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OPEN FORUM

Is it right to lead people to think one thing, treat them another way, and lower their grades accordingly? Is it right for the instructor to take credit off a paper because a blank sheet was used to cover the written work? I don't know, I just ask. If it's customary, and the usual thing that's done in intellectual circles, I think it only right that the poor victims be made aware of it.

I agree that the grading system problem is a difficult one to solve, and each instructor doubtlessly has his or her own method. But the fundamentals of justice certainly must be recognized. This business of allowing personal likes and dislikes and tastes to enter into the grading is a serious evil, and the teacher who deliberately and boldly slashes off three points here and two there for nothing whatsoever certainly is unjust and unfair—to herself and the student. The whole school cannot help suffering, and certainly the reputation of the teacher and the department are affected.

There is no student in any college who can become indignant when his

low grade is deserved—but every student can and ought to be rightly and justly indignant when her grade is reduced deliberately for some paltry cause—not reason—as adding an extra sheet of paper to the work handed in. That extra sheet was needed—the rest of the papers were full of writing—there was no room for the name, date, and class. These points were carelessly removed for waste of paper!

It's the injustice of it that is appalling, and sadly, shows so plainly a situation that should not exist.

We have confidence and an abiding trust in our faculty as a whole, and we feel that such things as the above are unjust to the faculty, as well as to us. Aren't we justified in being indignant?

—A Lover of Fair Play.

No longer will Stanford University women be forced to smoke in stuffy rooms behind locked doors—and burn incense before leaving. After many secret discussions the Women's Conference declared in favor of liberalized smoking rules by a vote of 68 to 1.

By the new rule the women may not smoke in public places on the campus.

Righteous Indignation

One of the pet theories at Salem College is that of Co-operation. That is one of the things about which we hear most. Co-operation—loyal support interest—extra-curricula activity—and all that sort of thing. Do not leave the campus for your recreation. Do not go tramping down town to spend your spare time. The campus is the place to stay. There is plenty to do down here for amusement, and ample means for entertainment. And yet * * *

The main amusement and entertainment that is offered to Salem girls on Saturday afternoon is hiking. These hikes take the girls away from the campus. Nearly any college student will admit that Saturday afternoon is a hard part of the week. There is a sort of let down feeling, and we feel that after a strenuous week at hand labor we are entitled to any kind of relaxation that we can find and yet * * *

Certain college girls realized that any kind of activity on Saturday afternoon would be well patronized. They knew that this would be an admirable opportunity to get money for the worthy purpose of covering the swimming pool. Therefore they arranged a basket ball game between the College Varsity and a team chosen from members of the Faculty. The Varsity agreed gladly to take the exhibiting game. The Faculty members likewise agreed, with fear and trembling, to meet the undefeated champions of Salem College. The enterprise was enthusiastically received by the student body, and a large attendance was predicted. And yet * * *

THE BASKETBALL GAME WAS POSTPONED.

Among the students there has been a great deal of speculation as to the real cause for the postponement of the game. None of us really knows a reasonable excuse. Of course, we understand that the Faculty are a great and mighty body that is responsible to no student body for its actions. We realize that if they chose to do so they might or might not require anything under the sun of the students as a whole. However, this question of the omnipotence of the Faculty is not the one which we are considering. It is the principle of the thing—the theory of good sportsmanship and the theory of playing the game. We have always considered our faculty good sports as a whole. I am convinced that they are good sports. Now, at a time when they have a chance to show their sportsmanship they come up lacking. Did they show an semblance of good sportsmanship? We'll say that they didn't. One of these days they will expect us to play off this game. If they will read up on the rules of the Sporting world they will discover that games that are postponed without a sufficient and reasonable excuse are forfeited to the team that was ready and willing to play. Therefore the Varsity really are the undisputed champs. And we are brought back to the original question—"WHY WAS THE GAME POSTPONED?"

—Signed An Interested Onlooker

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He: "Are you good looking?"
She (copy): "I've been told so."
He: "Well, go down to the campus and see if you can find the pen I lost."
—Illinois Siren.

I got a smart brother. He's been clear through Reform school and he's only sixteen.
—Wisconsin Octopus.

Doctors: "I'll sew that scalp wound up for you for ten dollars."
Patient: "Doc, Doc, I just want plain sewing; not hemstitching or embroidery."
Ter Veer: "Van Doodle's body has been recovered."
Ter Heer: "I didn't know he was drowned."
Ter Heer: "I didn't say he was drowned. He bought a new suit of clothes."

Twenty years ago girls never thought of doing the things they do nowadays. That's why they didn't do them.

Watress: "Have you ordered?"
Victim: "Yes, but if you don't mind, I would like to make it an entirety."
—Carnegie Puppet.

"Do you believe in long engagements?"
"Certainly." Why shouldn't young people be happy as long as they can.

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