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Educational Testing

Each afternoon one of the professors in the mathematics department spends his time delving into our mental capabilities through the crystal ball of the examinations with which we all wrestle upon entering Armour. He is none other than Dr. W. C. Krathwohl, better known to his students as "Uncle Willie," head of the department of educational testing. His work seems to us to be well worth a brief comment.

Testing of our students had a rather interesting beginning. Mrs. Orcutt, the present teacher of psychology, was searching for students who had never taken educational tests, as a part of her graduate thesis. Because most of the liberal arts students are tested at frequent intervals, they were unsuitable for her work. In her search for untested students she chose Armour.

As a result of this preliminary testing it seemed advisable to set up testing programs for the entire school. Dr. Krathwohl becoming interested in the project, induced President Heald to begin the tests on entering freshmen in 1936.

Results from this work have been most interesting. The first class to take the tests placed at about the middle percentile against all of the other schools taking the same exam. Since then the marks have risen steadily, until last year the present sophomores landed in the upper fifth.

Aside from raising the national standing of the Institute, more direct findings have been made pertaining to individuals. There are some students in every college who are quite smart and who have breezed through their secondary school work with little effort. This often leads them to poor study habits, and when they come up against a good, stiff jolt of college work they just don't know how to handle it.

It is in finding out who the very good students are and keeping tab on them, that the most valuable work of the educational testing department lies. In their check-up they can detect the man with good brains who happens to be doing poorly and find out the causes for his showing. Then it is possible to perform valuable remedial work.

Students applying for the annual freshman scholarships have felt the touch of the testing department. Examinations in previous years were of a subjective nature, involving problems and themes in which the judgment of the marker became a factor in the grade. Present tests are of the objective type, finding out many more facts through a greater number of questions and the grading is of an absolutely impersonal nature. Supplementary work on the Strong vocational tests has been given to students who volunteered to take them and were willing to assume the cost of their grading. These tests, based on personal preferences and reactions, are an attempt at determining whether a given person is in the profession most suited to his abilities.

All work of this nature involves an enormous amount of pains-taking attention to details. The rewards for all this care are small, as most of those who benefit by it directly, never realize what good it has done them. It has been a struggle to get all of the material, to gather the data, and then to apply it in the humanitarian way. For all this we congratulate this little recognised but vital department.

"The Slipstick"

Cleave to "The Slipstick"; let
the Slapstick fly where it may

Here I set an' fuss and fret,
While my seat is getting wet.
It's enough to make me fume.
Teacher can't I leave the room?
Why delay me when you know
That I simply have to go.
Honest, teacher, I'm not feigning;
My car top's down, and it is raining.

"Where did you get your lovely figure?"
"It's very simple; I just eat dried apples and drink water."
"So what?"
"So they make my body swell."

Fraternity man one: Hello, Brown! Are you using your skates tonight?
Fraternity man two: I'm afraid I am.
Fraternity man one: Splendid! Then you won't mind lending me your tails and top hat.

"Hey, you guys! Where are you carrying that fellow? Is he drunk?"
"No."
"Sick, maybe?"
"No."
"Oh, just a gag, huh?"
"I know, he has dizzy spells!"
"Nope, been healthy all his life."
"Very tired, I guess."
"No."
"Well, what the hell is the matter with him?"
"He's dead."

"He's so dumb that he thinks the president of a sorority is called the nocterchief."

Freshman to Miss Steele in Library: I'd like a nice book.
Miss Steele: Here's one about the cardinal.
Frshman: I'm not interested in religion.
Miss Steele: But this is a bird.
Frshman: I'm not interested in his private life, either.

Hi Yo: May I kiss you?—May I please kiss you?—Say, are you deaf?
Rosemary: No. Are you paralyzed?

CENSORED!

In Old New England there was once a Puritan school house with a school teacher who, adverse to Puritan custom, wore her dresses rather short.

One day she announced to the one-room class that the following morning would be Parents' day, and the families of all the children would be seated around the room, getting an idea of what their tax money went for.

She urged the children to be on their best behavior so as to make a good impression on the parents.

The next day school was called to order with proud papas and mamas seated around the room. The teacher reached up to write a problem on the blackboard. As she did so Johnny spoke:

"Teacher, I see your garter."
"Johnny," said the teacher, "pick up your books, go home, and dont come back for three months." She turned to finish the problem, when Jimmy spoke:
"Teacher, I see both your garters."
"Jimmy," said the teacher, "take your books, go home, and don't return for six months." So embarrassed was the teacher that she dropped the chalk and, as she stooped to pick it up, Billy left the room."
"Billy, where are you going?"
"Teacher," said Billy, "I'm going home. My school days are over."

Sweetie: Are you troubled with improper thoughts?
Me: Naw, I enjoy them.

Soph: Which would you rather do; kiss a girl in reality or kiss a girl in your dreams?
Frsh: I don't know.
Soph: You'd rather kiss her in her dreams.
Frsh: Why?
Soph: You'd get a better class of women.

If there are any remarks as to quality or degreed of laughibility please send me in with your wash and we'll do both of them for the price of one. . . .

DAFFYNITIONS:—YOUR CAR
Choke: Funny story.
Clutch: See any girl friend.
Gasket: Home When you die.
Spark Plugs: High voltage horses.
Wiper: Form of snake.
Trunk: Past tense of drink.

Fire Protect in Olsen's Class — Is water works two words, or is it spelled with a hydrant?

Stewed: Egad, I'm thirsty!
Prune: I'll get you some water.
Stewed: Hey! I said thirsty, not dirty!

It was raining out of doors,
It was raining, you bet!
The train pulled in the station,
The bell was ringing wet.

HI YO SILVER.

CO-OP NEWS

By H. E. Krantz

Political science may belong to politicians, but the junior co-ops recently put it to practical use to promote the interests of the class in Dr. Anderson's thermodynamics course. Dr. Anderson had hoped to induce the students to attend class for extra hours for the next few weeks, so that he might take a trip to New York during the eighth week of the present co-op term. The class claims that such a move calls for a return favor, namely: no homework or no final exam.

Quote Dr. Anderson: "It's against my better judgment and educational principles, but..."

Anyway, the whole thing is just a political promise (on both sides).

Henry Garvey, 4A, attended the recent polaroid lecture with something more than temporary interest. After the lecture, he carefully tucked away his polarizing lenses, convinced that some day in the future these unique spectacles would again serve him. Last Monday he proved that his conviction was well founded. Sitting to one side in Prof. Marin's civil engineering class, Garvey was unable to see the writing on the blackboard. Out of sheer curiosity, he produced his polarizing lenses and held them to his eyes—and to his very, very great surprise, the problem was solved.

Fred Johnson and Bob Piepenbrink, both first year students, were the first co-ops to be initiated into the Alpha Sigma Phi. . . . A majority of the freshmen co-ops are enrolled in the dance club, indicating interests other than purely academic. . . . Oscar Huntstinger vows he'll show up all the other frosh at the coming class dance to be held at O'Henry Park. The date has not been set yet. . . . A slip-up occurred a few days back in Dr. McDonald's 1-A chemistry class. Four impatient students had cut class to join in a sociable game of ping pong at the fraternity house, but each man arranged for another student to answer for him in the roll call. Coming to one name in particular, the instructor was quite surprised to hear two strong voices answer "Present."

Would you believe it that Roman "Soph" Mankus is pulling the old "sister" gag. The young lady involved is Margaret Wienold. Her phone number is Stewart 8820. Address and description given on request.

Some comebacks:
In logic class Prof. McColey asked Master Siedow, "where's the writing on your homework paper?" Siedow, quickly retorted, "It must have slipped off."

RIGHT OR WRONG?

A 2-minute test for telephone users

As we take up where BOZ-ARTS left off, dishing dirt, news, etc. . . . we remind you: Dirt is where you find it. . . . All contributions are welcome. . . . lack of censorship puts the loves of SALZ, COYLE, etc., in bad way (bribes are standard rate). . . . Any dirt worth while, so watch for stooges.

Amongst the swinging jivers . . . Hutton with Mac (we understand that its the real thing again!) . . . Mr. and Mrs. William Q. Horton . . . Two of our Famous Coeds made premiere appearances.

Ossie, Coyle, and Woerhl were interested in same Lake Forest Gals, my, my, do ye Arx get around. . . . Siels dodged the Queen committee all night with Theresa—he knew what their ideas were. . . . "Gentlemen prefer blondes" . . . no cracks. . . .

QUEEN CAROLINE YEAGER (for details see committee) was presented with orchids by Chief-Charm Selector PRATHER.

Horton and Hutton rendering "Down by the Old Mill Stream" . . . fine place. . . . Ossie entertained the lounge by way of sweet potatoe.

Really getting around was Marsh (Love in the Tech News) and Helaine, the other half of his cartooning pen name. . . . a combination "M" and "H" joined by a line of hearts to a combination "S" and "T" . . . very sentimental. A goodly number of Frosh turned out. . . . sprinkling of Sophs. . . . half dozen seniors. . . . practically 99 per cent juniors. Blumberg was dining with N. A. A. U. Jr. Women's diving champ. . . . Corde?

Mr. Mell and his beautiful date. . . . Blume first to find out Demetres self-service. . . . the Wilmette Police getting into the good spirit of the dance left call again cards on a number of cars. . . .

Remember. . . . the most active day of the year. . . . tomorrow, Wednesday. . . . Theres going to be the Frosh initiation followed by a smoker at night. . . . there will also be the election of new officers of the A. A. S. . . .

RIGHT OR WRONG?

A 2-minute test for telephone users

1. Bell Telephone engineers are making exhaustive studies of solar data from observatories all over the world. RIGHT ☐ WRONG ☐

2. Radio network programs are transmitted from studios to broadcasting stations on regular telephone circuits. RIGHT ☐ WRONG ☐

3. Twenty years ago, putting through a long distance connection took about three times as long as it does today. RIGHT ☐ WRONG ☐

4. Lowest telephone rates to most out-of-town points are available every night after 7 P.M. and all day Sunday. RIGHT ☐ WRONG ☐

ANSWERS:
1. Right. They're learning how and why sun spots affect radio telephony, in order to give you better overseas and ship-to-shore service.
2. Wrong. Broadcasting stations are linked by more than 69,000 miles of special circuits, developed to transmit the extremely high and low frequencies of music.
3. Wrong. Since 1919 the average time for making a long distance connection has been cut from 10 minutes to 1-4 minutes.
4. Right. Why not telephone your family or distant friends often?

BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

SPECS.

STEAM SHOVEL

The 1939-1940 Armour social season got off to a momentous start Friday evening when was held the first of the year's big dances—the Ara Dance. It seemed like a record opening night, with well over 200 couples present. The music was top, the Shawnee ideal, and the dancing mass of humanity seemed to be enjoying themselves. And true Armour tradition was upheld when BILL YEAGER'S "little sister" (CAROLYN) was presented with a corsage of orchids, symbolic of Queen of the Dance.

If anyone ever questioned the ability of the Armour boys in getting beautiful dates, they were certainly dispelled at the dance. From the editor's scrapbook comes the following combinations: Bob Mead with his version of Ann Rutherford — Marion Curtis. . . . Gene Worcester with his bride of next June. . . . Gus Galandak with his Viola. . . . Bob McMahon with his smooth number, named Bonnie. . . . Wayne Wolf (Yes, Armour has them) with Harriet. . . . Newt Dickerohof with his girl called Jo. . . . Jordan with Mary Louise, both looking very beautiful. . . . Wally Johnson with his old flame and standy, June. . . . Clarry Russnak tripping the quite light fantastic with Henrietta. . . . Ray (Wedding Bells) Smessart looking monningly at Celesta. . . . Don Charlton with Kay. . . . Alice with Charlie McAleer. . . . McAleer's very pretty sister Virginia with Freddie DeMoney. . . . and Tom Hunter with his "Beauty Queen" Margie. . . . Bob Abrahamson and his date Louise. . . . Brinkman and a very classy number answering to Betty. . . . Sig Mentzel and the old faithful Marge. . . . Frank Lasker with a girl with a girl affectionately called "Butch" and a very nice "Butch" at that. . . .

Lurez and his Molly. . . . O'Connor going ga-ga over Lorraine. . . . Joe Risany with the dream in blue, Dorothy. . . . Art Hansen with the blonde birthday girl, Mary Jane Scott. . . . and "Little Dynamite" Charlie Eulo with the "Queen of the Ball" Carolyn Yeager. . . . The other good looking gals and their boy friends would take a volume to fill. But all in all, they were "the best!"

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