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Cheating: Old Problem, New Approach

How do you stop cheating when "everybody's doing it?"

An attempt at an answer to the question, representing two years of work, was announced by the University Monday. The new philosophy and new procedure in the handling of academic dishonesty cases have far-reaching significance for every student.

Although gathering accurate data is close to impossible, University officials have reason to believe that at one time or another most students cheat during their college career.

The solution the University has come up with is in many ways distasteful. But it may be necessary. And its effect, long after every present student at the University has left, may be highly beneficial.

The University will attempt to make cheating as difficult as possible. This involves close proctoring, seating students in alternate rows, redistributing bluebooks, and other such methods designed to make it impossible to cheat. In short, the complete antithesis of an honor system will be enforced.

Is this a dishonor system? Is this an expression of distrust of every student? Does this mean students are held guilty until proven innocent? Such is implied in a stiff set of regulations. But, it may be reasoned, this is also protection of honest students from the dishonest.

It is unfortunate that the huge amount of cheating at the University has made this necessary: it is likewise true. Apparently the first step in any academic honesty program is keeping the opportunity for dishonesty at a minimum. There is more than one way to do this. The most expedient method has been adopted.

Two other equally important approaches have also been adopted. One is to trim the incentive for cheating. Even the cheater realizes he does not gain from cheating. He may rationalize that he finds it convenient, expedient, or necessary.

By encouraging professors to spread the basis for the grade they finally arrive at for their students, the University hopes to cut the incentive to cheat. We wholeheartedly support this aspect of the program.

In the ramifications of the program that will come, we urge the University to rule that no single piece of work carry more weight than 20 per cent of the student's final grade.

Thus, no test, no term paper, no final exam would be so important that the student would feel an extreme need to make a high grade at any price. He would not be pressured into cheating.

Cutting incentive and cutting the opportunity to cheat will work toward cutting cheating. It simply won't be worth the risk.

The third aspect of the new program involves creating a new social attitude toward cheating. The University hopes that some day cheating at Penn State simply will not be the thing to do.

In this field of social pressure lies great hope. People do as their fellows do. If everyone else cheats, new students accept this as the way-of-life at Penn State. They lose their old ideas about cheating and adopt the social code of the place.

Therefore, it becomes essential that cheating is not part of the social code. The task of implementing this change will, for the most part, fall on students. And, of course so much depends on this aspect, the success or failure of the entire new code rests with the students.

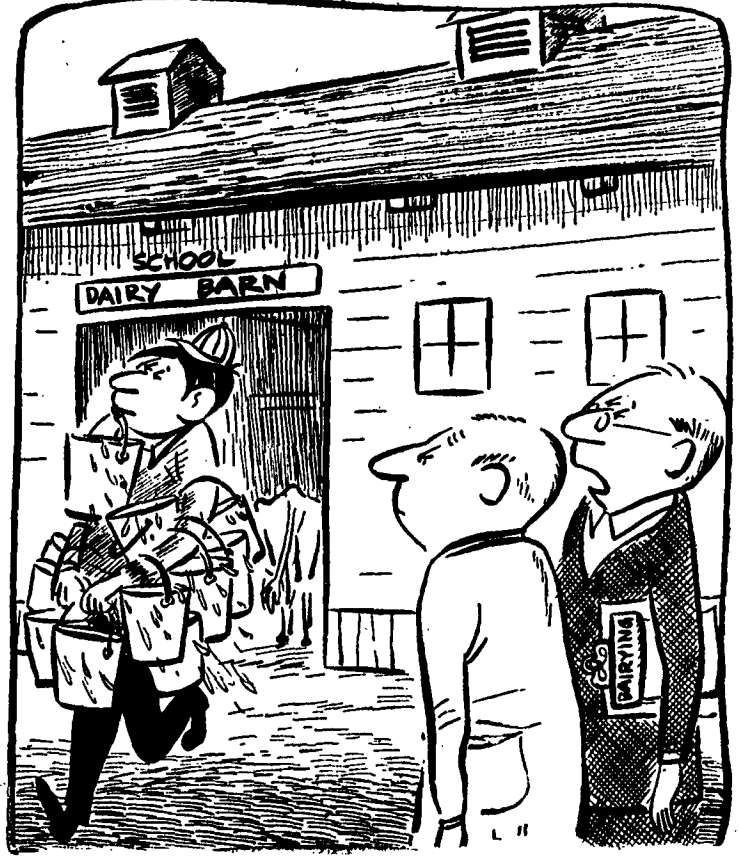
The University first hopes to make cheating impossible, then to make it unnecessary. After this is accomplished, it hopes to make cheating disreputable.

If the plan works, it will provide more meaningful education and more valuable diplomas for future generations of Penn State students.

—The Editor

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"I never had a student work so hard to pull down a 3."

the cobbler's bench

Some Changes Made

By DON SHOEMAKER

This is an age of classification and specialization. There's no doubt about it—the day of the comfortable generalization is gone. No longer can we afford to be vague. We must be specific and agonizingly so at times.

Take the other day for instance. I wanted to make a phone call. It was one of those rare times when my usually empty wallet contained only folding money.

I was in the HUB at the time, so I went to the student union desk, shoved a dollar bill across the counter, and asked simply for "change."

"Cigarette change or telephone change?" the man on the other side wanted to know.

"Telephone change," I assured him, with a look of wonderment on my face.

He handed me a fifty-cent piece, a quarter, two dimes and a nickel.

"You'd better give me two quarters for the fifty cent piece," I said, "I want to make a long distance call and it may take a while."

"Why didn't you say so," my friend countered, "you should have asked for long-distance telephone change."

"Oh," I said, and walked away. The system apparently works something like this:

A fifty-cent piece and two quarters is cigarette change. (Probably on the theory that most cigarette machines take only quarters.)

A fifty-cent piece, a quarter, and two dimes and a nickel is telephone change. (Probably on the theory that telephones take only nickels, dimes, and quarters, and anyone who needs more than fifty cents to make a local call is too long-winded anyway.)

Long-distance telephone change is three quarters, two dimes and a nickel. (Here, you're allowed to talk a little longer.)

But the system isn't consistent. The next day, I was in the Lion's Den, and needed change for cigarettes. Having learned my lesson, I was careful to ask for "cigarette change."

The woman behind the counter reached into the cash register and came up with a fifty cent piece, a quarter, two dimes and a nickel—telephone change. Somedays you just can't make a nickel—or change for one either.

Selective Service Exam To Be Given May 19

A special Selective Service College Qualification Examination will be held at 8:30 a.m. May 19, in 121 Sparks.

Thirty-two students have filed their applications for the test, which is being given for those who missed the April 21 test.

Excuses from classes will be issued at the test. Dr. Hugh M. Davidson, professor of education research, and selective service examiner, will administer the test.

Marine Corps Offers Course

University seniors who will graduate in June may apply for the new Aviation Officer Candidate Course, which has been approved by the U.S. Marine Corps.

According to Col. Albert F. Mentze, head of the Officer Procurement Branch, upon completion of a 10-week indoctrination course at the Marine Corps School, Quantico, Va., successful graduates will be commissioned as second lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve and designated as student aviators.

The officer will then attend flight training school for a period of from 15 to 18 months and, upon completion of this training, serves for a minimum of two years in the air arm of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Further information concerning the program is available through the department of naval science or from Marine Corps Officers Procurement offices in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

Androcles Taps 30 New Members

Androcles, junior men's hat society, recently tapped 30 new members.

They are Joseph Eberly, Edward Kramer, Jay Tolson, Thomas Binford, Carl Hiester, Edward Fegert, Albert Freeman, Arthur Brener, Thomas Dye, Jack Rose, Herbert Kotler, Thomas Seeman, James Houck.

Michael Shapiro, Adolph Seidensticker, William Johnson, William Clark, John Kersh, Don Genhart, Harry Yaverbaum, George Mauler, Albert Ely, Leonard Richards, George Buckhout, Samuel Wolcott, Robert Krakoff, Robert Segal, Arnold Hoffman, Jerome Bogutz, and Forrest Crawford.

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES	
7:25	Serenade Sign On
7:30	Serenade in Blue
7:45	As You Believe
8:00	Concert Cameos
8:30	Just Out
9:00	UN Story
9:15	News
9:30	The Master's Palette
10:00	Thought for the Day

Inconsistent Justice

With the many diverse controversies which have arisen over the suspension of four West Dorm area freshman from the University for their participation in what might have evolved into a party raid, one question must be raised: Why wasn't the case brought before the Association of Independent Men's Judicial Board of Review or Tribunal before going to the Senate Committee on Student Affairs subcommittee on discipline? The University should state more clearly students' rights under the judicial system. The University should make known which cases will go to student courts and which cases will go to the Senate committee.

The judicial system at the University is comparable to that of the United States. Cases begin in the lower courts and may be appealed to the next higher one. Likewise, all cases begin at the Judicial Board of Review or Tribunal and are then appealed to the Senate subcommittee.

Dean of Men Frank J. Simes, said yesterday that the Senate committee heard the case for the sake of "expediency" before the facts of the incident would be forgotten.

If this is the case, then why is there a Tribunal and a Judicial Board of Review? Apparently the dean of men's office has the power to send any case it desires to the Senate committee.

And by first sending the case to the higher judicial body, it appears that University officials doubt the competence of a student judicial government, a system which is very necessary to the University.

Because the case of the four freshmen first went before the Senate committee, it removes all possibility of formal appeal for the students as they have already been tried and sentenced by the highest judicial body.

From these incidents it is evident that the University needs a set judicial system—one that is consistent. And one that is made known to the students so that they realize the consequences of adverse acts.

—Don Barlett

Safety Valve—

Leaders Need Training

TO THE EDITOR: As a member of the Cabinet which voted in the Leadership Training Program, I feel that I must answer Miss Hudgins' criticism of it in Tuesday's Daily Collegian.

First of all the program is not set up to separate leaders or prevent anyone from being on Cabinet. The completion of this program would benefit any interested person whether a leader or not, merely from the knowledge of meeting procedures, student government structure, committee work and techniques, and general knowledge. Even followers benefit by understanding what their leaders are trying to accomplish, and how.

No one is prevented from enrolling in this program, and certainly anyone who won't take the time to improve his abilities should not be in a responsible position.

I regret that I was unable to participate in such a program before I became active in student government, for the road would have been much easier. I think that many student leaders on this campus will agree with that conclusion.

—Doug Moorhead
Athletic Association
President

Gazette...

Today
STUDENT ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, 3:30 p.m., 213 HUB

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Joan Ackerman, Stephen Behman, Gerald Feryo, Fred Frankel, Harry Krause, Linda Gerber, Joan Knoll, Patricia Kratz, Ethel Littles, Julie Maybury, Francis Markland, Lois Powell, Philip Smith, Suzanne Spencer, Charlotte Toewe, Marilyn Ward, Henry Woolman.

The only way to have a friend is to be one. —Emerson

3 Chapel Sketches On Exhibit in HUB

Three sketches of the new All-Faith Chapel are now on exhibition in the first floor lobby of the Hetzel Union Building.

The three architectural drawings, by Schell Lewis, show the reflecting pool, the first unit of the religious center, and the Chapel and religious center as a whole. The drawings have been placed on the screens of the first floor lobby, facing the court.

The Chapel will be of modified Georgian style and constructed in Hort Woods, near Pattee Library. Architects for the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel are Harbeson, Hough, Livingston, and Larson.

Four-engined planes burn fuel at the rate of 600 gallons an hour.

Stark to Head E E Honorary

Malcolm Stark, sixth semester electrical engineering major, has been elected president of the Epsilon Chapter of Eta Kappa Nu, electrical engineering honorary fraternity.

Other fraternity officers elected are Keith Harriger, vice president; Earl Blatt, corresponding secretary; William Follmer, bridge correspondent; Ronald Martin, recording secretary; Raymond Kolodziej, treasurer; Gerald Calkins, student council representative.

Epsilon chapter recently initiated 20 members. Seniors: James Conrad, David Deysher, John Fink, Robert Grimmer, William Happersett, Paul Neyhart, Eugene Peterson, Phillips Scott, and Ed-

Ed Senior Blanks Are Still Available

Nomination blanks to choose the outstanding senior in the College of Education are available at the Hetzel Union desk, Barbara Easter, committee chairman, announced yesterday.

Faculty members and students in the College of Education may nominate candidates on the basis of activities, scholarship, and professional ability.

The outstanding senior will be chosen from the group of nominees Tuesday by the Education Student Council.

ward Stoops. Juniors: Bernard Bezi, Frederick Bishop, Calkins, Joseph Cornacchio, Isaac Evans, Follmer, Harry Hanlin, Kolodziej, Martin, Edward Sabisky, and Anthony Whalen.