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Educators Weigh Speed-Up Plans

A story in the Sunday New York Times reported that a cleavage has developed among leaders in higher education as to the wisdom of resuming accelerated programs of study such as were used during World War II. It said that a survey of 100 "typical" colleges and universities disclosed that more than half already had adopted accelerated schedules or will by next fall. Of the rest, most have appointed committees to study methods of speeding up the academic program. About one-fifth of those colleges surveyed are "strongly opposed" to acceleration and do not plan to adopt it now.

Arguments both for and against acceleration were summarized by the Times. Included are points which will have to be, or are being, considered by the Penn State council on administration before it recommends a program for the College.

Arguments in favor of acceleration are that (1) acceleration will permit men to save one year, this time being of unusual value to those who must lose two or three years in service; (2) acceleration is important for the nation in time of emergency in that it enables graduates to serve the nation sooner due to earlier graduation; (3) an accelerated program will help eliminate "watered down" courses, the argument being that many courses now offered in colleges are virtually without value and could be eliminated without harming the curriculum.

Among the major arguments against acceleration are the points that (1) past experience cautions against a three-year or similar program, both students and faculty becoming mentally and physically tired by the pace; (2) important extra-curricular programs would be stopped, these normally being an important phase of campus life; (3) the need for acceleration has not been proved since even the armed forces have not crystallized their own thinking in the education area.

THE TIMES REPORTED that even educators who bitterly oppose the speed-up plans agree that if manpower officials actually ask for accelerated academic programs, they will have to go along. In New York state, a manpower commission appointed by the State Association of Colleges hopes to develop a plan whereby all colleges in the state will go on a tri-semester basis.

The course adopted by educators at the College will depend both on the demands of the local situation and of the present mobilization. Whatever step is taken, it will be of great and lasting importance, as the arguments presented in the Times story plainly indicate. It is a problem vital to every student on campus and worth each one's careful consideration.

— John Ashbrook

For Future Use

Although it's doubtful that, with the war situation and the current budget difficulties, it would be possible to build a new auditorium within the next few years, we certainly hope that this project is among those being planned for the future by the College. Aside from strictly classroom and laboratory buildings, it is one of those most needed on the Penn State campus.

BECAUSE SCHWAB AUDITORIUM seats only 1400 people, it is too small for holding large assemblies like President Eisenhower's convocation on the draft situation, which was held in Recreation hall. It is much too small for such a large activity as commencement, which must be held at Recreation hall.

The present auditorium certainly is too small for a symphony concert, such as the one last week by the Indianapolis symphony. At that performance, the sound of the orchestra was so contained by the smallness of the building that loud portions of the music were almost deafening. In addition, the acoustics of Schwab auditorium are bad, resulting in blind spots where hearing is impaired.

Then, there is the problem of where there would be space for an outstanding personality to speak here without a larger auditorium. Certainly Schwab auditorium would not hold all the persons who would have liked to hear Eric Johnston speak for the Community forum, had he been able to meet his engagement.

A LARGER AUDITORIUM also would provide more backstage space for rehearsals, dressing rooms, and small group activities for which there is no provision in Schwab.

Such an auditorium would be a valuable addition to the Penn State campus. Obviously, it cannot be built at the present time, but it just as obviously belongs in the long-range plans of the College.

Steps To Prevent Campus Cheating

Recent disclosures concerning the leaks in final examinations last semester show that, although the majority of Penn State students probably are honest in their scholastic work, there still are some students who will go beyond the boundaries set down by society in the realm of college studies.

THIS TYPE OF STUDENT always will be with us—at least, until some sort of process is developed to screen out students who, even before they enter college, probably will be dishonest. The effect of such action is bad in two respects—it undermines the character of the person who cheats, and it places other students who do not cheat at a disadvantage.

That the various departments of the College might do well to take another look at their security provisions concerning examinations is suggested by the disclosures. Possibly security provisions are strong enough in many, if not most, departments. But there is no excuse for allowing weak spots to exist. If any are discovered, they should be eradicated immediately and stronger security measures should be instituted.

More student consciousness of the problem of cheating also is needed, for student pressure is one of the strongest forces to deter one from cheating.

Certainly the disclosures shocked many into realizing that cheating does exist on the Penn State campus. The question is whether, now that we know the problem exists, anything will be done about it.

Unsigned Letters

In recent weeks the Collegian has received a number of letters to the editor which it has been unable to print because they were not signed. The unfortunate point is that some of them were meaty and certainly worthy of publication.

The Collegian's policy has been to print only letters which are signed so that it is possible to contact the writer in advance of publication in case there are questionable points, and so that the editors know that the writer is a responsible person. The editors will, however, if it is requested, withhold from publication the names of letter writers.

The Collegian always welcomes and is happy to print interesting letters to the editor, but we again request that all letters submitted to us for publication be signed by the writers.

Gazette . . .

Wednesday, February 14

AIM Board of Governors, 214 Willard hall, 7 p.m.

AMERICAN society of mechanical engineers, student branch meeting, 110 Electrical Engineering, 7:30 p.m.

BEGINNERS swimming class, White hall pool, 6:45 p.m.

COLLEGIAN business staff, freshman board, 9 Carnegie hall, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN junior editorial board, 1 Carnegie hall, 8 p.m.

COLLEGIAN sophomore editorial board, 1 Carnegie hall, 7 p.m.

FUTURE Business leaders of America, 105 Willard hall, 7 p.m.

NEWMAN club lecture, discussion, "The Defense of the Faith," rectory, 7:30 p.m.

RIDING club, 219 Electrical Engineering.

ECONOMICS club, Howard Freeman, speaker, 203 Willard, 7:45 p.m.

SCARAB, 306 Main Engineering, 7 p.m.

WRA dance, White hall rhythm room, 7 p.m.

WRA bridge, White hall play room, 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.

National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics will interview June graduates at all levels in Chem. Eng., E.E., M.E., Aero. Eng., Metal., Phys., and Phys. Chem.; at the Ph.D. and M.S. level in Arch. Eng. and C.E.; and at the Ph.D. level in Math. Monday, Feb. 26.

Ingersoll-Rand company will interview June graduates in M.E., I.E., Mining Eng., and Chem. Eng. Monday, Feb. 25. Senior students in agriculture who are interested in job opportunities with the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Co-operative association are reminded of a meeting with officials of the association in 103 Agriculture at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 15.

E. R. Squibb & Sons will interview junior students who are interested in summer employment in Chem. Eng., Chem., Commercial Chem., and Science Tuesday, Feb. 27. Arma corporation will interview June graduates in E.E., M.E., and Physics Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Merek and company, Inc. will interview June graduates in Chem. and Chem. Eng. Tuesday, Feb. 27.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

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

Ten West dorm residents to work in dining commons; no 8 or 4 o'clock classes; remuneration in cash.

Jobs working in exchange for room available.

Special library on campus needs sophomore or junior student as assistant; 10 to 12 hours per week; must have science background plus French and German.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

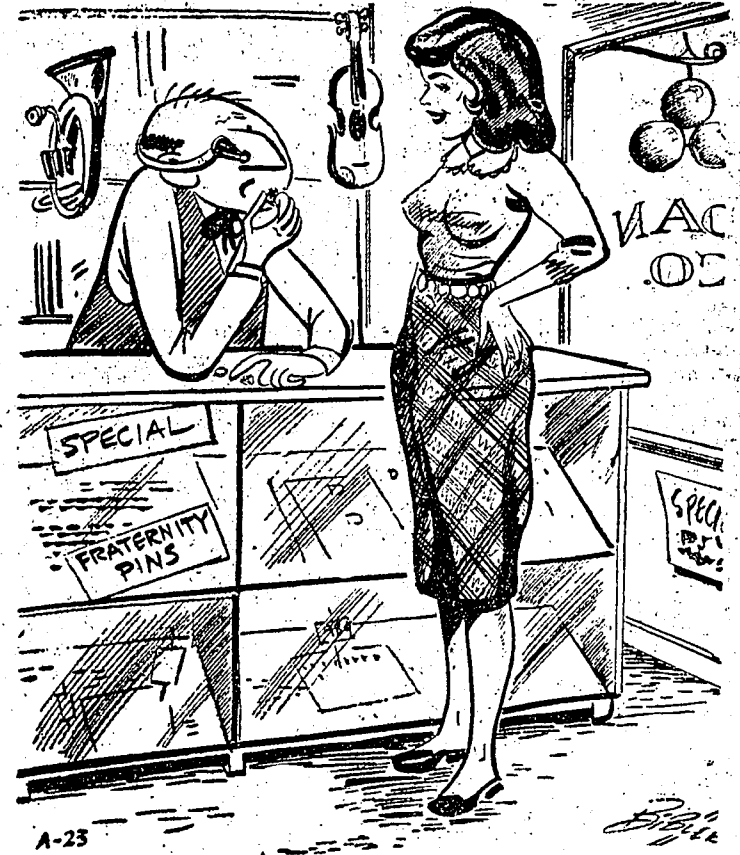
Patients: Marvin Boring, Thomas Courtless, Lawrence Dunn, William Faurot, Victor Fritts, Raymond Galant, Signa Grimes, Ruth Grotzky, Edward Hewitt, John McAfee, Cornelia McCaffrey, Hope Meloy, Louise Penfield, Nevin Rupp, Leslie Shallenberger, Cly Shelley, Edward Twichell, Frank Wick, and Donald Yenko.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: The Great Man Hunt
STATE: Watch The Birdie
NITTANY: Rocky Mountain

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"We're pretty well stocked with Phi Upsilon pins, Louise. Why don't you start dating boys out of the Sigma Phi Nothing fraternity from now on?"

For The Sentimental, Or For The Birds?

Second Only To Castoria Week

We overheard a coed telling a friend, "I'm going to remember my father on Valentine's day." A warm feeling went through us as we thought of the spirit of love which had warmed the young lady's heart and would draw together an American family on a happy, happy holiday. She continued, "Yes, I'm going to phone my father, reverse the charges, and ask him for money. Ha ha."

HA HA INDEED, clever miss, we thought, for all unknown you have put your expensively polished fingernail upon a situation which has turned Feb. 14 from a self-respecting date two days after Lincoln's birthday to an orgy of monetary amorosness second only to Drink-More-Castoria week as a commercial promotion. Saint Valentine never had it so good while he was alive as the Hallmark people have it 17 centuries later.

As a matter of fact, the life of Saint Valentine is quite instructive in consideration of his holiday. The Romans saw fit to throw him to the lions at an early age, which goes to prove the glory that was Rome. No self-respecting pagan was going to have his loving circumscribed by fifteen-cent doggerel.

Going deeper into history, we find that Saint Valentine's day

began having amorous connotations around the end of the middle ages, when people noticed that birds began to mate on Feb. 14. It is not clear whether this was a new wrinkle on the birds' part or whether people were becoming more observant. Anyway, Chaucer was driven to write:

"For this was Seynt Valentyne's Day.

When every foul cometh to chuse its mate."

And, deploring his spelling, we must nonetheless agree with the good Geoffrey in his basic sentiments that it's a pretty foul holiday.

SO the medieval folk decided, as one scribe puts it, to make Valentine's day "strictly for human beings." But they weren't too successful. It's still for the birds.

—Ron Bonn

Important As Grass On The Mall

Don't believe a word of that misogynistic, niggardly, unromantic Bonn. Regardless of his raucous ramblings, he informed one of the Collegian belles, in tones mellifluous, that he should be more than elated to receive a Valentine from her.

AND WHO WOULDN'T? It is always heart-warming to know that one is being remembered. The sender demonstrates that he is thoughtful, considerate, and probably good to his mother. Yes, it is the little things that count and that distinguishes the boys from the men.

Do away with Valentine's day, with valentines, with love, with kindness? These are what brings joy in life. Not rashly was it said, "Love makes the world go around."

We should all be thankful that Valentine's day can still exist in this disrupted world. Like Mother's day, Father's day, and Christmas, Valentine's day is a time to think of one's loved ones. Perhaps, it is too bad that every day isn't Valentine's day.

ANY MALE who forgets his

little female today will quickly be told why Valentine's day is important. Women—let's face it—are sentimental and like to be wooed as well as any Juliet.

But what of the masculine viewpoint? I would like to see the boy who didn't blush lightly, smile warmly, and act more kindly towards his fraternity brothers upon receiving a red and white token of love from his girl.

Valentine's day is as important as the grass on the mall, the gurgle of a baby, and holding hands in the movies. There can't be an excess of love and kindness and thoughtfulness.

—Janet Rosen

Sophisticated Cupid

Twenty years ago, in 1931, the Penn State Collegian reported that "Dan Cupid has changed his blissful smile to become a 'sophisticate' despite the fact that the 'to my sweetheart' love missives have had a large sale . . ."

The Collegian revealed that "safety pins, thermometers, dice, bits of string and even locks of hair decorate the messages replacing the old-fashioned, lacey, flower bedecked love poems of former times." The new "love missives" selling for a penny, were termed "birdie-valentines."