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College Can Reduce Final Exam Leaks

(This is the first in a series of three editorials dealing with the recent final exam "scandal" and what can be done about it.)

The many leaks in final exams have caused a great deal of concern on the part of the administration and the many honest students at Penn State. This problem always arises at the end of each semester, but last semester's display was worse than ever.

Many rumors which can never be substantiated have circulated. Many charges have been made which can never be proved. One thing is certain, however, many people are at fault, and it will take concentrated effort on the part of all those interested in maintaining academic honesty at Penn State to put a dampener on this unpleasant business.

Many of the leaks are suspected. Some, no doubt, are known positively. Almost the entire blame can be placed on people on the College payroll, and it is here that the first action must be taken. Few, if any, cases of students breaking into offices to obtain copies of tests are reported.

Just what can be done by the administration to cut down the number of final exams which somehow get out? The most reasonable and at the same time the easiest solution seems to be to set up a system whereby responsibility is concentrated to a much greater extent than it is at the present time.

In the weeks immediately preceding final exams the tests are typed and mimeographed on every spare typewriter in every nook and cranny of the College. The exams often go through a virtual chain of command before they are finished and final disposition is made. The possible leaks are many—it is only natural that many exams get out.

In addition, it might be recommended that a good deal of publicity be given to the penalties which can be inflicted on students who are known to be involved in this type of cheating. Also, the administration might take some steps in cracking down on professors who failed to report cheating incidents. Many profs wish to handle this on their own, but this leads to inconsistent and often unfair penalties on stu-

dents guilty of the same offense, but under different professors.

Also, it might be wise to have as many questions as possible written on the blackboards instead of mimeographed and to take the precaution of switching bluebooks before an exam begins. Putting an end to as many departmental exams as possible might be a wise move.

But all this comment on faults within the administration does not absolve students from their share of the blame. The student who gets the exam in the first place is just as guilty as the person who gives it. From this point on, the whole thing mushrooms.

Welcome to State

Each new semester brings new students to the Pennsylvania State College campus. Although only a few hundred first semester freshmen are included in the new students on campus this semester, all new students need aid in orienting themselves to the activities of a campus as large as this one.

On the whole, there is at least one extra-curricular activity to meet a person's interest. The 'oldtimers' should see that the 'newcomers' become familiar with campus activities and should aid them in finding their way around campus.

They're not wearing green bows or signs (freshman customs) this semester, but we're sure they'll need help. With collective effort on the part of all students, the newcomers to the campus can be made comfortable.

We extend a welcome to new students and wish them luck and success in their work at Penn State.

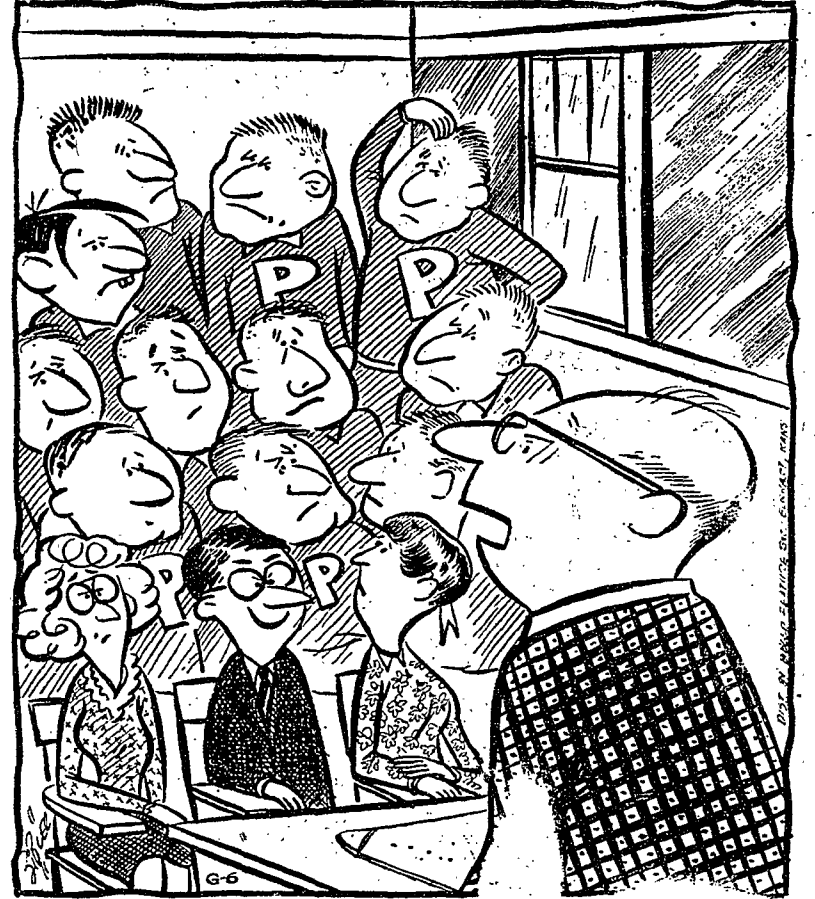
—Mimi Ungar

Gazette...

- Tuesday, February 3
- AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR METALS, 8 p.m., 219 Electrical Engineering.
- BELLES LETTRES CLUB, 7 p.m., Atherton Lounge.
- BLOCK AND BRIDLE CLUB, 7 p.m., 206 Agriculture.
- COLLEGIAN BUSINESS CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 2 Carnegie.
- COLLEGIAN JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE ADVERTISING BOARDS, 7 p.m., 9 Carnegie.
- COLLEGIAN BUSINESS OFFICE STAFF, 7 p.m., Collegian Business Office.
- COLLEGIAN PROMOTION STAFF, 7 p.m., 111 Carnegie.
- DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB, 6:45 p.m., TUB.
- EDUCATION STUDENT COUNCIL, 7:30 p.m., 108 Willard.
- HOME ECONOMICS CLUB, 6:30 p.m., Home Ec Living Center, election of officers.
- INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 108 Willard.
- PENN STATE CLUB, 7 p.m., 405 Old Main.
- SPANISH CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Simmons lounge.
- THETA SIGMA PHI, 7 p.m., Grange playroom.
- WRA BADMINTON CLUB, 6:30, White Hall gym.
- WRA OUTING CLUB, 7 p.m., White Hall game room.
- YOUNG REPUBLICANS CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 319 S. Pugh street.

- ### STUDENT PLACEMENT
- Philadelphia Electric Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in E.E. and M.E. Monday, Feb. 9.
 - Mathieson Chemical Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates and M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Chemistry and B.S. and M.S. candidates in Chem Engr. Monday, Feb. 9.
 - Arthur Young & Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Accounting, Monday, Feb. 9.
 - General Railway Signal Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in E.E., Monday, Feb. 9.
 - Delaware Power & Light Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in E.E. and M.E. Monday, Feb. 9.
 - I.B.M. will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Arts and Letters, Economics and Commerce, Accounting, E.E., I.E., and M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Physics Feb. 9, 10, and 11.
 - Sears Roebuck & Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Wood Utilization, Chem Engr., E.E., I.E., and Accounting Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"Well, SOMEONE must have circulated a rumor last semester that I teach a snap course."

WISE AND OTHERWISE

Student Integrity Reaches New Low

By DAVE JONES

Student integrity hit what might be an all-time low during fall semester final examinations when numerous final exams were removed from College buildings and peddled for a price. And although the majority of students were not involved in the incident, such a thing reflects badly on the College and the student body in general.

According to rumor, much of which cannot be substantiated, almost 20 finals were circulated among students prior to course examinations. Of that number, the Daily Collegian staff has been able to verify at least ten finals were "out."

It is not fair to place the burden of guilt on a specific segment of the student body, as some would do. Finals circulated among men and women, in dormitories and fraternities alike, in what appeared a concerted effort to realize financial gain from the purchase and sale of finals. One College official, it must be noted, has indicated at least two fraternities were involved in the final exam leak. Theories as to how exams got out are numerous, and with little evidence must remain only theory.

One idea, now being investigated, is that the same course finals were given at Penn State centers and were subsequently sent to the campus. Other theories attribute the leaks to College faculty, staff, employees, or graduate students, or to leaks in mimeographing. These theories, however, are difficult to prove and even less desirable to believe. Another theory is that students gained access to office wastebaskets or janitors' wastecans where faulty exam copies may have been thrown. That the exams were removed from College offices is in itself bad enough, but the situation does not end there. Many students with the final exams copied them and sold copies to fellow students for from \$3 to a reported \$20 each. (Continued on page five)

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