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EXAMINATION CONDUCT

IT is propitious to remind the student body that the proctorial system of conducting examinations does not relieve anyone from a responsibility for honorable action. Recent examinations have convinced us that a growing number of students have thrown their sense of decency to the winds and have indulged in as prosmicious cribbing as the inefficient proctorial system will permit.

The conception behind this general misconduct seems to be that a man has a sporting right to elude the proctor. The man deems his ethical responsibility out of his own hands; and he proceeds to act as freely as conditions will permit. The situation can be attributed to the wrong principle back of the proctorial system. A man resents being watched, and this resentment is turned into an antagonistic desire to "put something over" on the men who are doing the watching.

This attitude is deplorable. It represents a small and inadequate moral responsibility. Cheating under the proctorial system in the final analysis is equivalent to cheating under an honor system. It is hoped that more ethical, more gentlemanly conduct will be observed during the coming examination period. There is much room, also, for improvements in the conduct of the proctors. Insolent action on their part accomplishes no good; inattention on their part fosters promiscuous cheating. The entire examination situation demands improvement.

BLUE SUNDAY

A GLANCE into some of the rooms of Technology men on Sunday is almost argument enough for Sunday games. Since it is impossible to get into the gymnasium or handball courts, there is nothing in the immediate vicinity for men to do. Consequently they frequently turn to such questionable forms of amusement as poker and evenly lowly craps.

It is felt that permission to use the facilities for physical exercise on Sundays would do much to prevent improper recreation. The gymnasium, handball courts, and tennis courts could be put at the disposal of Sunday players without working any particular hardship upon any of the management concerned. It is suggested that this matter be given earnest consideration.

CONTEMPORARY COMMENT

Slang and Frivolity

IN the realm of serious thought, the differences between the language spoken in the United States and that used in England are negligible, whereas Englishmen and Americans find each other's "slag" mutually incomprehensible, said Prof. Fred N. Scott of the University of Michigan before a recent philological gathering. By learning a list of some four hundred words, an Englishman or an American would be equipped to travel in the other's country without embarrassing misunderstandings, according to Professor Scott. "The Englishman," he declared, "could make a long distance call without speaking of 'trunks,' he could secure orchestra 'seats' in place of 'stalls,' arrange for a 'round-trip' instead of a 'return journey,' and speak of a 'freight car' instead of a 'goods van.' And yet, in the idiom of intellectual usage, there is no divergence, liberty, justice, law, hope, belief, humanity, love, duty, having the same force in both countries. Professor Scott lays down the rule as follows: "The degree of divergence between the two vernaculars varies inversely as the degree of importance of the subject matter."

Have we then been censuring unjustly the users of slang, laying to tawdriness and ignorance the speech born of frivolity and light-hearted humour? Everywhere we find evidence that dialects and vernaculars arise from an irresponsible and happy people.

The current American slang is the especial delight of the young and carefree. Many new words have been added to our language by the happy negro. The pages of Judge abound with expressions not to be found in the Atlantic Monthly. It would seem that the old established words, so forceful in expressing the thoughtful and sober aspects of life, are generally an inadequate medium for wit and humour. This is not startling, however, when one considers that humor depends largely on a sense of shock. The conservative and authoritative expressions are too familiar to furnish the surprise and sense of the unusual necessary for humour, hence new words and phrases must be coined. This requirement of shock is responsible for the ephemeral existence of slang expressions, constant use rendering them dull and banal.

—Cornell Daily Sun



For it's "Oh to be a tutor when exams are drawing near." That's the Lounger's life ambition, to know something that somebody else doesn't know and to stick them 3 bucks per hour for imparting said information. However, that happy position is somewhere in the dim future for the Lounger, with most of his friends at present on the output division of the game. Well, anyway we get to know lots of the profs personally.

The Lounger had a gay time at the Senior and Grad—beg pardon the Junior dance, of recent date. He saw lots of old friends who have been out of school for years. The seniors turned out in toto. After getting thoroughly mashed, the Lounger started stretching out about twelve o'clock and was able to walk home when the dance ended. There was some jam, but what's a little thing like that.

The Chemical Engineering Department, or at least part of it, is apparently about to produce a tight rope act of some kind. The illustrious head of the department was observed the other day walking across the Harvard Bridge. This in itself is of course of no great meaning. Even the best of us have to indulge in that sport from time to time. However, there were several unusual features about this particular expedition.

In the first place, the sidewalk was dry—unusual to say the least. This point must be borne in mind, as it has important bearing on the rest of the affair. The illustrious professor had his arm full of books. This is not so unusual, but it also has important bearing on the other happenings. The principal feature was that this sedate and otherwise mentally sound gentleman was walking the curbstone, using his armful of books as a balance staff.

The Lounger remembers in his youth having walked miles, carefully balancing himself on a curbstone, following the outlines of the driveways, carefully avoiding stepping on cracks, and indulging in similar infantile pastimes, but it has been a long time since he has walked the curbstone instead of the sidewalk by choice.

The Lounger admits that were the sidewalk in its customary aqueous condition, there might be some reason for picking the curb rather than the sidewalk, particularly if the pedestrian had left his rubber boots at home, but with a dry sidewalk, the only possible interpretation is that a tight rope act is forthcoming, and the actor is starting easily—using the curbstone for the first practice, and gradually working on narrower and narrower paths, until a tight wire is the outcome.

As the above was being written, the Lounger had another idea. It may be that the gentleman in question was practicing at following the proverbial straight and narrow. If such be the case, power be unto him. Heaven knows there is little enough practice at this art, and the straight and narrow has almost gone out of style—particularly in the wild Back Bay district where the Lounger confesses that he lives.

It is easy enough to follow the narrow part of it around these parts. But fancy anybody finding a straight path in Boston! With the exception of the few streets that are so short that there is not room for them to be crooked, there ain't no such thing as a straight path in Greater Boston. It must be admitted that 99 44-100 percent of them are as narrow as can be found in the country, though.

It is an amazed class that heard a professor tell them that they were welcome to leave early to hear the inaugural address by radio. The class was appreciative, and even the Lounger thought it a commendable thing to do.

Rumor has it that Professor "Chloroform" Taft's lectures in Heat Engineering 2-472 are to be reproduced on phonograph records in the near future so that students not wishing to sleep in the lecture hall can doze in more comfortable surroundings and get the material from the talks when they so desire. Students will therefore be able to write up lessons included in the lecture but not dealt with in the text.

Play Directory

COLONIAL: "Kid Boots." An excellent Ziegfeld musical show.
COPLEY: "A Bill of Divorcement." The tragedy of heredity.
HOLLIS: "The Swan." Final week of this good comedy.
MAJESTIC: "I'll Say She Is." Musical revue continuing.
NEW PARK: "Spin-Drift." Boston debut tonight.
PLYMOUTH: "The Goose Hangs High." Comedy of home life. First night.
ST. JAMES: "Pollyanna." The glad side of life.
SHUBERT: "Chauve Souris." Balieff's new edition.
SELWYN: "White Cargo." Leon Gordon's play continues.
TREMONT: "Bachelors' Brides." An English farce.
WILBUR: "Beggars on Horseback." Very good satire.

Technical Writing Field Furnishes Good Opportunities For College Graduate

According to the A. Z. Zerby, of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company Publicity Department, there are at present great opportunities for college graduates in the technical writing field. Few men realize that their engineering knowledge can be combined with whatever talent they may have for writing, and that their future may thus be devoted to the literary end of engineering rather than to the design and construction fields.

To point out some of the opportunities in this field, Mr. Zerby takes as an example the electrical manufacturing business. After the inventions are made and the apparatus manufactured, it is necessary to sell this apparatus into the fields where they will be beneficial to mankind—in the home, in industry, and in transportation. Obviously, the inventors or manufacturers do not sell the machines. The salesman, in order to have sufficient information and knowledge of the machine to sell it, turns to the technical writer.

The technical writer's engineering knowledge permit him to fully comprehend the device, and his ability to write intelligently enables him to tell the salesman about its construction, application, and operation. The manufacturing companies today find it necessary to maintain staffs of technically trained men capable of translating engineering knowledge into the language of every day communication.

In connection with service work, the technical writer must supply information on installation and operation of apparatus already purchased by the customer,

Intercollegiates

The University of Toronto fraternity "row" was a busy place for detectives and policemen when it was discovered that the shingles were taken off all the fraternities houses during the night. Suspicion became very intense when it was found that trick robbers or the brass collectors had missed one house in the row; a fraternity which had a reputation for indulging in pastimes similar to the one which was staged during the night.

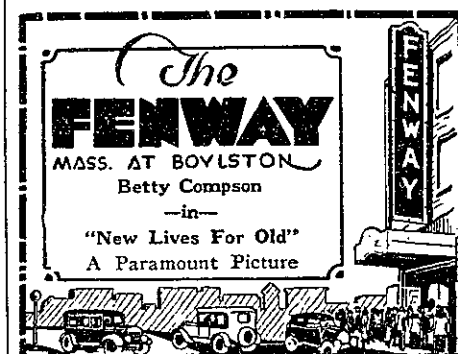
Some prophesied that the shingles would be tacked on the wrong houses the following night. Others thought that this was the first step of an anti-fraternity movement, and the next step would be to remove the door mats and so by stages to demolish the houses.

The best detectives Toronto could give could not find the slightest clue or a single shingle, until an innocent pledgee found all the shingles piled on the veranda of a prominent fraternity.

Zalimier, a student of the University of Strassburg, Germany, may not be considered a wonder as a medical student, however, no one can question his ingenuity and knowledge of electrical communication.

Examinations in medicine were going on and Zalimier was answering the difficult questions with great ease and assurance of a professional doctor. Suddenly, the professor in charge of the examination received a note that Zalimier was cheating. On investigation nothing was found, until a electrician was called to play his part. He soon discovered copper hair wires under the linoleum below Zalimier's chair,

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