

A TENTATIVE REPORT FROM THE CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE ✓

In the Classification Committee meeting last Thursday the following action was taken regarding ABSENTEES:

1. There is a correlation between absences and grades, as is to be expected, but there are other factors of equal or greater importance which probably cannot be controlled, such as; the student's I.Q., previous preparation, nature of the subject, characteristics of the professor, etc.

2. In general, the girls make better grades than the boys.

3. In so far as the correlation of absences and grades is concerned, a report on the grade sheet, of total absences for the semester, would provide the data for the comparison, and would require much less time than is now being used.

4. Teachers should report immediately to the Deans, any student whose poor work and many absences appear to correlate. This would allow the Dean to make immediate contact with the student, instead of making a check a week or ten days after the absence has occurred, as is often the case at present.

5. It is difficult to obtain worthwhile results, unless the teachers will give their full cooperation. "Academic freedom" does not extend so far as to include refusal by the teachers to cooperate in administering the mechanics of the records, even though they may not be in sympathy with the methods.

6. Some of the results of the work of the Deans might well be published in the Skiff.

7. The study should be continued "AS IS", until the close of the semester, at which time a definite recommendation will be brought before the Cabinet. A report of progress is being presented to the Cabinet today.

PLEASE REMEMBER that absence from class on the last recitation immediately following the holidays, will draw double absences. The holiday period begins at 1 o'clock December 20th, and classwork will be resumed at 8 o'clock Monday morning, January 5th. This Christmas vacation period of 2 weeks including 3 Sundays should be sufficient for any student to reach home and have plenty of time for a visit and to return. We must insist on making absences doubly unpopular.

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BE ON THE LOOKOUT for a negro boy who claims to be a student at Tuskegee and who may want to borrow money to "return to school" there after the holidays. He may give the name, William Gerry, or he may give you some other name and claim that he has worked in our dining room. If he should approach you, he will doubtless call by telephone first. If he does, let him come on to your office or home, and while he is coming, call the police department, 21234, and request that a detective be sent immediately, for the boy has a racket and needs handling by the law.

The following students were excused from classes December 12-13:

Maxine Hopkins	Bill Heslop	Johnny Pickering
Arthur Norred	Bill Welsh	Kirby Ellis
W. R. Rucker	G. L. Robertson	

EXCUSED ABSENCES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Names Redacted	12/2;3,4,10,	All Classes	Illness
	12/8;10,	Soc. 124	Illness
	12/6,8,11;	All Classes	Illness
	12/11, 12,	P. T. Eng.	Illness
		All Classes	Illness
	12/8;11;13;	All Classes	Illness
	12/9;10;11;	Phy. Ed., Ed.	Illness
	12/6;10,11,12,13,	All Classes	Illness
	12/1,	Bible 120	Illness
	12/ 6,	Eng. 24a	Illness
	12/9;10,11,13,	All Classes	Illness
	11/9;	Eng. 11a	Illness
	11/8;	Chem. 11a	Illness
	12/3;4,	All Classes	Illness
	12/9,	All Classes	Illness
	12/10;12,13,	All Classes	Illness
	12/11,	All Classes	Illness
	12/9,11,	Soc.Math.	Illness
	12/15,	Pub. Sp. Phy. Ed.	Illness
	12/7;	All Classes	Illness
	12/6,	B. A. 22, B. A.	Accident
	12/12,	Eco.	Illness
	Indefinite	All Classes	Quarantine
	12/10,12;	Pub. Spk.,	Illness
	10,12/24;11,	Eng. 24a, Gov. Eco.	Illness
	12/10;11;	All Classes	Illness
	12/12;13,15,	All Classes	Illness
	12/11,	All Classes	Illness
12/2-6,	All Classes	Illness	