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Wherein The Majority Suffers Because of the Acts of a Few

One would think it hardly necessary in an engineering college, where, on the average, students are just about out of their teens, that attention should be called to the matter of proper behavior in the regular student assemblies. Yet such behavior is not exactly all that could be desired.

Last week in particular, though the condition is one of an accumulating degree of seriousness, many students made themselves guilty of putting on their coats in plain sight of the speaker, stumbling around either on the balture was completed.

Happily, this article is addressed only to a very small minority, since the offenders are not numerous. However, considerable disturbance is created even when only a few students are guilty of the offense. Most of all, nation. such behavior on the part of a few in the audience is particularly distracting to the speaker, and is far from being complimentary to him. He naturally leaves the Institute with an opinion which does not do us justice.

Any disorderly demonstration, however slight, on the breeding. It reflects on his home training, on his per- coming ashes in a world where there be no ice. sonal character. It shows him up to his fellow students as being discourteous, unmannerly, egotistical. Right in that truth lies the elimination of the unpleasantry. If to several of them. the well-behaved majority will frown upon any and all ungentlemanty acts, and voice its disapproval to the offenders, the problem will automaticaly disappear.

High-Pressure Study

The poor student who delays his work until the last few days of the semester has long been the object of professional excoriation. . . .

This student turns in all required work, a trifle late, perhaps slightly condensed, but practically always intact. The reward? He is lucky to rate more than the traditional "D."

Often his results are of a higher quality than those of the student who is content to remit the assignments as per schedule. Many times it is of at least average ranking. The semester grades, however, have never been known to inspire the recipient to greater endeavors.

Why should the so-called dilettante student be verbally lammed by unanimous faculty opinion? Regarding him as though he were purely a laboratory specimen, why doesn't he deserve the highest grades?

In the commercial world the high-pressure worker who can turn out even ordinary work is always suitablly rewarded. It's the man capable of quantity production on plays in arrears in a drama course before he tries to catch short notice who is in demand. He who can outline a up with the class. selling campaign over night, or design a building, or write a novel, is a valued man.

by his actions.—The Daily Iowan.

is lazy. He is the student who hands in good English they rarely improve.

THE SLIPSTICK"

Cleave to "The Slipstick"; let the Sinpetick fly whore it may.

KOLLEGIATE KOLERAGE (Apologies to Samuel T. Coleridge) In Xxxzfjkc did khooblah Kwanted, A stately pleasure dome decree, Where, Oinhk, the sacred river, loitered, Past the domain of that guy Oioiwhee,

Down to a sunless sea.

For two times pi, with x arc sine. With wall and tower al slipping at same rate; And there were gardens formed of sinuous design, Whence blossomed the hideous calculus we hate. And here were problems, ancient as the hills, Enfolding students in their spots of ignorance. A savage thing, as unholy and enchanted, As the dread dragon, anciently named Quizzkjonce.

The chap came and said, "Senor Khooblah," And the prof. drew in a good long breath, "My name is Dlajarskijzroobla"; And shuddering, the professor choked to death.

Imaginative Writings

Tragic, Say what!

One of the superior sophs taking English IV recently nounce all honoraries at Armour? ing for a teacher in the secondary handed in a fifty word theme on a puncture. When asked why it wasn't of the required two hundred and fifty word length, he replied that the other two hundred words of the incident were unfit for publication.

Light and Heat

She: When you married me you said I was the sun of your existence.

He: Well, you do sometimes make it pretty hot for me.

You're Worrying About Nothing

Dear Al: I've been disillusioned. After all these years of thinking that zero (O) was nothing, I find it really is something (?). I. O. N.

Really Convincing

Customer-Have you something to arrest the development of a cold?

Druggist-Certainly, I cad recobbed this as an dudfailig rebedy.

> The Song of the Senior Aeronautic Little drops in water, Little drops on land, Make the daring aviator, Join the heavenly band.

Prof. Thompson: When water becames ice, what is the greatest change that occurs. Soph: The change in price.

At the recent assembly, the speaker said that soon we list shall be able to see the people with whom we are converscony or the main floor, and then leaving before the lec- ing. We wonder if it is too much to hope that some day we will also hear them?

Chicagoesque

Politician: Congratulate me, dear, I've got the nomi-

Wife (in surprise): Honestly! Politician: Why bring that up?

For a good weekly text, may we offer:

Blessed is he who spreadeth ashes upon the icy pavepart of a student, immediately marks him as one of poor ments of this world, for he shall be in less danger of be-

Pill No. 1: I don't care for men. In fact, I've said no

Cat No. 1: What were they selling?

A pessimist is one who, of two evils, chooses both.

A Real Friend

Soph: I like that chap, I do. He did me the biggest favor that one man can do for another. Frosh: What's that?

Soph: He told me where I could park my car.

Dater: It seems to me that I've seen your face before. Datee: How odd. Dater: Yes, isn't it.

Senior: Look here, this coffee tastes like mud. Frost: Sure, it was ground this morning.

And now we're still wondering why not a couple hundred instead of just a couple, of our subscribers contributing to this here Slipstick. The box is provided (Frank | Frank made it), nicely varnished, pinned to the elevator, and good enough to receive anybody's hew-more. Here's to a stuffed mailbox next week. Drink!

It is not known whether these people have a limited li capacity for work or not. They never seem to labor over Therefore the student who is capable of turning out anything that they do. The quality of the work they acthe semester's work in two days should be regarded with complish is not bad, and would indicate that a little appliawe. Phi Beta Kappa should be proud to honor him as cation would solve their problem. It has been found. one of its own. Such a student demonstrates his caliber however, that they are sensitive to the indictments upon their intellectual capacities which they have interpreted in the reductions in grades which they have received for There is a type of student in the university everywhere their procrastination. When they see a person whom they | [who is a constant annoyance to the professors,—the bril- consider inferior draw a grade ten points higher than | | | | liant, capable person, who, in addition to these qualities, their own, they wail to high heaven at the discipline-but

themes about two weeks late. He is the student who gets | Perhaps more flunking grades handed out to these stuhours behind in collateral reading, and thereby flunks dents would make them keep step; but here the reasonweekly quizzes with regularity. He is the student who able professor is confronted with the injustice of failing allows himself the leisure of waiting until he is seven an intelligent person.-The Daily Northwestern.

LETTER-BOX

To the Letter-Box: J. H. in his recent editorial "Honoraries or Cliques" certainly takes a

radical point of view. In the first place he shows his ignorance of his own fraternity's method of choosing pledges. From his writings one would be led to believe that Tau Beta Pi stands for high scholarship alone. But such is not the case; selection is made on the basis of scholarship, character, activities, and personality. High scholarship places a man on the "eligible" list—his character, activities, and personality determine whether he is selected or not.

In the second place, J. H. claims that all honoraries at Armour are corrupt (or words to that effect). Now where, we should like to ask, could J. H. have götten all of this inside information-for as we understand it, anything pertaining to the final selection of a certain eligible man is considered as, and kept a chapter secret. And how, if he did not have this information, dared J. H. de-We fear that J. H. has laid himself open to the criticism of talking or rather writing on a subject about which he knows practically nothing. Possibly this is due form since he In 1878, Dean Monin was a stufrankly states in closing that he is dent of Philosophy and Philology at merely "endeavoring to take the the University of Leipzig. The folview-point of an outider."

torial J. H. would like to see at Ar- School in the Canton Glarus, Switzermour an honorary which would se-land, a student and tutor at Milan, lect men on the basis of scholarship Italy, again a student at the Univeronly. This certainly would be the sity of Zurich, and a student at the ideal way to honor high scholarship. University of Heidelberg, Germany. But why should the existing honorstandards of selection?

Biography of Dean Monin Tells Varied

Two long years have elapsed since Dr. Louis Celestin Monin addressed the present upper classmen and alumni of Armour Institute, for the last time, prior to his sailing for Berne, Switzerland. However, his wonderful magnetic personality and friendliness continue to live on in the hearts and memories of students and faculty. The struggling lower classmen are unconsciously imbued with his spirit of loyalty and fraternity which is passed on from class to class. And with us all lingers Dr. Monin's advocation of comradeship to our fellow-

Dr. Monin has been with the Armour Institute for thirty-four years and was appreciated as teacher, dean, and leader. He was born in the French part of Switzerland in 1858. Having attended the public schools of that country, he completed the Gymnasium Course at St. Gall, Switzerland. After a normal course, preparschools, he obtained in 1878, his diploma as teacher in both the Literary-Historical and the Scientific Mathematical High School courses.

lowing nine years saw him as a stu-Evidently, from the tone of his edi- dent at Zurich, Principal of a High

In 1888, Prof. Monin came to aries, and particularly Tau Beta Pi, America, accepting a position as be denounced for having their own teacher of Modern Languages in the University School and also in the HENRY CHRISTIANSEN, '29. Harvard School of Chicago. At the

same time he pursued post-graduate studies in Philosophy, from 1890-1892, at Lake Forest University, which granted him, in 1892, the de-Scope of Activities gree of Doctor of Philosophy.

In 1898, Dr. Monin obtained his naturalization papers. From 1892-1894, he was a docent in Philosophy at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Monin came to Armour Institute in 1898, as Professor of Modern Languages and Instructor in Philosophy. He became Principal of Armour Scientific Academy in 1898. During the Summer Quarter of 1999, University of Chicago claimed his services as Assistant Professor of Education. In 1903 he was made Dean of the Cultural Studies of the College of Engineering, Armour Institute of Technology, and Professor of Economics and Philosophy.

Dean Monin was a member of the National Educational Association. American Economic Association, Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, the Western Philosophical Association, the American Psychological Association, the American Sociological Association, and the Chicago Literary Club.

In 1927, Dr. Monin decided that the condition of his health required his discontinuation of duties at Armour Institute. On April 28, 1927, he sailed for Berne, Switzerland, where he and his wife now reside in the surroundings of his childhood days; there to enjoy the remaining years of his life. Here at Armour in our reminiscences of him we recall the true dean and his kindliness, his strength, and his wish to aid all of us on our journey.

Seniors who plan on graduating in June are required to check their credits with Dean J. C. Penn in the next few days.

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