

Naive Frosh Learn Of Bluebook Woes

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Thirty-eight days until finals, and already the student population of the fair Nittany Vale is anxiously beseeching harassed professors for clemency.

We remember just about three months ago when at least three freshmen approached us at various times, and with touching naivete, timidly inquired, "What's a bluebook?"

On such occasions, we took a deep breath and smiled. The smile generally disconcerted them, or so they told us later after we had passed some terrible crisis together. The smile embarrassed them, they said, because it gave them the impression that they were rattling the bones in somebody's closet—they seemed to think that perhaps the answer was none of their business.

Smart Professors

We patiently explained that a bluebook is a major test in which a small, stapled booklet is used for writing answers to bewildering questions. The booklet, we told them, is, of course, blue, but may appear almost any color to prejudiced eyes, which have drooped throughout the early morning hours, or which have watered as their blood-shot owners braced themselves for the coming ordeal.

The freshmen's next query, "What's a bluebook for?" clearly involved both time and thought, more than usually goes into a bluebook itself. We began cautiously, stating that professors think bluebooks are necessary to provide a basis on which to grade. Otherwise, they would be compelled to grade on what they thought we knew, which most professors are smart enough to realize isn't much.

Fiendish Professors

We assured our anxious but eager ones that professors suffer, too. It takes some professors weeks to draw up a bluebook that can be graded overnight, and vice-versa, we pointed out. Professors are agreed that bluebooks, though often failed, at least do keep most students awake for limited periods of time.

Baffled freshmen sometimes inquire, "Does anyone like bluebooks?" Other than the paper manufacturers and retailers involved, and a few professors solemnly declared fiendish by more unfortunate students, we could name only the serious student.

Serious students generally regard bluebooks with the blase attitude of a circus acrobat. Since they're sure of a 3, there's really no cause for worry.

Majority Unmoved

This type of serious student usually dislikes the genial class atmosphere that prevails in classes where students drowse at will, pass notes, or simply do nothing but scribble brief notes when the professor isn't looking. These serious students long for

a more scholarly atmosphere where they can be completely at ease.

Bluebooks do reveal to students how much they know, and, often, to their sorrow, how very much they don't know. A few perhaps profit by the knowledge, but the majority remain unmoved.

Students who have just "got the blasted thing over with" generally experience an odd sense of relief. But there are always those who regret not having studied. One may even hear in tones usually reserved for famous last words, "I wish I had it to do over."

Incidentally, there is a psychological clinic on campus, which, we hear, does some excellent work.

Co-Edits

Phi Kappa Sigma

Phi Kappa Sigma recently elected James Davis, president; Levis Baldwin, vice president; Raymond Barr, secretary; Clifford Stewart, corresponding secretary; John Baron, treasurer; Thomas Gey, pledgemaster; William Lauer, rushing chairman; Robert Alderdice, scholastic chairman; and John Lauer, house manager.

Sigma Phi Epsilon

New officers of Sigma Phi Epsilon are Lon Dillman, president; Robert Walker, vice president; William Perami, secretary; Richard McDonough, historian; and Donald Shirey, alumni secretary.

IM Swimming

WRA intramural swimming begins its third week at 7 tonight. Teams scheduled to compete include Atherton West, Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Delta Zeta, Gamma Phi Beta, McAllister, Thompson, and Women's Building.

The things taught in schools and colleges are not an education, but the means of education—Emerson.

Mil Ball Photos

Persons who submitted photographs for queen of the Military Ball may pick them up at the various ROTC unit offices.

Simmons, Leonides Seek Crown

Simmons and Leonides will clash tonight at 7 p.m. for the WRA intramural basketball championship. Kappa Kappa Gamma will defend its table tennis crown when they meet Alpha Xi Delta at 6:30 tonight.

Mimi Burritt's long shot in the last second of playing time gave Simmons a 23-21 win over Kappa Alpha Theta. With the score at 20-17 and one minute and a half to go, Shirley Halloway of the Theta's sank a corner shot to make it 20-19. Her teammate, Joan Hertel, intercepted a pass and threw to Barbara Mulloy who put the Thetas ahead, 21-20.

Passes became wild as last attempts were made. With three seconds left, Burritt got the ball and tossed a beautiful long shot that hit the hoop as the whistle blew, making it 23-21. Burritt took scoring honors with 15 points.

Credit must be given to the guards on both squads that set up tight zone defenses and made a low scoring contest. There were few times that the forwards could get in under the basket and as a result most shooting was from behind the foul line area.

Smooth passing and nice setup plays gave Leonides a substantial 34-16 victory over Kappa Delta. Betty Gleim paced the winners with a total of 17 tallies. Kappa Delta was held in check throughout the game with the good defense set up by the Leonides guards.

Alpha Xi Delta took their table tennis matches from Delta Zeta when Pat Lively took two out of three singles from Kathy Nicoll. Ann Broomall took two singles from Marjory Maxwell for the winners and Delta Zeta captured two doubles. Kappa Kappa Gamma entered the finals after beating Thompson C on Tuesday night.

Correction

The Daily Collegian erroneously reported yesterday the engagement of Barbara Sherts to George Sipe.

The engagement notice was the result of pranksters.

Army-Navy Games Set for Jan. 15-17

The Women's Recreation Association Army-Navy games will be played Jan. 15 to 17 while class basketball is scheduled for Jan. 8 to 10.

The teams for the Army-Navy games will be composed of the best players chosen from the IM teams. Each of the four classes will be represented by a team in the class competition.

Badminton, basketball, bowling, modern dance, and swimming have been scheduled for the Feb. 23 play day. Jane Whitney, club chairman, said Mansfield State Teachers College was invited in place of Susquehanna University and Wilson College, Bucknell University, Juniata College, Lock Haven State Teachers College and Lycoming College will also attend.

Plans for tomorrow's Christmas party include two movies, games, and carolling. Harold White, assistant professor of recreation, will play Santa Claus.

Committees Approved

Parliamentary procedure and group dynamics have been suggested as discussion topics for the Pennsylvania division of the Athletic Federation of College Women convention to be held Oct. 24-26 at the College.

Five convention committees approved by the WRA Executive Board are publicity, Lenore Kahanowitz and Marian Ungar; printed matter, Winifred Rhodes, Mary Glading and Sandra Heckman; registration and reception, Gwenn Griffith, Jane Bianco, Patricia Colgan and Jane Larpen; program, Barbara Rollo, Roberta Carre and Virginia Hinner; entertainment, Jane Mason, Jean Johnston and Margaret Speeding.

The chairmen of these committees are Miss Kahanowitz, Miss Rhodes, Miss Griffith, Miss Rollo and Miss Mason.

Two Refusals

Sixteen schools which have already accepted convention invitations are Beaver College, Buck-

nell University, California State Teachers College, Cedar Crest College, Drexel Institute of Technology, Edinboro State Teachers College, Grove City College, Juniata College, Lock Haven State Teachers College, Seton Hill College, Shippensburg State Teachers College, Susquehanna University, Swarthmore College, Temple University, University of Pittsburgh, and Wilson College. Two colleges, Geneva and Waynesburg, have refused.

Carolyn Barrett was appointed chairman of the handbook committee. Eleanor Gwynn will assist her.

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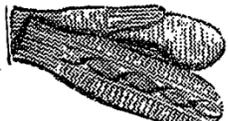
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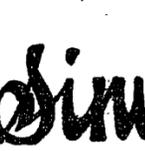
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