

Cheating: How to Halt It?

Last term an Oregon professor burned the "blue-books" of an entire class after it had been reported to him by a student that cheating had been observed during the examination. The class took the examination again.

This is a single case of cheating made dramatic because of the professor's reaction. However, it is not an isolated case.

A study by the student discipline committee released in January of 1952 showed that slightly less than one-half of Oregon students admitted cheating at some time during their college career.

Questionnaires were answered by 1200 students. Similar questionnaires sent to faculty members showed that there is little cheating in class as measured by the detection rate.

Of the students polled, 27 per cent said that they had noticed "many" cases of cheating and 57 per cent said that they had noticed a "few" cases. The study showed that cheating tends to be associated with certain classes.

On Nov. 8, 1951, ASUO President Bill Carey appointed a seven-member committee to investigate the possibility of an honor code at Oregon. The committee worked 15 weeks preparing the report.

On Feb. 26 and 27 the final committee report was published in the Emerald. The report was printed a second time on Apr. 22 and 23.

On Apr. 9 a poll of 251 student taken under the direction of Walter T. Martin, assistant professor of sociology, indicated that four out of five students agreed with the principles of an honor code as they understood them and 70 per cent said that they would definitely support it personally.

A referendum election was held on Apr. 24. Students were asked to answer "Yes" or "No" to the statement: "I am in favor of the adoption of the honor code at the University of Oregon." Of the 2027 valid votes cast in that election, 1066 were marked "Yes" and 961 were marked "No." Fifty-one per cent of the student body voted.

Proponents of adoption of the code did not believe that the slim majority in favor of the code was sufficient to push the proposal further and it was dropped.

Two important West Coast schools have honor codes. They are Stanford and Reed college.

Oregon's honor code committee sent members to visit Stanford last year. They were told that:

The honor system will survive as long as a large majority of students want it and work to maintain it.

The honor system is much superior to proctoring.

The main power of the honor code is that it has strong penalties. (Penalties for cheating range from an F in the course and a term's suspension to permanent suspension.)

The greatest amount of cheating is done in lower division courses.

In 1951 nine cases of cheating were reported.

Reed college has had an honor system for 40 years. The Reed system applies to the student's whole life, not just the classroom. In the last three years there have been only three infractions in the classroom, according to Ed Jacobs, Reed college student body president.

To start an honor system Jacobs believes that the college must first educate its students to the idea, with such education starting in the living organization and then built into the college community.

The responsibility for cheating is dual. It rests with the student and the instructor. There are two general lines of action which might be taken:

- 1. Students might adopt some type of "honor system" which would expose and discourage cheaters.
2. The faculty might control exams more rigidly and increase the precautions taken against cheating.

The ASUO senate has started to prod to life the Oregon honor code committee. This committee could do much to educate students in the meaning of an honor system. A great deal along this line was accomplished last year, but the process is necessarily a long one.

The honor code committee recommended last year that a file of back tests be established in the library and made available to students. Such a measure would keep professors on their toes and force them to devise new examinations. It would also eliminate the advantage of the fraternity or sorority life which aids only a small portion of the students. We believe that this file should be established as soon as possible.

Cheating, like taxes, is always with us. The danger is becoming complacent about it. Definite moves should be made to curtail cheating.

Red and Black Dots Cause Concern Among SU Thinkers

By Bill Gurney

Last weekend on the Oregon campus a new problem reared its perplexing head. Not that the deeper thinking undergraduates had solved their old problems—they still applied themselves with real fervor toward getting more money from home, deciding if this was really love, looking for the infinite significance of it all over that lusty-tasting Student Union coffee, and of course, their courses. Of course.

But this problem soon began to split students into two groups, the ones who knew the answer, and the ones who didn't. And, as somebody probably said once, there was a real difference. When you figured it out, you got rid of that humble, searching look, and adopted a sort of benevolent superiority toward the unenlightened. And you wouldn't tell the answer, but instead would say in cryptic manner: "It's all a matter of logic—figure it out yourself."

Sam, Joe and Iago

The problem was introduced by Myron Bagley, a student who said he knew of it for five years before learning the answer.

There are three men in the problem, whom we shall call Herman, Arthur, and Richard for security reasons, even though their real names were Sam, Joe, and Iago.

All three were applying for a job in a factory that for some reason, made 200-shot repeating waterguns and plastic toothpicks.

All Oregon Grads

Now the men were all Oregon graduates, and were thus highly intelligent. Also, they possessed scintillating Dale Carnegie-type personalities, because they had been neck deep in campus activities during their college days.

The trouble was that the watergun and plastic toothpick company couldn't choose between them. They seemed exactly equal in all ways.

"A Great Idea"

"Eureka, tempo fugit, and sic semper tyrannis," said the company president. "I have just thought of how we can see which of these guys is the smartest." And all of the vice-presidents, as good vice-presidents should, heard the idea and said: "Yes sir, that's a great idea!"

So here is what they did. They put Herman and Arthur and Richard into a completely empty room, with no mirrors, shills or trapdoors. Then the president said:

Black and Red?

"I am going to paint on each of your foreheads either a black dot or a red dot. When I get done, I want any man who sees two red dots to raise his hand. The first one of you who can tell me the color of your own dot, and why you know what it is, will get the job."

Next the president painted a black dot on each of their foreheads, and left the room. Herman, Arthur and Richard sat in chairs arranged in a triangle and stared at each other, deep in thought.

Herman Won!

Finally, after about half an hour, Herman, bless his soul, got up and said "I'm positive my dot is black," and left to tell the president why. Herman got the job and finally worked up in the water-gun business to where his salary before taxes sounded rather impressive. How did he know his dot was black?

It Takes All Kinds



"Boy what some of these frat men won't try just to see th' inside of a sorority house."

The College Crowd

Campus Headlines Elsewhere

By Rae Thomas

The Cavalier Daily, University of Virginia, has finally figured out the definition of education. Says the Daily:

"We have been sitting around this University, man and boy, for over five years and we have finally decided that an education is a process of deadening one end in order to live up the other."

Two doors, stolen from fraternity houses at Ohio State University, have been recovered. Doors and signs have been disappearing from Greek houses on campus for the past few weeks. Police are still searching for the culprits.

The scientific method has apparently gone too far at Baylor university, Texas. Students going to the biology building have narrowly escaped being hit by a

flying cat's liver or some other innard.

This type of thing has been going on for a long time and has been the butt of countless complaints.

Now the department head has issued a statement condemning the entire business and warning the scientists that "This just isn't the right way to dispose of used biology experiments."

The Daily Reveille, Louisiana State University, views the honor system there with a slightly jaundiced eye. "It seems," says the paper, "that the teachers have the honor and the students have the system."

Want ad in the Michigan State News: "Single room for male student with parking space, on east side of Lansing."

Jazz With Chas

Recent Recordings Reviewed

By Chuck (Chas) Karsun

Here are some recent record releases that I would like to bring to your attention because I feel that they are worthy of mention.

Woody Herman — "Terrissita" and "Clementine" (Mars) . . . Woody Herman and his stars from Mars shine on a bright Ralph Burns creation called "Terrissita." The flip side is that old gal Clementine in a brand new dress fashioned with modern frills, flourishes and embellishments. Pretty fair material. Delectable Dolly Houston brings the lovely lass to life with her fine voice. This pairing by the Third Herd represents, in my opinion, the best biting, hard-hitting, two-fisted, two-sided record of 1952. They are such delights you will want to play them endlessly. You'll tarry with Terry and linger with the fem, Clem.

Billy May—"A Cute Piece of Propreyt" (Capital) . . . Billy May's latest Capitol caper is a contagious cutie that you will want to add to your library. It's a precious piece of property. Dig that real estate.

Mickey Katz—"You Belong To Me?" and Feet UP, Pat Him On The Pipck," (Capitol) . . . Katz, a former featured entertainer with Spike Jones, has by far sur-

passed his old boss in clever satire. Mickey's latest record provides the dubious listener with concrete evidence. For laughs aplenty, you cats catch Katz.

Jo Stafford—"Keep It A Secret" (Columbia) . . . Ye, Gad! Very sad! Very bad! Columbia should have kept this one a secret.

Anita O'Day—"The Lady Is A Tramp" and "No Soap, No Hope Blues," (Mercury) . . . Why the Tramp side by the inimitable Anita should be banned from the radio is beyond my comprehension. I find nothing objectionable or in the least way offensive about the lyrics. The side without soap is the cleaner side and has been given the green light by the blue pencil boys. When I interviewed Anita in Portland last month, she called my attention to Roy Kral's prodigious piano on this coupling. Anita turns in, as always, an adroit job.

Frances Faye — "I Wish I Could Shimmy Like My Sister Kate" and "She Looks," (Capitol) . . . The censors have been having a field day of late. You won't hear these sides on your Kilocycles, but they'll "Kill" you at your favorite record shop. An attentive ear to these etchings by the effervescent Frances will reveal why she is the smart set's "Faye-vor-ite."



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