

## COLLEGE COMMUNICATIONS

March 6, 1937.

### MID-SEMESTERS AGAIN

Mid-semester grades are due in the office on Monday, March 22. Please plan your work and examinations to enable you to make these reports promptly. Your help in making full reports will also be greatly appreciated, as the reasons given for the poor grades are very helpful to us in talking with students and their parents.

### MARCH FACULTY MEETING

The next meeting of the College Faculty will be held at 4:30, March 16, in the Central Administration auditorium. Important matters are to be considered. Since no faculty meetings were held in January and February, we hope everyone will attend the March meeting.

### NEW COURSES AND CHANGES IN COURSES

According to a recent University Senate regulation, no new courses may be offered next fall which are not approved by the Faculty by the April meeting. We are, therefore, asking that all requests for new courses and also for course changes be presented now. This will allow us to present the necessary requests at the March faculty meeting and the Administrative Committee could then present its recommendations for action at the April meeting.

May we ask all staff members to examine critically the catalog descriptions of their courses and suggest desirable changes. Prerequisites should be carefully studied and requests for changes made where necessary, so that catalog statements can be regularly followed. It is hoped that all changes may receive Faculty or Administrative Committee approval this spring instead of being left for the fall when we are always hurried to get the copy to the printer.

### EXCESSIVE ABSENCES

We are finding some cases of neglect in the reporting of excessive absences. All instructors of College students are expected to check class attendance regularly and to report on the deficiency cards any student who, aside from reasons of

known illness, has one more absence from class than the number of hours of credit given in the course. Prompt reports prevent some student failures and enable us to give the parents the information they expect of us in this matter.

### WITHDRAWALS

Please remember that no student is withdrawn from your classes until you receive an official withdrawal notice from the dean of the school concerned.

### CODDLING OR MASTERY?

"When failure is mentioned we become sentimental and think too little about the social waste that will ensue if we pamper the individual in his irresponsible practices--What would society have lost if Pasteur, who failed, or if Einstein, who failed, had been coddled and passed?---When I reflect on the history of civilization and on the problems of present-day society, it seems to me that there was never a time when students should be held more rigorously to high standards, never a time when students needed more to be taught that understanding can be acquired only by mastering systematic knowledge--I make a special plea for education that puts lime in the bone, iron in the blood, and organized knowledge in the minds of the youth of this generation."---Pres. L. D. Coffman, in The Educational Record.

### TEACHERS' OATHS

"I have been a teacher for most of my active life and have known thousands of the members of that profession---No one of them would probably object to taking a loyalty oath, were it not for the outrageous initial implication that they are not loyal, and also were it not for the power of insufferable interference which the requirement of such an oath gives to bigots and morons who may conceive themselves alone possessed of the true gospel, or who suffer from the itch for newspaper publicity. Compel all persons to take such an oath, if you will, but do not insist on the teacher while you spare the radio speaker, the newspaper editor, the maker and purveyor of the movie and the movie newsreel."---Pres. James Rowland Angell, to Yale Alumni.