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## Exam Issue Merits Real Consideration

Action of the College senate in turning down flatly the proposal to eliminate final exams for seniors is certain to raise resentment among the student body, particularly in view of the statement by Senior Class President John Erickson and Marlin Brenner, chairman of the student exams committee. In their statement, Brenner and Erickson charged that "complete and fair investigation of the proposal was not received."

FROM WHAT WE HAVE been able to learn of the deliberations of the senate committee on academic standards, which considered the proposal and recommended its defeat, the students have a right to a good deal of chagrin over the treatment they received.

The question was one on which there easily could be considerable disagreement on reasonable grounds. The committee was approached with a tightly-reasoned statement setting forth sound reasons to consider eliminating finals for graduating seniors. It was strictly adamant in its attitude toward the plan and showed no willingness to consider that the students' arguments might be of worth.

The committee said finals "afford training for the student in marshalling his facts . . . at short notice, under pressure." This is true enough, but it overlooks the fact that the student has had exactly the same training in seven previous bouts with finals. Were the proposal to eliminate all finals for everyone, the reason would be valid, but, as it stands, it is merely an excuse.

THE COMMITTEE SAID finals "afford a final measure of achievement at the end of the student's college course." These words are subject to ambiguous interpretation, and sound more like pedantry than anything else. If the student's achievement cannot adequately be measured before he takes finals at the end of his eighth semester, something is wrong with the College's measuring apparatus. The argument stands as only an excuse.

The committee said finals "integrate the work of the entire course by a comprehensive review." This is true. But in its deliberations the committee refused to consider that there might be other ways of integrating and reviewing the work of a course. What the committee actually did was to state obliquely the unwillingness or inability of the faculty to get out of a rut. So this argument boils down to an excuse.

To find excuses was not the committee's job. We hope that, if the proposal ever is presented to the senate again, it will receive consideration rather than merely disdain.

## Value Of GI Bill

The recent announcement that 54 of the 95 men on the School of Agriculture dean's list were veterans must have been a source of pleasure for advocates of the GI Bill of Rights and the educational opportunities it has provided for veterans.

THE RECORD OF VETERANS in the colleges has been commendable and the figures in this case in particular are especially noteworthy. Although only 525 of the 1707 enrolled in the School of Agriculture are veterans, more than 50 per cent of those on the dean's list have seen service and are now going through college at the government's expense.

The GI bill has been criticized at times for a variety of reasons. Its opponents have said that many of the vets did not have the ability to go to college, that many were going to college in order to avoid work, and that the expense involved would not be commensurate with the results.

Results such as those produced by the veterans in the School of Agriculture, however, vindicate supporters of the GI bill. The bill has enabled many who could not otherwise have gone to college to do so.

IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH of an imagination to realize that no democracy is stronger than its educational system. And there can be little doubt that the GI bill has contributed much to American education.

—Marvin Kresnansky

## Safety Valve . . .

### Claims Soccer Team Not Champs

TO THE EDITOR: In regard to the repeated reference by the Collegian to Penn State's national collegiate championship soccer team, I think it's about time that someone told you and many of my fellow students that our soccer team is not national soccer champion.

The West Chester State Teachers college team, coached by Earle "Muddy" Waters, was named collegiate champions by the National Soccer Football Coaches association, the same organization which chooses the soccer all-Americans, of which West Chester had two.

Then someone asks, "Well, what about the soccer bowl which Penn State won?"

The soccer bowl is a privately run affair in which our once-beaten team played the Purdue Soccer club, a non-varsity team.

Why was our team chosen for the trip to Iran? I don't know the answer to that one and I doubt if many people do. It's not really important because the goodwill thus created by the trip cannot possibly be measured.

—Rod "Muddy" Waters

Ed. Note—Each year, the Soccer bowl committee selects outstanding teams to compete in St. Louis on New Year's day crowning the winner "national champion." Although not financed by the university, the Purdue club did represent the school in collegiate competition, fielding a team composed mostly of South American boys.

## Gazette . . .

Tuesday, April 10

CHES club, 3 sparks, 7 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE organization, 409 Old Main, 8:05 p.m.

COLLEGIAN business candidates, 2 Carnegie hall, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN business junior and sophomore boards, 7 Carnegie hall, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN editorial candidates, 1 Carnegie hall, 7:30 p.m.

FOLK DANCE group, Hillel, 7:30 p.m.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS of America, 303 Willard hall, 7 p.m.

INKLING, art staff and art candidates, Carnegie basement, 7 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS club, 220 Willard hall, 7:30 p.m.

MI STUDENT COUNCIL, 107 Willard hall, 7 p.m.

NEWMAN club, business meeting, 219 Electrical Engineering, 7 p.m.

PANHELLENIC COUNCIL, Alpha Gamma Delta suite, 7 p.m.

PENN STATE club, initiations, 405 Old Main, 7 p.m.

PHI ETA SIGMA, tapping, 203 Willard hall, 7 p.m.

PI GAMMA ALPHA, fine arts honorary, consideration of new pledges, 106 Main Engineering, 7 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.

Funkhouser company, Hagerstown, Md., is interested in C. E. for construction work. See Mr. Allen at 112 Old Main for details before April 17.

All students interested in life insurance are invited to attend a showing of film at 208 Willard, April 11, 7:30 p.m. Those interested may schedule an interview with New York Life Insurance company for April 12.

Kroger company will interview June graduates in C&F Wednesday, April 18.

Federal Telecommunications laboratories, Inc. would like to know how many June graduates in E.E. and Phys. are interested in communications. Leave name in 112 Old Main before April 13.

Proctor & Schwarz will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., E.E., I.E., and M.E. Thursday, April 19.

Corps of Engineers, Baltimore; U.S. Naval Air station, Johnsville; Aberdeen Proving ground; Philadelphia Naval shipyard; Frankford arsenal; Naval Air Material center will interview June graduates in I.E., C.E., M.E., E.E., Aero. Eng., Phys., Math., Chem., Metal, and Arch. Thursday, April 19.

American Brake Shoe company will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., C.E., M.E., and Metal. Friday, April 20.

Chrysler corp. will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., M.E., and Metal. Friday, April 20.

Leeds & Northrup company will interview June graduates in E.E., M.E., I.E., Chem. Eng., Metal, and Phys. Friday, April 20.

Lyon Metal Products, Inc. will interview June graduates in I.E. and M.E. Saturday, April 28.

Factory Mutual Engineering division will interview June graduates in E.E., I.E., and C.E. Monday, April 23.

West Penn Power company will interview June graduates in H.E., E.E., I.E., and C.E. Monday, April 23.

Hercules Powder company will interview June graduates at B.S. and M.S. level in Chem. and Chem. Eng. Monday, April 23.

Reliance Electric will interview June graduates in E.E., I.E., M.E., and Mng. E. Monday, April 23.

Ebasco Services, Inc. will interview June graduates in A.E., C.E., E.E., and M.E. Monday, April 23.

Wheeling Steel company representatives will visit campus if enough M.E., C.E., Metal, and Chem. Eng. students are interested. Those wanting an interview inform Placement service not later than April 17.

### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

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

Substitute waiters for women's dining hall for remainder of semester; remuneration in meals.

Man experienced in farm work and running tractor to work on College farms; should have full halfdays free.

Representatives from Allenberry on the Yellow Breeches, Boiling Springs, Pa., will be on campus tomorrow to interview HA majors and other qualified students for summer work as stewards, bellhops, short-order cooks, soda fountain, and snack bar personnel. Interviews now being scheduled.

Two men for farm work and tractor operation couple of halfdays each week; beyond Boalsburg, must have own transportation.

Two men to alternate as orderly at Centre County hospital 4 p.m. to midnight; cash plus meals and uniform; must have own transportation.

Man with some technical knowledge to clean science lab; hourly wage according to ability.

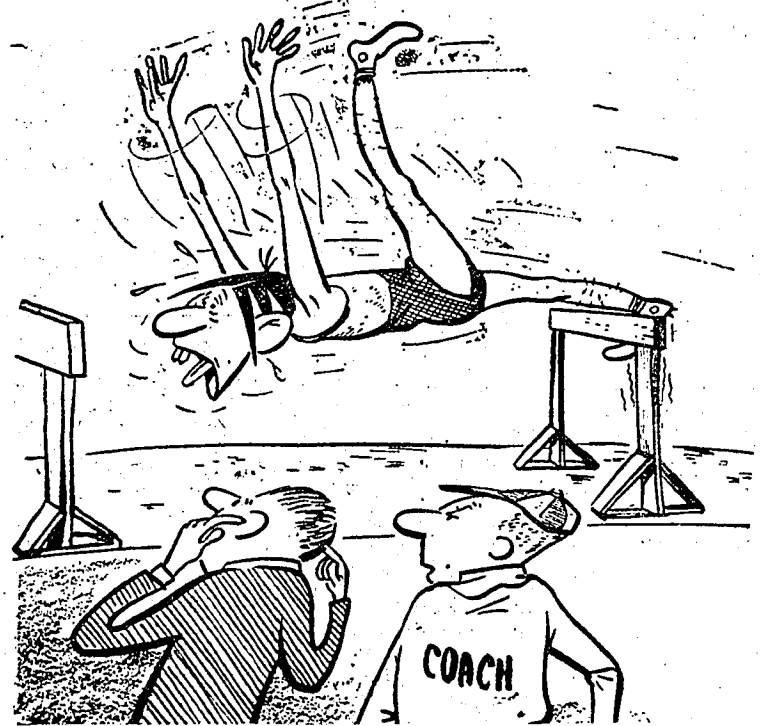
Man as truck driver's helper Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 to 10 p.m.

Senior horticulture student as landscape gardener.


Man who will be in State College during summer session to live and work at country club beginning now.

## Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"He'll be more careful about knocking those hurdles over from now on. I had that one sunk in concrete."



## You Name It

By HERBERT STEIN

### Elaboration Of Political Platforms

Politicians began climbing in and out of people's hair yesterday in their annual dash for All-College and class offices. Maybe you're interested and maybe you aren't.

I got particularly interested last year when one of the parties incubated an idea to burn a huge "S" on Nittany mountain. The party included it in its platform and like most planks it was never

heard from again. But it was a fascinating idea though it lived only a short and quiet life.

Platform writers this year, however, managed to stay inside the borough of State College and have written on more concrete subjects.

BOTH PARTIES OFFER six reasons why you should not vote for that other bunch of bums. Actually the State boys have seven planks, but the first one is simply a promise to fulfill the other six and is, I think, a beautiful way of saying nothing in 14 words.

Both parties are dedicated to lowering the cost of textbooks. How they are to do this is not disclosed except that a student committee will be appointed.

I think it was Will Rogers who said, "The quickest way to get nothing done is to appoint a committee to do it."

THUS NO MATTER which party you vote for, you will have approved the setting up of a student group to work in conjunction with a committee recently suggested by President Eisenhower. It is not clear whether this committee wants any student help or whether students could be of any help to it. However, I hope the students have more luck than the last group which sat in with faculty members on the subject of final exams.

The Lion party feels that more recognition should be given to senior women and sophomore men for extra-curricular activities. The State party, on the other hand, feels that the entire sophomore class is being slighted in not having representation on men's tribunal. On these proposals, I offer no comment.

The Lion party men are also in

favor of better mailing facilities for laundry cases, a campus radio station, and a half holiday for spring weekend. On these too, I have no particular desire to comment.

BUT THE LION PARTY would also like to improve graduation exercises. How? This we are not told. What is wrong with the present exercises? This we are also not told. All we are told is that the Lion party will support existing committees working "toward that final goal." One of the committees is studying the size of diplomas. The Lion party has said nothing on the size of diplomas it would like to see adopted.

The two most interesting proposals, to me, are the State party's planks calling for no more assessments without a student referendum, and assurance that every coed will have the right to appear before women's judicial before her case is decided.

The State party would also like to re-open the question of building sorority houses on campus, but what the party would do about it is not clear. The party is also interested in building a box for President Eisenhower in the student section of Beaver field. There seems to be confusion on why the President would need a private box if he wanted to sit with the student body.

WHAT ALL THIS boils down to, in my mind, is that while I have no essential quarrel with the planks of either platform, I am at a loss to explain either the existence of most of them or the reasoning behind them. They all seem to me to need a good deal of elaboration.

### Oaths Create Hysterical Attitude

TO THE EDITOR: While not endorsing every tenet of your editorial to George Salak, I want to applaud enthusiastically your stand on the matter of loyalty oaths. This vigorous defense of academic freedom you champion renews my faith in your ability to make editorializing a much more worthy privilege than it has been for some months past.

In my own mind I can see these oaths create a hysterical attitude that may condemn a man before he is judged guilty, a legal procedure that went out with the Caesars. There is too much at stake to be convinced that the first system advocated for controlling

the dissemination of communistic ideas be adopted. We will, no doubt, evolve a plan for it, but much havoc will come about before we find a solution.

More power to your argument for level-headed thinking before we become embroiled in a witch hunt!

—Joe Hudak