the end of the course, he should be given another test to show ad-

vancement in place of mere knowledge.

Through these tests an employer can tell which student he would want to hire. He can choose with surety between the brilliant student who works, the duller student who works, the brilliant student who won't work, and the duller student who won't work.

"The person who can work out these questions to the satisfaction of reason and justice will have made a great contribution to the field of education and indirectly to progress itself," says Dr. Van Velzer.

Hal Frey To Take Cast Off Ankle For Gym Nationals

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trained less than one year before winning the all-around crown. The transition from tumbler to all-around man was not too difficult for him since tumbling forms a solid foundation for all gymnastics.

Four days before the Navy tourney, Frey was hospitalized because of a carbuncle. Driving spirit and intestinal fortitude forced him to get up from bed, and perform in the meet. By the time Hal reached the tumbling event he was so "pooped out" as he says, that he began slipping in mid-air, and crashed to the gym floor. Frey shrugs off the mishap with a smile. "Yep, I took a three-point landing."

Lacrosse

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Al Auer will start in one of the three defense spots, with either Bob Carson, Bob Maddocks, Frank Martinas or Allen as his running mates.

On the second line in midfield, Thiel will have Art Lorenz, Smith and either Wilhelm or Dorsey Booker.

Varsity stickman from last year, Pete Johnson will again take up the netminding duties for the battle with the Cadets.

Psych Honorary Initiates Majors

Psi Chi Bids Students On Scholarship Basis

Psi Chi, national psychology honorary, will hold its initiation ritual in the Hugh Beaver room, 7 p.m. Friday, according to Rosalind Becker, president of the local chapter.

Those who have thus far been checked as accepting the honorary's bids are: Juniors, Joan Baker, Eva Charnowitz, Helene Gershenfeld, Edith Fuller, Elizabeth Merkle, and Paulette Stevenson; seniors, Mildred Brown, Ellen Cromer, Margaret Schaeffer, and Arlene Weisberg; graduates, Dorothy Holberg, Gardner Lindsay, Ella Melville, S. D. Melville, Irene Russell, and Carolyn Welch.

Requirements for initiation to the honorary are the achievement of a 2 average in psychology courses, a 1.3 All-College average, and the completion of 12 hours in psychology.

Calendar

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Wednesday

College Forum, 304 Old Main, 4:15 p.m.

Ag Student Council meeting, 318 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

Surgical Dressings Class, 119; 117 Home Economics building, 7 p.m.

Joint meeting of Spanish and French Clubs in Woman's Building lounge at 7 p.m.

Thursday

Priestly Lecture, 119-New Physics, 6:30 p.m. Dr. Herman A. Brunson, speaker; sponsor, Phi Lambda Upsilon.

Panhellenic Council meeting, Dean of Women's office, 7 p.m.

LaVie Notifies Seniors Of Photo Appointments

LaVie will take pictures of all graduating seniors at the Photo Shop Tuesday. The seniors will receive postal cards, notifying them at what time the photos will be taken, according to Fred Dietz, editor.

Surprise! State College Has Rainfall Deficiency For April

If the axiom "April showers bring May flowers" were true, it seems as though Penn Staters should soon be strolling through beds of violets, crocuses, and johnny-jump-ups. But actually the situation is quite the contrary for to date April has a rainfall deficiency according to Hans Neuberger, assistant professor of geophysics.

The total amount of precipitation for April is 3.47 inches. During the first twenty days of the month State College has had only 1.45 inches, or less than half, despite the fact that it has rained 14 days.

Grumbling because they have to dig out raincoats and umbrellas, students fail to realize the advantage these scattered rains possess for Centre County farmers as well as for agriculture projects at the College.

During the month 1.8 inches of snow have been recorded by the College weather station, which is .9 inch below the normal of 2.7 inches. And there probably will be no more snowfalls. This brings the total deficit in snowfall to 6.4 inches and the total precipitation deficit for 1944 to 7.3 inches.

Weather phenomena observed this month have been ten solar and lunar halos caused by high clouds and three thunderstorms, one more than the monthly total normal.

Neuberger refuses to predict April weather but said sudden changes could be expected. So don't stow away your rainclothes because if State College is to reach its total yearly normal

of 39.1 inches of precipitation, 30.26 inches more may be expected between now and December 31.

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ROGER & GALLET

Janie

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or experience. Lines were muffed, cues missed, and the third act dragged along as if the actors were working overtime and waiting for the factory whistle to blow.

"Janie" was not an excellent production; it was a moderately good one. But "moderately good" means something only in relation to some standard of comparison. Compared to the better Players shows in the past, it was only mediocre.

But is it fair to judge "Janie" in the light of past shows where operating conditions were easier and talent more plentiful? Perhaps it would be more just to consider this play according to the standard of campus entertainment set by the recent Thespian fiasco. Then it could be termed "terrific."

Palma Wakefield played the role of Janie in an exceedingly sweet manner. Unfortunately, her high school girl was too sweet, and cute, and dewey-eyed, and innocent, to be convincing. But considering that this is only Miss Wakefield's second appearance, as a Player, and that her part was large and difficult, she did much better than could ordinarily be expected.

Walter Robinson's performance as Dick Lawrence was handicapped by his awkwardness on the stage. He seemed not to know what to do with himself, his hands, his feet.

On the other hand, Shirley Friedman as Bernadine proved to be a capable comedienne in a difficult role. Thomas Monaghan, Janet Dayton, and Kenneth Thompson gave convincing performances. In smaller roles, Bennett Fairth was wildly applauded as Deadpan and Henry Simon was an excellent Uncle Poodgie.

V-12 Event

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Patterned after the shows which are popular among soldiers in camps, the Navy and Marine production is an answer to "This Is The Army." It is receiving the wholehearted support of the V-12 officials and the College. Several national publications have been contacted with the hope that an idea originated at Penn State may spread to units across the country.

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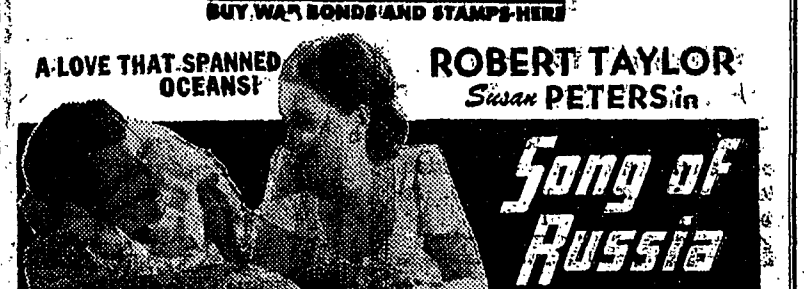


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