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Inflexible Finals

At the end of every semester we are impressed and annoyed by the stringent atmosphere in which final examinations are given at Penn State.

SO AWED are many instructors by the sanctity of finals that they will not even permit their classes to discuss possible shifting of the time or place of an exam. The utter inflexibility of a final examination schedule seems to inspire an unholy fear that heads will roll if an instructor presumes to make a change.

In an effort to dodge the issue, instructors have told us that particular departments require a petition in which every member of the class agrees to a given change. Even with the petition, they say, department authorities frown on such practices to so great an extent that a change would not be permitted unless extreme circumstances could be proved.

The reasoning behind this sanctification apparently is that changes would make more work for profs and would tend to confuse even more the already complex system of finals and conflicts. In many instances more than one exam would have to be worked out by the prof to prevent students from seeing a copy before they take it. A student finds it difficult to practice the honor system when he knows all about an exam his buddy is about to take.

WE CANNOT DENY that to relax the present policy would add both to the work and the confusion. But it also cannot be denied that under the current system many students are needlessly inconvenienced.

Other schools we are familiar with take a much more liberal attitude toward finals. At Pitt a definite schedule is arranged but instructors often switch the time or place without consulting anyone other than the class involved. Often the exam time will be changed to the last class period.

Another practice, unheard of here but sometimes used by Pitt instructors, is to give a student the option of exempting himself from a final if he is satisfied with his grade at the end of the semester or taking it if he thinks he can improve the grade.

— Herbert Stein

Improved Plan

The new activities card file plan for men students, accepted by cabinet Thursday, seems an improvement over the original plan in two respects.

PRINCIPALLY, the new plan eliminates information in two categories which some students might find objectionable—employment and personal history. And in the scholastic category, only the all-College average is included. Thus, the file becomes one strictly to record information on student activities.

In addition, the new plan requires only volunteer work from cabinet committee workers and not the expenditure which was necessary under the original plan. To begin with, the dean of men's office, which will provide funds, was the body which stated that need for the file and which apparently would have the most use for it. First time the idea was brought up, the male members of cabinet showed little evidence they thought it would be of too great a use for student activities.

Safety Valve . . .

Ham And Ego

TO THE EDITOR: You and your 12,000-odd students should be proud of one of your student groups who last night (Jan. 10) masqueraded in basketball player uniforms and staged an "icy" show on the floor of Davis gymnasium at Bucknell university.

They were terrific! Their cold stares were wonderful. Their self-control was magnificent. Their ball-handling was rigid. Their fouling was subtle. And they won a "basketball" game.

Yes, Penn State college should be proud that they went home with the bacon, for an exchange of ham for bacon is fair dealing. They should have an inflated ego, for they don't often beat basketball teams from schools one-fifth their size.

Your coach may make a name for himself, your team made a name for itself last night, and your school has established a name.

Penn State, Moulder of MEN?

— Jack Williams
Editor, The Bucknellian
Bucknell University

Ed. Note—The above letter, a typical example of the "boola boola" school of college editing, leaves us pretty cold. It is the typical sophomore yelp of one whose team lost because the opponent outsmarted it. Not that we want to see basketball degenerate into a frozen custard type of game, but we do feel that some of the fervor whipped up over one "freeze" game has been exaggerated. If Penn State should continually use the "freeze," there would be grounds for strong objection. But sarcasm seems to be the only answer the Bucknellian editor can make, since his team apparently made no effort to break up the "freeze," which should have been easy. We're inclined to watch the future for developments before praising or denouncing the Penn State coach.

Gazette . . .

Tuesday, January 16

ALPHA KAPPA PSI meeting, 218 Willard hall, 7 p.m.

BARBELL club, McKee hall recreation room, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGIAN BUSINESS candidates, final make up exam, 1 Carnegie hall, 7 p.m.

PSYCHOLOGY club, Prof. Edward Abramson to speak on "Mass Society," 204 Burrows, 7:30 p.m.

WRA BOWLING, White hall alleys, 7 p.m.

WRA FENCING, White hall, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information concerning interviews and job placements can be obtained in 112 Old Main.

Seniors who turned in preference sheets will be given priority in scheduling interviews for two days following the initial announcement of the visit of one of the companies of their choice. Other students will be scheduled on the third and subsequent days.

Rohm & Hass company will interview graduate students who will receive their M.S. and Ph.D. in 1951 in Aero. Eng., Chem. Eng., Eng. Mech., M.E., and Phys. Jan. 23. Swift & Company will interview Ph.D.'s in Organic Chem., and Bio. Chem. January 25.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

For information concerning the following jobs, applicants should stop in 112 Old Main.

COUPLE to live in house and cook breakfast and dinner for man; duration one month; room plus cash.

STUDENT to care for two children between Jan. 21-26; children aged 1½ and 5; cash plus food in exchange.

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HOUSE TO HOUSE SALESMEN for Valentine candy; this vicinity between now and Feb. 1.

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COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Patients: Janice Rodriguez, Haralyn Levy, Frances Crawford, David Pierson, Lawrence Snyder, Don Bersinger, John Sheridan, John Graham, Edward Hewitt, Robert Mazelkis, Albert Pettit, William Worthington.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: Woman on Pier 13
STATE: Destination Moon
NITTANY: Walls of Malapaga

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"This will make a good test-question: 'Compare social psychology to the psychology of music.' But when you make the quiz, make the question read: 'Collate the formation of social stereotypes and the effect of the social environment of the individual with the psychological principles underlying the musical arts.'"

Pi Gamma Alpha Initiates Twelve

Twelve juniors and seniors from the Fine Arts and Architecture departments have been initiated by Pi Gamma Alpha, fine arts honorary.

Following the initiations a banquet was held at the Allencrest tea room. Guest speaker of the evening was Prof. Viktor Lowenfeld of the Department of Art Education, who summarized future trends in education which were discussed at the Whitehouse conference of last month.

Members initiated were Joan Wiley, Lois Brown, Pat Duncan, Jean Gordan, Anne Wenty, Shirley Vernon, Paul Kuhnle, Thomas Gresham, Sam Conrad, Dan Kistler, Edward Zimmerman, and Robert Goodenow.

25 Men Are Initiated Into Delta Sigma Pi

Delta Sigma Pi, men's professional business fraternity, recently initiated 25 men. They are Norman Barnhart, Donald Beal, Harry Dickman, Donald Edwards, John Feeney, Donald Felker, Frank Gross, William Guerrini, James Hovenec, William Hovenec, Richard Hyde, Henry Ingram, George Jeffries.

Edward Lopus, Owen McIntyre, Joseph McLoughlin, Fred Nale, Donald Nelson, William Polito, Henry Rappold, Forbes Ryder, Robert Scharf, John Sharp, Richard Shuma, and John Spangler.

New Freshmen—

(Continued from page one) violators of customs regulations. The rules will again include "but-toning" to upperclassmen when instructed to do so, and only using certain walks on the way to classes.

Thirteen Initiated Into Chi Epsilon

Chi Epsilon, civil engineering honorary, initiated 13 new members and installed new officers at a meeting in Old Main Wednesday.

New members are Edward Edgerley, Charles Gerdes, John Kane, Thomas Larson, Harold Light, Charles Lobron, Jerome Markoch, William McMullen, Joseph Reed, John Stenstrom, Lowell Thorpe, Robert Tomlinson, and John Yoder.

The new chapter officers are Frederick Rodgers, president; Richard Oxenreider, vice-president; Eber Ludwick, secretary-treasurer.

11 Students Initiated Into Alpha Pi Mu

Eleven students have been initiated into Alpha Pi Mu, national industrial engineering honorary.

They were John Blausler, Herbert Boyer, Jack Enterline, Robert Gebhardt, Robert Getis, Louis Haeffner, William Hewton, Fred Reinhold, James Throne, William Valego, and Leonard Waytenick.

Three professors were made honorary members. They were Clarence E. Bullinger, head of the Industrial Engineering department, MacLean M. Babcock, professor of industrial engineering, and Harry P. Hammond, dean of the School of Engineering.

Psychology Club To Hear Abramson

Prof. Edward Abramson will speak at 7:30 o'clock tonight to the Psychology club at its meeting in 204 Burrows. His topic will be "Mass Society." Election of officers for the spring semester will be held.

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