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CONCERNING EXAM EXEMPTIONS

The Senior Class has gone on record as favoring the exemption of seniors from examinations for all three terms in those courses in which they have an average of "B" or better.

At the present time this class is excused from examinations only during the third term. A committee will present the proposal to the Faculty Council at their next meeting.

It would be a forward step if the Faculty Council endorsed this proposal as the plan embodies many advantages both to the students and to the institution. There are at the present no senior privileges here except one, that of allowing the fourth year men the right to enter the college dining hall five minutes before anyone else, if that could be called a privilege. Besides that, there are no other rights. The creation of traditions at State College has been stressed in the past and is still stressed as necessary in building around the institution an atmosphere which would cause the students to take a greater interest in affairs and to lend their whole-hearted support to the institution. However, unless some efforts are made in the direction of creating traditions, little will be accomplished towards the ultimate goal of one of the most loyal and patriotic student bodies in the South, and even in the nation.

Another reason advanced for instituting senior exemptions from examinations is that the seniors will work more diligently during the term so as to be exempted, and consequently, the scholastic average of the class will be raised. This in turn will raise the general average of the entire school. That in itself should justify the change. The college will acquire a reputation for having a student body whose grades are above the average of other institutions, a goal towards which every school strives, and something which the Faculty Council should consider before handing down their decision. A raised scholastic average would also help the students in securing positions after graduation as employers naturally come to a school which ranks high scholastically and at the same time turns out excellently trained technical men.

The elimination of examinations would naturally cause professors to devote more attention to daily grades and not so much attention to final examinations. A more thorough preparation of the daily work has worlds of advantages over letting the work slide until the final quizzes and then seeing how much the student has learned by testing him on the work for the entire term. "Cramming" would be eliminated, much to the benefit of the students. It is doubtful that his practice is wise because the student condenses a whole term's work in his head the night before exams, and consequently, gets only a superficial knowledge of the work covered. It is learned in time for the quiz and then forgotten. With more stress on the daily work, the student would get a better working knowledge of the course than he does now.

It is not the desire of the Senior Class to wriggle out of examinations, for after all, a student who has averaged at least a "B" on a subject will not have his grade materially changed by the final quiz. But, rather on the contrary, they are seeing the way of the more modern educators who wish the abolition of examinations because they fail to serve their intended purpose.

As a fair-minded body who wishes to see State College become one of the leading institutions in the country, an appeal is made to the Faculty Council to hear the resolution of the Senior Class when it is presented them with open minds. Let prejudices which might have arisen concerning the subject be forgotten, and in their place substitute a desire to see State College march ahead with its brother and sister institutions. There is no reason for hanging on to something which has outlived its purpose merely because it was done fifty years or one hundred years ago.

WHAT ABOUT MINOR SPORTS?

As the football curtain is about to ring down, something should be said of the minor sports which are going on at the present and will be going on all the rest of the year.

There has been somewhat of a changed attitude about the lesser brothers of football, basketball, and baseball since the new Athletic Council has taken charge. The new group apparently are more willing to cooperate in bringing out these sports than the old council whose main thought was the larger sports. Even at that, the minor divisions may not yet get their just share of the appropriations. It has been rumored already that the appropriations this year may not be much more than they were last year. A person connected with the tennis team has stated that he was talking with one of the members of the council and that the council member asked if twenty-five dollars would be sufficient to take care of tennis expenses this year. It is a well known fact that the tennis team at the Chapel Hill unit of the Greater University last year spent more for tennis balls alone than has been spent at State College for courts, equipment and everything connected with the game in the past three or four years. Authorities here have added some courts in the past year or so, but there is still not nearly enough to accommodate the number of students who wish to take part in the sport. One of the reasons why the tennis team here, as well as the various other minor sports, have not met with greater success lies in the fact that they have had but little in the way of financial aid with which to work.

The wrestling team is one exception. Although they had but a small amount of money, they captured the State championship and many places in the Southern Conference Tournament. The coach last year, Prof. W. N. Hicks, received absolutely no remuneration for his services, coaching the team because he had a high regard for the sport. All that was offered him was a season ticket to all the athletic events here. This year his classroom duties will not permit him to tutor the team, and a student, Dave Morrah, has undertaken the task. It is such a spirit as this which has kept the minor sports alive here. Many professors have given their time, as well as have students, in order that State College might be represented in a majority of the sports. The track team is operating under circumstances similar to those of the wrestling team this year. When students show such an interest in these minor sports, some provisions should be worked out so that they could function more smoothly. The conditions at the present are not only a disgrace to the college, but they are vastly unjust to those students who are taking part in sports other than football, basketball and baseball.

It is realized, of course, that the Council is operating under financial difficulties, and that they are, figuratively speaking, "in the red." However, according to reports of various members of the Council, the athletic deficit this year should be greatly reduced. With this fact in view they have a much freer rein to make increased appropriations to the minor divisions.

SUPPORT "HELLO WEEK"

The students at State College instead of being alertly interested and enthusiastic about their athletic teams, their student activities and other parts of their college life which they should enthusiastically support, seem to be either rather apathetic, or in some cases knockers of the very things they ought to support. This is not meant to apply to the loyal among the student body who are always enthusiastic over improvements or innovations for the good of the school, but to that portion who are willing to let things slide along in just any old way, and then kick because things are not run right.

The letter published by a State College student in the "Open Forum" column of THE TECHNICIAN this week would not be worthy of notice if it were not for the fact that it is true to some degree. Sad to say there are students here at State who are willing enough to cheer along our athletic teams and college institutions when the teams are winning and everything is running smoothly, but when defeat comes, as it must by the law of averages if by nothing else, they seemingly "can't take it." They knock the team, the coaches, the players, and anyone else they can think of who had anything to do with the situation. They do not have intelligence enough to know that nothing can be effected by sitting still and doing nothing. A student of vision can easily see that he can help to remedy the situation by his support towards helping the present situation, or his sane advocacy of an intelligent change.

An individual student's support does not mean much, if he is by himself, but if he is part of a group of students who are enthusiastic supporters of all that is for the good of State College, he can do more good around this campus than two score orators can for the lagging spirit on this campus.

Another part of State tradition that seems to be lagging with the support of the teams is the tradition that all State College men speak when they meet, whether they are personally acquainted or not. This is a little thing, but it adds much to a school's reputation, and to the friendly feeling and spirit of the students. Next week, the State College Club, an organization created to revive State College spirit and good fellowship, is sponsoring a "Hello Week," to try to get all students into the habit of speaking to each other. Every student will wear a placard with his name on it, and all other State students seeing a man with one of these placards, should greet him, whether they know him or not, and whether he is on the campus or up town.

If the students are bound together by ties of friendship and good fellowship, their feeling of enthusiasm and their college spirit must naturally follow. This "Hello Week" is a great idea, and it deserves the support of all the students.—R. H. M., Jr.

HERE and THERE

By G. W. FORD

The time is not far off when all you boys and girls will be hanging your stockings up before the fireplace and waiting to bed to await the coming of Santa Claus. Yes, sir, before you will have finished picking the meat off the wish bone of your Thanksgiving turkey it will be time to put your duds in a bag and take off for the Christmas holidays. It's a rapid pace we have these days and it takes some tall stepping to keep up with it.

It didn't take Lee Wall long to get acquainted and get a date last weekend with one of the girls from Chapel Carroll's Vanities. In fact, it is rumored that some of the most beautiful women in the world passed through the portals of the A. L. T. house last Saturday.

One of the best moves on in a long time is this "Hello" Week. It has to be a special occasion like this before some of these things we have on the campus will wake up and speak to you. We'll have another week like this in the spring, but the "o" will be cut off.

Colonel Magruder has had an enlargement made on one of the pictures of the figures formed by the R. O. T. C. on Homecoming Day. You fellows who want to show the folks back home how our soldier boys can perform. Just drop in to the Military Department and sign up for one.

And a piece of last year's Freshman flag still hangs from the flag pole in front of Holladay Hall.

It seems that a group of the old Red Masquers are getting together to put on some real plays soon. A good piece of news for those who enjoy something a bit more finished than an extemporaneous play.

A Wisconsin professor found that drunken chickens lay more eggs than sober ones. During my own observations I have found that drunken boys sow more wild oats than sober ones. . . . But I still can't see what makes a chicken so loose when it's tight.

One of our good professors complained about his office being cold the other day. When they went up to investigate they found that he had a Centigrade thermometer hanging on the wall. It's funny what your imagination can do.

It's still a good idea to have the grass planted on the paths. . . fewer students walk on the paths than anywhere else.

Walter Smith and Wilmer Barnes are just two more convention goers.

Troy Herring puts dimes in the penny slot machines. . . why be a cheap skate when things are picking up!

Some one killed a mouse the other day and put it under the sheets in Charlie Hale's bed. After a couple of days Charlie smelled a rat and went looking for it. He found it, now he's looking for the fellow who put it there.

You have to hand it to Dave Morrah. . . when he came down here he didn't weigh much more than a hundred pounds, soaking wet and with a wet sponge in each hand. He went to work and built himself into a conference champion and now, during his senior year, is coaching the varsity.

One of the beauty spots of the campus is the fountain and the rock work around the power plant. Not to be outdone, the alphabet workers down at the State Capitol put up two fountains. Let's break a couple of water mains and see what they do.

Suggested Readings

Each week a new list of books will be published as an aid to the student in selecting suitable reading matter. In this list will be included works of the foremost American and foreign authors.—Ed. Note.

Books are keys to wisdom's treasure;
 Books are gates to lands of pleasure;
 Books are paths that upward lead;
 Books are friends; come, let us read!"

Boleslavski, Richard, *Way of the Lancer*.
 Mr. Boleslavski is a man of the theater who began his career as an actor in the Moscow Art Theater. He came to this country after the war and is now a film director in Hollywood. During the war he was a lieutenant in the Polish Lancers, who were allies of the Russians. *Way of the Lancers* is a book of unusual merit and tremendous fascination, dealing as it does with the last days of fighting with the Russians together with the rise of the Red army who became enemies of the Poles as they had previously been their allies.
 Buchan, John, *The Free Fishers*.
 The Free Fishers was a secret organization of Scottish fishermen who at various times during Scotland's history made use of their secrecy in one way or another. One of their ventures is interestingly told in this volume.
 Hacker, Louis M., *Short History of the New Deal*.

A brief and critical summary of the New Deal, which is said to be the best survey of the Roosevelt Administra-

All in the Spirit of 'Hello Week'



Open Forum

To the Editor:
 State students are for the team—they win. Those who attended the Grid-iron event on last Saturday saw the poorest team support given to a team this year, and it has been plenty poor all season. In the last quarter of the Georgia game the students actually rooted against State; and some went so far as to label certain players as "yellow." School spirit at State should mean enough to the students for them to stick by State, lose or win.

Without doubt our boys have worked hard, and tried hard, and their mistakes have not been intentional. If all you "slander slingers" can play football as well as you can knock the team, I am sure that Hank Anderson will be more than glad to give each of you a No. 1 position on the squad.
 J. T. Bilisoly.

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STUDENTS SUPPLY STORE

"ON THE CAMPUS"

Col. Harrelson Named to Military Society

Colonel J. W. Harrelson, administrative dean, has been elected to membership in the Military Order of Fidelity, the national fraternal and patriotic honor society of the army reserve corps, according to an announcement received here from the national adjutant of the order in Washington, D. C. Colonel Harrelson, who is commanding officer of the 316th field artillery reserve, is vice president of the North Carolina department of the reserve officers association.

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