

Editorial Opinion**Let Honor Prevail**

The alternately praised and maligned classroom honor system may get a tryout in the Mineral Industries College, if the faculty approves.

The MI Student Council's plan for an honor system has been accepted by the administrative committee of the college and will now go to the faculty for its final test.

The plan is not as liberal and ambitious as some honor systems which have been proposed, but it is a significant start. The system would affect only juniors and seniors and would be put into operation by curriculums within the college.

Under the proposal, a professor would leave the room during an examination if 85 per cent of the members of the class agreed to the system.

The idea of an honor system probably arouses as many hot arguments as almost any academic question possible. Nobody seems neutral about it—either it's the only decent thing to do or else it's a nice but completely unworkable pipe dream.

Many will say that the honor system can be made to work in some situations, but that the size of the University prohibits it here.

But the honor system can work here, if approached realistically. It's worked at other schools; and even on this campus a professor will occasionally walk out of a class during an exam and nothing drastic will happen. People are likely to be honorable if they are put on their honor.

Now here's a chance to try it out on a large scale, if the MI faculty will approve it. The faculty members have nothing to lose, and the result would shed considerable light on a problem which has been kicking around too long without adequate trial.

CPA Must 'Learn to Fly'

All-University Cabinet on Thursday looked somewhat like a mother bird pushing out of her nest a fledgling which should be learning how to fly.

Cabinet formally disassociated student government from the Central Promotion Agency, an organization designed to distribute publicity on request and at cost for other campus groups.

In its fewer than half a dozen years of existence, CPA has been anything but successful. Even Emanuel Greenberg, director of CPA, tacitly admitted this when asked Thursday.

Greenberg asked Cabinet to approve a constitution which mentioned no connection with student government, but also requested that CPA be retained as a part of student government so as to have financial backing.

The constitution—CPA never has had one before—would aid the organization in avoiding mismanagement which had existed, Greenberg said.

Evidences of this mismanagement brought to light at Thursday's Cabinet meeting include the facts that the organization has not tried very hard to make itself well known, and thus has suffered from a lack of business; that the organization has no faculty adviser; that the organization does not have well-organized office hours.

A new constitution will give CPA a new chance to prove itself worthy of existence. As an independent organization it must make the most of that chance—or go out of business.

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**Words to Spare****The Dreadful Ways Of Boucke's Rabble**

By Dick Drayne

To be a student of the liberal arts—that is to say, to be intellectually curious—is often not easy on this campus of engineers and agriculture students. But the greatest danger is gradually emerging from a new source—the Boucke Brigade, spearheaded by their avant-garde on the front steps.

These business students, quite full of themselves it seems, have taken the modern business administration building to be their personal stronghold, talking of it constantly and peopling its front steps with their most ardent protectors.

These bourgeois Boucke Men congregate on the buildings' front steps between each class, braving even rain and snow to carry through their meaningless ritual. They have even dared to set up a certain sort of clique, perhaps to protect them from the mature glances of liberal arts students.

Needless to say, they try to assert their superiority over visitors not with logic but with ridicule and abuse, since time immemorial the devices of the bully and the roustabout.

These are obviously would-be merchants trying to reinforce their shallow self-conceptions—of this there can be no question. Without the brilliant background and immense erudition of the student of the liberal arts, these jackanapes can only attempt to manufacture a structure of meaning around their own shallow studies, the Philosophy of the Adding Machine and the Doctrine of the Stock Market.

Alas, the attempt is rather pitiful—it seems to the more sensitive like trying to build a cathedral of cinder blocks.

The student of the liberal arts can only greet this child's play with some mixture of tolerance and contempt: the con-

trast between his way of life and that which he finds among Boucke Men is too terribly noticeable to be ignored.

Picture the scholar emerging from the stately hollows of Sparks Building with a subtle but unmistakable air of self-confidence and poise. Equipped with the learning of ages, the knowledge of the Ancients seemingly clinging to him, the liberal arts student stands as the symbol of the Compleat Man. Admiring glances follow him as he walks quietly down Pollock Road, lost perhaps in a deep and challenging question.

And as he arrives at Boucke Building, as he sometimes must through quirks of the Scheduling Office, what is it that greets him? A great group of boisterous rowdies, crowded on their beloved steps waving and shouting, standing as a living affront to good taste. As he walks up the stairs he lives in fear of being bodily harmed by the constant pushing and shoving of the buffoons about him.

And when he finally enters the building, where the less violent congregate, he is surrounded by a swarm of little people with dollar signs in their eyes, running around often without coats as though they lived in the building. Even the vulgar garishness of the structure itself makes him wince.

But as the scholar walks on, he knows within himself that when the classroom days have fallen behind him and he is making his way in the world, he who is contributing to the advancement of the modern mind will be able to laugh in scorn at the Boucke Man, who is doomed to sitting about doing nothing but . . . ah, nothing but . . . ah . . . making money.

Too many meetings are held each month for no better reason than it has been a month since the last one.

—Bill Vaughan

Little Man on Campus

by Dick Bibler



"Oh, he's our most popular history teacher, all right, but I hear his students don't learn much from him."

Job Interviews

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Sylvania Electric Products, Inc.: BS: ENG SCI, EE, ME, CH E, IE, PHYS, CHEM, MATH, METAL, ACCTG. GRADS: EE, ME, PHYS, CHM, MATH.

Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co.: BS: BUS, LA.

U.S. Naval Engineering Experiment Station: BS & GRADS: ME, EE, METAL, PHYS. Juniors: ME, EE, METAL, PHYS. for summer employment.

Fort Pitt Bridge Works: BS & GRADS: CE.

Eli Lilly & Co.: BS: AG-BIO-CHEM, BACTI, ACCTG, ECON, SEC SCI, CHEM, IE: GRADS: AG-BIO-CHEM, BACTI, ACCTG, ECON, CH E Juniors & Grads: AN HUSB, BACTI, BUS ADM, ACCTG, MKTG, CH E, EE, IE, ME for summer employment.

Joseph Horne Co.: BS: LA, BUS ADM (except ACCTG).

The Cooper-Bessemer Corp.: BS & GRADS: ME.

Chemist Will Lecture

Dr. Henry J. Welge, senior research chemist at Jersey Production Research in Tulsa, Oklahoma, will deliver a series of lectures here to graduate students in the department of petroleum and natural gas engineering this week.