

Editorial Opinion

Comprehensive Exams ... A True Measure?

What good will comprehensive examinations be in furthering the academic goals of Penn State? With the SGA Assembly's approval on this examination, many factors will have to be investigated before this recommendation from the 1959 Student Encampment can be effective.

The recommendation aims to require a student to pass a comprehensive test in his major field before receiving his bachelor's degree. The purpose behind this is to test the knowledge a student has acquired in his four years. It also aims to strengthen the academic atmosphere of the University.

Now, the idea of such an examination is a good one since it will compel students to learn as much as they can about the field of work they intend to pursue after graduation.

But a lot of things must be taken into consideration before such a program is passed.

There will be many repercussions from this system, if the test is to be given immediately before graduation. A test given at a specific time cannot sufficiently measure the knowledge of the student.

Even the Intelligence Quotient tests have been fallible because of the difficulty in ascertaining whether the results are a true indication of the potentiality of the examinee. There are bad days and good days for every student and psychological elements are very important contributors in such tests.

A student should not be denied a degree for which he has worked four years on the results of a single test which may have caught him at a stressing time.

There is one other way of determining a graduate-to-be's knowledge—by a bachelor's thesis. Many colleges throughout the nation require a thesis from every student before graduation. This would be a good suggestion for the Colleges of Liberal Arts, Home Economics, Education, and Physical Education.

A series of comprehensive tests could be administered to the remaining colleges that do not have such a program now. But these examinations should be scheduled at various times through out the semester, giving the students their choice when to take the examinations. Such a plan should eliminate the psychological problems involved in a uniform test program.

The recommendation for comprehensive testing is a good one and, if approved, would certainly tend to create a more intellectual and responsible atmosphere than we now have. But the testing procedure will have to be well-thoughtout if the plan is to work.

A Big Welcome

It will be hard to find many students more than 25 feet from the nearest radio tomorrow ... except for the lucky ones who will be in Michie Stadium.

We have confidence that the football team will bring back a victory ... and we'll be at Recreation Hall to welcome them home tonight. The team is expected to arrive at about 9 p.m.

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Letters

Student Asks Good Conduct Toward Patrol

TO THE EDITOR: In the last three academic months the dean of men's office has been referring a new kind of case to the Off-Campus Men's Tribunal.

We are asked to review nearly all cases in which a Campus Patrolman is insulted or ignored or threatened by a student during the performance of his assigned duty, usually in the process of giving a traffic ticket.

Any such actions are supposed to be met with silence on the part of the patrolman, and usually are. But the patrolmen are making a habit of reporting these incidents, and offenders are referred to Tribunal charged with 'conduct unbecoming a Penn State student.'

Insulting a patrolman or obstructing him at his work never has an effect upon the outcome of your traffic ticket: you are sure to get it anyway. If it is unjust, neither Captain Mark nor Traffic Court will deny you the privilege of showing why.

Tribunal is spending too much time investigating these unnecessary cases of immaturity and censoring the offenders.

We appeal to you drivers to grow up and respect the badge when you are at odds with a patrolman, even if you cannot respect the individual.

And in giving a patrolman a hard time, you are gambling with your privilege of keeping a car at Penn State. We hope to see no more of these ridiculous offenses.

-Thomas Barnes, '60

Gazette

TODAY American Ceramic Society Picnic, 12:45 p.m., M.I. Engineering Club, 8:30 a.m., 212 HUB Forestry Field Day, 1 p.m., University Sawmill Student Movies, 7 p.m., HUB assembly room WRA Open House, 7 p.m., White Hall WSGA Elections Committee, 1 p.m., 218 HUB

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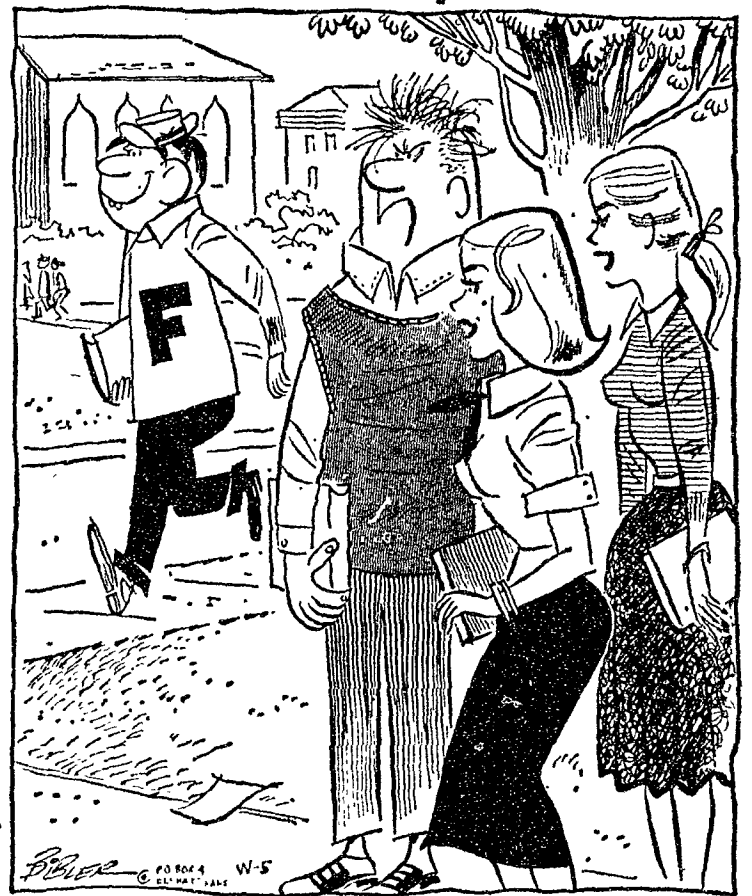
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Job Interviews

October 12 DuPont—Jan PhD in Chem, ChE, ME, Eng Mech, Metal, Cer, Phys and Ag-Bio-Chem. United Aircraft Corp.—Jan BS, MS, PhD, in Aero E, EE, ME, Metal, Cer, Phys, Math and MS; PhD in Eng Sci, ChE and Chem. Raytheon—Jan BS, MS, PhD in EE, ME, Phys, Eng Sci. Aio Inc.—Jan BS, MS, PhD in Aero E, EE, ME, Phys, Eng Sci, Eng Mech & Math.

October 13 N.Y. State Electric & Gas—Jan BS in ME, EE, LMR & Psych. Bell Telephone Co.—Jan BS in ME, EE, IE, CE, LA & Bus Ad; MS in Phys and Chem. Link Aviation Inc.—Jan BS, MS in EE & BS in ME, IE. DuPont—Jan PhD in Chem, ChE, ME, Eng Mech, Metal, Cer, Phys & Ag-Bio-Chem. Neville Chemical—Jan BS, MS, PhD in Chem. Arthur Young—Jan BS in Acctg; Acctg Internship. Haskins & Sells—Jan BS in Acctg; Acctg Internship.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Naw, that isn't his letter sweater - that's his grade average."

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K Trio Causes Campus Problems

by cathy fleck

Same old story—Kingston Trio scheduled to appear on college campus—tickets gone in an hour. We may have difficulty getting Army tickets, but other colleges have worse problems.

Judging from news and editorial items in the Indiana Daily Student and Lehigh's Brown and White there's been trouble a'brewing in anticipation of the Trio.

Both the University of Indiana and Lehigh University had the fortune of angaging the Trio, or should I say misfortune, considering the problems that arose prior to their appearance.

For example, it took less than two hours to dispose of 3788 tickets at Indiana. And it took even less time for the money-making "scalpers" to organize schemes to sell the tickets again at prices way above the original level.

Lehigh had two problems—seating capacity and scalpers. Grace Hall, Lehigh's auditorium, can seat 3300, which is their approximate enrollment. What to do with others wishing to see the performance?

Which brings me to wonder why the arrival of the Trio on colleges campuses causes such disturbances? The Indiana Student has this answer: "There have always been many folk-singers and a number of them have had excellent backing.

"But most of them lack a quality which is a must for a permanent career. The key quality of the Kingston Trio which sets them above a crowd

of 'guitar-twanging followers' is ORIGINALITY."

What else besides originality does the Trio have? Record sales have been booming and Penn State has done a pretty good job of assisting this boom.

Judging from what I've seen and read of them, personality during appearances runs a close second to originality. They not only look like college students, but they seem pretty much at ease acting like students. And contrary to a lot of popular artists, they consider the collegiate audience pretty important when making their engagements.

Jumping from campus to campus throughout the nation, usually without a day's lapse in appearances, spells out the schedule for the Trio. It wasn't too long ago when it was hard to convince showpeople that college students were a lucrative audience.

Now the trend has changed and the Trio has found itself to be the most popular group among collegiate circles.

Amazing what students can do. A hundred years ago, they were staging revolutionary movements in Europe for more liberties. Now the revolts are to get tickets to the Trio's concerts. Can you blame them? I can't!

