

Editorial Opinion

Meet Your Requirements

By the time students achieve eighth semester standing the prospect of that diploma looks rather promising.

No definite assurance can be offered the student that he will receive his diploma at the end of the last semester, but several steps can be taken to avoid unnecessary complications which might prevent the student from being graduated.

One of the most important steps is to make certain that the student has the required number of credits to meet graduation standards for his college.

A word of advice to the wise—check NOW to be assured of meeting the requirements. Advisers are eager to help the student go over his completed courses and to ascertain what additional courses the student must take in anticipation of a degree. But the initiative and interest for doing this must lie in the individual student.

Much trouble and disconcertment can be avoided by checking now. It is far worse to be notified in June that you cannot graduate because of an unnecessary omission in scheduling courses for your final semester.

To a Good Start

The first whirl is almost over for the some 660 new students entering this semester. They have met their advisers who chide and guide them through their college days. Most new enrollees have collected the required Number Six cards and are now ready to begin their studies.

For some, the spring semester may be a time to take books less seriously than usual. Schedules will have Whipple breaks in additions to the usual coffee breaks.

This is a difficult atmosphere for new students to get established with concrete study habits. But we must face the facts. Spring fever or not, the continued emphasis on individual responsibility and tougher curriculums cannot be dodged.

Students who make numerous coffee breaks and Whipple breaks a habit usually end up with a continuous break—after flunking out.

Other Views

People and Education

The relationship between education and the people is a strange one.

No one denies the value of education to our society. No right-thinking person would say that it should be abolished; or that it serves an unimportant role in keeping America in a position of world leadership.

And yet, when it comes to paying the bill for educating their children, Americans rebel. Taxes are too high, they say. They argue that we have enough schools, or at least we can get along with what we have. Pay the teachers more? They only work nine months a year. Who needs modern buildings anyway? They cost too much.

The country is faced with a problem that will be with it for many years. It is one of increased enrollments, crowded schools and inadequate staffs.

A few concerned persons have been sounding the alarm since the first projected figures on anticipated enrollments were released after World War II.

We only hope that it will not take some unforeseen disaster to wake the people up to the inadequacies of their institutions. The whole nation woke up to his problem of crowded schools in 1958 after a disastrous school fire in Chicago which claimed nearly a hundred children.

Educators, parents' groups, and taxpayers in every major city went on a fire prevention crusade. But only after a disaster had done what preventive action—adequate facilities—could have avoided. Unfortunately, some such catastrophe usually must befall us before the voters get mad.

Then, and only then, when it is too late, will they cry out for action. They will blame the state. They will denounce their elected officials. But the will never look to themselves.

There is an old saying in politics that the people get only what they ask for.

The voters should take a good look at present conditions. What is barely adequate today will not be sufficient tomorrow. They've got to get mad in advance for a change. They've got to tell the Legislature to get something done for education ahead of time.

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On Politics

Crowded Slate Is Not New To Democrats

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats who want to be president pop up from behind every political bush this year, but think nothing of it. Democrats have always acted that way.

A new study, "The Politics of National Party Conventions," has just come out. Written by Paul T. David, Ralph M. Goldman and Richard C. Bain for the Brookings Institution, the book is filled with charts, footnotes and surprising information.

Take Democrats. Ever since the two parties began, the Democrats have had more presidential hopefuls than the Republicans. This was true even during the period of Franklin D. Roosevelt, never one to encourage competition.

You think we have a surplus of Democratic hopefuls now? The cupboard is practically bare compared with 1924. That was the hectic year when the Democrats, operating under the old rule that a two-thirds vote was needed to nominate, went 103 weary ballots before staggering to a decision. Sixty different persons received at least one vote for the presidential nomination.

Or take age. How old should a presidential candidate be?

Since 1896, the average age of those getting their party's nomination has been 51 years — good news for 51-year-old Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.).

Generally, Democrats like them a little younger than the Republicans do, but both parties follow this trend: Our presidential candidates are getting more youthful, but our vice-presidential candidates are getting older.

The average since 1896 is a mature 56 years, with the grandpappy title going to Henry Davis. When the Democrats tapped him for the vice-presidential nomination in 1904, he was 81. He didn't win.

The presidency exerts such a pull that no man has ever turned down the nomination, although Gen. William T. Sherman came close. In 1884 his name was being considered by Republicans, and Sherman sent off his famous message: "If nominated, I will not accept; if elected, I will not serve."

If anyone around today feels that way, we haven't spotted him.

Letters

Sr. Wants Blanks Sent to Governor

TO PRESIDENT WALKER: I notice that you seem to have a great number of filled application blanks which you will not need because of the limit on students imposed by lack of funds, that is to say, a badly slashed budget.

Therefore, instead of depositing these reams of carefully filled blanks in the nearest circular file, why not bale them and give them to the state legislature or place them on Gov. Lawrence's desk which seems even more appropriate?

—Fred Shaffer, '60

Gazette

TODAY

Faculty talk, Dr. Harold E. Dickson, "Painting as a Language," 2 p.m., HUB assembly room. Sabbath Eve Service, reception, 8 p.m., Hillel

TOMORROW

Gymnastics, Penn State-Navy, 7 p.m., Rec Hall. Basketball, Penn. State-Gettysburg, 8:30 p.m., Rec Hall

SUNDAY

Lox and Bagel Brunch, 10:30 a.m., Hillel. Catholic Mass, 9 a.m., Schwab. Protestant Service, 9 a.m., Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel. Chapel Service, 10:55 a.m., Schwab. Reception, 7-9 p.m., Protestant and Orthodox, Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel; Catholic, Our Lady of Victory Parish House; Jewish, Hillel.

MONDAY

Model Railroad Club, 7 p.m., 218 HUB

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"NO YOU CAN'T TAKE ENGLISH AS FULFILLMENT OF YOUR 'FOREIGN LANGUAGE' REQUIREMENT."

shop talk

Pro Doesn't Stop Letter Writers

The Daily Collegian editorial and business staffs—and undoubtedly the corps of letter-to-the-editor writers—are set to enter the second half of our 56th year of editorial freedom.

The letter-to-the-editor authors have one advantage—

they can go on academic probation and still continue in their prolific ways.

Letter writers should have a field "day" this semester with some controversial subjects already on the agenda. The compulsory vs. voluntary ROTC pot is boiling throughout the country, and will undoubtedly reappear on campus very soon.

In addition, SGA will toss around such topics as president or vice president to chair its Assembly, class vice presidents and treasurers—elected or not, and the now notorious parking regulations.

The Duke University newspaper, the Chronicle, has resumed publication after being suspended for two weeks by the university administration.

Just before the Christmas vacation, the Chronicle published an editorial column entitled, "The Christmas Story," which was described by the administration as "acutely obscene and offensively sacrilegious."

The column told of attempts by a Polish woman, raped by an invading Cossack, to convince her husband that the son she bore was of immaculate conception.

We tried to pick up a copy of The Chronicle during semester vacation, but it appears

that those which haven't been burned are being kept under lock and key by their possessors. They are about as scarce as the Lemon.

For those interested, the deadline for submitting advertising for the Collegian is 11 a.m. on the day previous to publication. Information for stories should be sent or brought to the office in the basement of Carnegie Building before 6 p.m.

The Collegian is developing plans for its Coed Bicycle Derby to be held May 21. Sororities and independent groups will be provided with information in the near future.

The derby will include basically comic events to provide a last chance for students to blow off steam before spring final examinations. If the derby is as successful as expected, it will become an annual event.

Have you ever overslept and missed an 8 o'clock class? Few of us haven't. If you have, you can understand why Collegians are sometimes not distributed on time to your area every morning. Circulation staffers must begin distribution at 6:30 a.m. in order to complete the job on time.

—THE EDITOR

