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Collegiate World

Experiment proves profs don't read

According to the Hastings Collegian, a student at that college decided to see if professors actually read all the term papers required in a course. He inserted a paragraph in his term paper stating he didn't believe teachers read what pupils write, and asking the professor to underline that paragraph if he read it. The paper was returned ... unmarked. * * *

The Northeastern News, at Northeastern university, Boston, recently offered a few tips to students who want to be a success at college. Tips included:

Look alert, take notes. If you look at your watch, don't stare at it unbelievably and shake it.

Bring the professor newspaper clippings. Demonstrate daily interest and give him timely items to mention in class; bring in any clippings at random.

Laugh at his jokes. You can tell he has made a funny if he looks up from his notes and smiles expectantly.

Ask for outside reading. You don't have to read it. Just ask for it. * * *

Ian Campbell, a senior at Northwestern, says he received a letter asking him to join the WACs. It was addressed to Miss Campbell and offered him a pleasant stay in the army. Campbell had no comment. * * *

The boys at Florida State have formed an entirely different type of club. It's called the WRTPBSUTRP, which stands for: We Refuse to Patronize Tallahassee Barber Shops Until They Reduce Prices. When it has enough money in its treasury, the club intends to hire a fulltime barber, who

will set up shop in the office of the student government. The club's insignia? A pair of sissors on a background of peppermint sticks. * * *

The girls in a gym class at Phillips university, Enid, Oklahoma, found themselves in hot water a while back. Eager to try out the swimming pool after the installation of a new boiler, the girls dived in and came up screaming. It seems the temperature of the water had been set at 110 degrees by mistake. * * *

Editors of the Collegian created a furor by carrying a banner story headlined, "Ellen and Helen are Firm Anti-Falsie Candidates." The girls were candidates in a queen contest. School authorities were particularly unhappy over the story's subhead, which said, "Experts see win by bust." * * *

One hour only, boys

Announcement of four free periods a week for this and succeeding semesters brought a combined sigh of relief and yelp of joy from organizational leaders who in the past had found it difficult to schedule their meetings at other than a midnight hour.

Some of the boys were immediately struck with grandiose schemes of meeting to end all meetings—"we'll get them together for one two-hour meeting, get all the dirty work out of the way, and then be able to enjoy the rest of the meetings of the term."

It's too bad, but those rosy visions will turn a dull grey when an attempt is made to schedule the meeting with dean of students, Eileen (the dean's secretary) will look at you sweetly and say, "One hour only."

And no one is being the least bit harsh or arbitrary. The proposal of four free periods a week was accepted by the Faculty council because it seemed a logical way to enable more organizations to have more meetings—not longer ones. Were two-hour meetings permitted, this avowed purpose would be defeated.

as I see IT

By JOHN SCANNELL

DID YOU READ the fine print in the first few pages of the Registration Schedule—the booklet listing all the classes and pertinent registration information? It contained quite a bit of information, and if you read it no more thoroughly than most of us, you missed a couple of interesting items.

First, and of interest to each and every one of us, there was a notice announcing a day of grace before final exams—a day to catch up on the semester's work before finals begin. If you don't think this is a good deal, it's 'cause you've never had three or four tests the first day with no chance to review.

Like everything, the day of grace will be received with varying reactions. For those who like to study, it's great—for those who don't, it means an extra day of forced study to try to keep up with those who do.

The second item, the notice of the senior placement meeting, was of interest to graduating seniors only, but was of much greater immediate importance. Considering the interest in placement service among the eighth termers, it's too bad some more effective means of announcing the meeting was not employed.

About half the prospective June and August graduates did attend, but I'll bet most of them didn't know there was to be a meeting until someone else mentioned it.

A RECENT VITAL student election on the adoption of a revamped constitution at the University of Oklahoma brought out exactly 63 votes. Student enrollment is 8,500.

Following the election, a student declared in a letter to the *Oklahoma Daily*, that, "From here on out there isn't a student here on this campus who has any gripe when it comes to the question of representation and politics within their chosen governing body."

"It is an outright insult to the spirit and intelligence of this supposedly class 'A' university when a meager 63 kids . . . turn out to vote on an issue that not only affects the majority of students on campus, but also for a measure that was fought over for many months by these same intellectuals."

The angry student appealed to the Oklahoma student body to, "Sacrifice your comic books, saddle shoes and high school childishness, which have no place in a university of this stature."

And we thought we were apathetic here at Tech!

The last time we voted on changes in the constitution 830 students expressed their opinions, and our enrollment

Slipstick

Two men were arguing over the subject of whose girl friend had the more expensive fur coat.

"I'm sure mine has," said one, "and, believe me, I should know. I paid for it myself to the tune of six thousand bucks."

"That's nothing," drawled the other, "I'm sure the one my girl keeps hanging in her closet is worth much more."

"How do you figure that?"

"Simple, every time I call on her unexpectedly I notice when I go to the closet to hang up my coat, she has a man in there standing guard."

College: A fountain of knowledge where students gather to drink.

Timberjack: "You should have seen this babe. Limbs as smooth and straight . . ."

Timberjerk: "What I'm interested in is the trunk. Did it have any knots?"

Letters to the Editor

Bookstore lambasted

To the Editor:

For many semesters most students have heard, if not themselves voiced, complaints against this school's BOOKSTORE. What must be done to cause the management to heed these statements? Where is a sign that an attempt is made to run an efficiently operated store that is also of service to our school needs?

Graph paper was not available towards the end of the last semester when many students needed it in order to complete those late lab reports. During registration no Engineering Laboratory folders were in stock. I have heard of scarcities in other stock items, but have not attempted to authenticate these claims.

If there is a satisfactory explanation of why ample supplies of all student necessities are not in the Bookstore, let us hear it. But, if none can be given, has the Institute ever thought of hiring a new bookstore manager?

John M. Backer

Ada S. thanks you

To the Editor:

The Ada S. McKinley Community House would like to take this means of expressing appreciation to all of the groups on IIT's campus for the splendid contributions which were received during the Christmas Holidays. The fraternities, sororities and other groups sponsored Christmas parties for the children, gave toys and refreshments, and provided many other things which helped to make many children in this community happy during the Christmas Season.

I am sure that each child who was a recipient of your kindness is extremely grateful to all of you. On behalf of the staff and the Board of Directors please accept our sincerest gratitude.

William R. Hammond
Executive Director

Each week a carton of Chesterfields will be awarded to the writer of the letter considered most interesting by the editors of *Technology News*.

This week's winner is John M. Backer.

ment was less than 3,000. Of course the vote was swelled by interest in the selection of an Integral Ball queen, and, to a lesser extent, by the NSA issue.

Perhaps this demonstrates the wisdom of scheduling joint elections to encourage greater participation. Nevertheless, we could beat 63 votes if we held an election for school dog catcher in a dark closet at midnight.

By comparison we are an eager beaver bunch of college kids.

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