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No More Cards

Another example of the privileges of the many removed because of the abuse of these privileges by the few, forced its way into the foreground last week when all card playing in the lunch room was forbidden by the dean's office. This ruling was passed, not because cards are considered having a bad moral effect on all the students, but because some few students who were deemed capable of judging when enough was enough, demonstrated their lack.

Such an occurrence is nothing to get excited about, nothing to gripe about; it was inevitable. An hour's relaxation over the card table is certainly harmless enough but some students sit in the lunch room for several hours of an afternoon and play cards for high stakes when they should be in lab, or the drafting room, or when they might be studying or engaged in some more wholesome extra-curricular activity. Gambling at Armour is not a question of morals; there are probably very few students who have not enjoyed a friendly game of pinochle or poker off the campus. It may be noticed, however, that most of those students who do have this card playing obsession are not well up in the scholastic records or active in campus activities.

W. L. Phelps once spoke, while addressing the student body of a certain institution, to "that certain three per cent element of the student body who do not seem to care about the amenities of college life and who make themselves conspicuous by their actions." At Armour that percentage might be raised and certain actions might be specified but individuals do not recognize chances for self improvement.

There are very few rules to be followed here; the assumption is made that students do know what's best for them. When events lead up to what happened last week it sometimes helps to call the attention of the offenders to the fact that they are in part, anyway, responsible to the rest of the student body.

Other Departments

When a student in one department is required to take a subject in some other department the usual kick is, "I'm not interested in the work of that department." However, the engineer should not only be well educated in one branch of his profession, he must have a wide general technical knowledge so that when faced with a problem somewhat out of his line, he can read and understand the technical information required. One soon forgets the formulae so well learned but it can be easily recognized and used.

Last spring the now senior chemicals raised considerable controversy when they didn't want to take the regular Mechanical Machine Design. Much has been said on both side which resulted in some revision of the course. This year that same group of students have presented a note of thanks to the electrical department commending the suitability of the course in electricity, to their needs. The reason for the appeal of the course is that the textbook is not too technical and yet the students obtained a general but thorough knowledge of electricity.

People usually are willing to kick about something not pleasing to them but are slow in accrediting a particularly favorable situation. Keep it up seniors; it's things like that make a group go a long way toward success.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

Delusion of Activity

There are many illusions that fog the vision of youth growing into maturity. Perhaps one of the most common, and one which is found especially among the vain, the socially conscious, and the ambitious, is the delusion that group activity, per se, bespeaks of progress and improvement.

There comes a time when a person will have burdened himself with responsibilities and obligations and duties to so great an extent that he will be run ragged, with little or no time left for himself. While we have always been a firm advocate of the realization by students that they are a part of the social whole, and of their entrance into a certain amount of group activity, we think there is a great danger of over doing the thing.

Life, as it is constituted today, is a whirling, breathtaking affair. The average citizen is usually so occupied in the struggle of holding his feet against the current of life that he has not the time to orientate himself. This task should be begun in college. It is a life-long process.

Dhan Gopal Mukerji and Robert Frost of the Winter Institute emphasized the great need of meditation and concentration for the full and happy life. The basic motivation for this is the age old truth—"Know Thyself." To be able to meditate, one must have a certain amount of peace and serenity. One must be able to retire within himself and take time off to get acquainted. When the brain is ablaze with a million clamoring thoughts, and is harassed by another million worries, and the back is pressed under a million obligations, poised thinking becomes a trifle difficult—to say the least.

College would be a place where the student can take a deep breath before plunging into life proper. Instead, many students surround themselves with a cloak of activity that is stifling. We call this the Delusion of Activity.—Miami Hurricane.

Overemphasis on Grades

"As a decisive means of measurement, the modern grading system has repeatedly proved itself false," comments the Purdue Exponent, "and the alphabet has become so deeply entrenched in the educational process that a high mark is the ultimate goal of the graduate rather than a thorough understanding of the material contained in the course."

"This tendency to overemphasize the value of a 'mark' seems to be growing throughout the country, and the trend is an evil in that it sidetracks the main objective in a course of study. Our present graduated system of grading could also be held as taking at least a part of the blame for the innumerable cases in student dishonesty that have appeared over the country in the last few weeks, the most notable of these cases being the wholesale expulsion of students from the University of North Carolina."

"The scramble which has reduced learning to a position incidental to the desire of high grades has reflected in the present-day worth of a college degree in the eyes of many employers. The ideal system would account for all the numerous factors that enter into a course besides the number of questions that are answered right or wrong.—University Daily Kansan.

STUDENT OPINION

Criticizes Wrestling Story

On reading the account of the Armour-North Central wrestling meet printed in the *Armour Tech News* on March 3, 1936, I feel that it is my duty to correct a very erroneous statement appearing there.

In the first place it was very unsportsmanlike to the wrestler, very disloyal to the school, and unfair to the effect that an Armour wrestler's efforts "could not be called good wrestling." If the person who wrote the article had a knowledge of the abilities of this aforementioned participant the above quoted phrase would not have appeared.

Even though wrestling is called a minor sport there are a few outstanding features that should be known. The season is one of the longest of any sport, major or minor; six months in fact.

The number of candidates per season far outnumber those in some of our major sports. The team's record is on a par with or it better than the showings made by other Armour teams. The above statements are not made in a boastful manner, but rather in a manner of enlightenment.

In closing, I'd suggest that in the near future the sports department be given a thorough "jacking up" and a good working knowledge of what Armour's teams are doing. We want more sports news and less advertising on the sports page.

Yours for a sports page as good as the front page,
Robert O. Patterson, M.E., '36.

(Sports Editor's note: The statement referred to was not written in derogation of the ability of the wrestler mentioned, but rather as stating that his performance did not attain its usual excellence.)

The Slipstick

Cleave to the slipstick; let the slapstick fly where it may.

Student's Prayers

Frosh: Just a few books and some midnight oil, but if I'll pass it's worth the toil.

Soph: Oh help me to copy right, and I'll promise to study tonight!

Junior: I don't want a swell machine; only a "pony" that can't be seen!

Senior: Onward, Onward, time in your flight. Make the bell ring before I recite.

E. J. chewed a stick of gum.
It was against the rule,
So Bibb just took away the gum,
And chewed it after school.

ADVICE TO THE ENGINEERS

Dear Zazu:

Here lately I've been feeling low. My mother says it's "puppy love." Tell me Zazu, what is "puppy love." Young Thing.

Dear Y. T.

Beware of "puppy love." "Puppy love" is the beginning of a dog's life.

ZAZU.

Joe: I got a new dog the other day; he's part bull and part collie, and I paid \$500 for him.

2nd. Sap: What part of him is bull?

Joe: The part about the \$500.

Talking of E. J., E. J. is going to will his brain to science after he dies. He's even considerate enough to pay for the c.c. of alcohol in which the gray matter will repose.

Nit: Last night I caught my wife kissing the ice-man.

Wit: Boy, I bet you were mad!

Nit: Was I? She should know better when we're eight bucks back on our grocery bill.

"I just married a woman so rich, I won't ever have to work again."
"I see—a case of loaf at first sight."

E. J. Is Happy
See the happy moron,
He doesn't give a damn.
I wish I were a moron.
My God! Perhaps I am!
BOKO.

The Humorist
He must not laugh at his own wheeze;
A snuff box has no right to sneeze.
Keith Preston.
and that's
ZAZU.

CAMPUS CAMERA



Fraternity Notes

TRIANGLE

Brother Hunt from the South Dakota School of Mines has moved to the house as he has a new job in town. Ten Triangle men were present at the first interfraternity formal dance with a stamp of approval being set for the next year's formal.

We wish to announce the pledging of Harold Eltoft '39 of Lombard, Ill.

DELTA TAU DELTA

There was a large turn out for the Mothers' Club tea last Sunday afternoon. A short business meeting was followed by bridge and entertainment and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Brother Bergman was a recent visitor in the house. He is from Epsilon chapter at Albion College and is at present a traveling secretary for Delta Tau Delta. Many helpful ideas and suggestions were presented by him in his report from the central office. Many members from the house enjoyed themselves at the interfraternity formal last Saturday evening.

RHO DELTA RHO

Rho Delta Rho takes great pleasure in announcing the pledging of Bob Jaffee, '39.

With "Hell Week" drawing to a close, the pledges are hopefully looking forward to tomorrow night, March 11, when they will be informally initiated.

Through the hard work and effort of our social committee, a dance will be held Saturday night, March 28 at the house, to formally introduce the new pledges and to welcome the newly initiated men into the fraternity.

Brother Freireich is working hard getting the ping pong team in shape for the coming tournament. Here's wishing them luck.

THETA XI

We take pleasure in announcing the formal pledging of William Graf, C. E. '37 and Richard Ansel, E. E. '38. The ping pong team is in good shape for the ping pong tournament, the first games scheduled with Rho Delta Rho. Further plans are in the making for our Alumni Smoker to take place shortly.

Now it's your turn to accept

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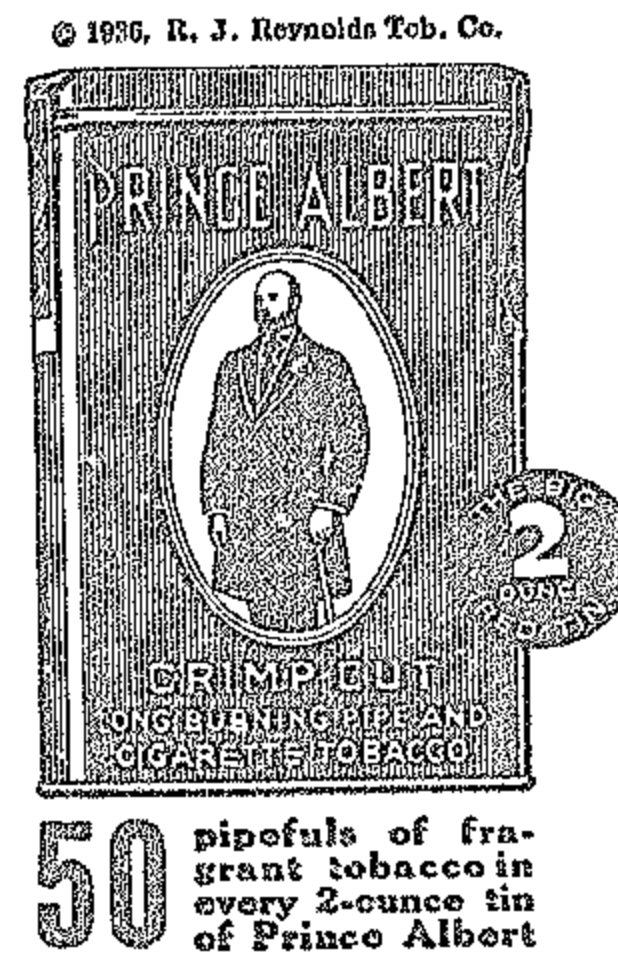
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