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Class Attendance

In a sincere attempt to advance the position of the Institute we propose to present from time to time a number of changes which in our estimation are worthy of suggestion. In so doing a certain specificness is imperative. That inevitably names will appear we think necessary to secure our position and to avoid the rhetorical device to which the subjects of criticism so often resort—"we agree in the main with your contentions, but fail to see the application in this instance." It is our intention to consider the logical self sufficiency of both the "point" and application.

Nothing is more annoying nor destined to provoke violent reaction than the maintenance of grade school regulations for a supposedly advanced group of individuals. We refer to the childish practice of compulsory class attendance. In no intellectual level of the student body is the rule regarded as beneficial, but rather to be tolerated as part of the "system"—to be supported only insofar as action to the contrary might prove detrimental to the ability of an individual to continue enrollment at this school.

There are arguments in support of such attendance, but their demonstrative weaknesses have relegated them to the realm of forgotten lore, until the defense once again turns to the old friend of all antiquated laws and the like—tradition. Or if not that it comes forth with the conventional "It's good for you; don't you see?". Unfortunately we do not see it; nor do we concur with and commend the infernal nagging of Dr. Giddings with his post cards and admonitions.

We are told his purpose is to see that true value is rendered per dollar of invested school tuition. Indeed, a truly fine thing. But after all, school and its attendance are purely subjective, and if the quality of subjects is such as to manifest an interest, only when forcibly maintained, then it is time indeed that an inventory and reevaluation be commenced.

It is our belief that the students will benefit by the abolition of this rule—and for the following reasons:

1. An inordinate amount of time will be saved. Despite regulations to the contrary a number of instructors, to their everlasting credit, have proceeded with lectures without formality of roll call. In one social science class for example it was found that roll occupied 7 out of the 50 minutes. Whether you know it or not Dr. Giddings this represents 1/7th of the period or 2 weeks in the semester. We think this time is well worth saving, particularly from the standpoint of value.

2. Recognition of an individual as capable of exercising judgement and the capacity for intellectual betterment would be accomplished. While this is apparently intangible, by virtue of the independent attitude it creates we consider it of prime importance.

"The Slipstick"

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

One thousand four-hundred and forty-four, one thousand four-hundred and forty-five, gosh, now that its census time I jes' can't help but start counting. Say, I wonder if the census man's theme song is "The Man That Comes Around."

Professor: "What kept you out of class yesterday—acute indigestion?"
Co-ed: "No, a cute engineer."

Hurry! Hurry!

A ten-year-old boy rushed into the shop.
"Father's being chased by a bull," he cried.
"What can I do about it?" asked the shopkeeper.
"Put a new roll of film in my camera."

The man who insists on playing with fire usually gets soaked.

Man (in drug store)—"I want some consecrated lye."
Druggist—"You mean concentrated lye."
Man—"It does nutmeg any difference. That's what I camphor. What does it sulphur?"
Druggist—"Fifteen scents. I never cinnamon with so much wit."
Man—"Well, I should myrrh, myrrh! Yet I ammonia novice at it."

BEFORE AND AFTER

Two lovers walking down the street;
She trips; he murmurs, "Careful sweet,"
Now wed, they tread the selfsame street;
She trips; he growls, "Pick up your feet."

Johnny Butkus: "Do you neck with the lights on or off?"
Sweety Pie: "Yes."

Joe Rokos—I haven't the courage to take a kiss from you.
Eleanor—Why don't you just borrow one?

"Faith, Mrs. Casey, you're a woman of wide preception."
"Sure 'tis me own form and I'll not have ye making remarks."

My darling gal was always glum.
I drowned her in a cask of rum,
And so made sure that she would stay
In better spirits night and day.

Rollie Watt—"Why won't you sit on my knee?"
Virginia—"Because mother told me to stay away from joints."

THESE DRUNKS

"I was out with a drunk last night and he headed right for a telephone pole."
"The dog!"

Rose: "That blind man on the corner is a faker."
Angela: "How did you find that out?"
Rose: "I reached in my stocking for a bill to give him and he fainted."

EASY JOBS

Garbage collector in Scotland.
Frigidaire Salesman in Iceland.
Sailor in the Swiss Navy.
Snake Charmer in Ireland.
Pants Presser in Africa.
Barber in Russia.
Heavyweight Champion in America.

Charlie Schultz: "So your trying out for Room Service. Have you had any experience?"
Just a Ham: "Well, I had my leg in a cast once."

"Well, I certainly made a good impression on her," said the cane-bottomed chair as the artist's model stood up.

A patient in a hospital awoke after an operation and found the shades of the room drawn.

"Why are those shades drawn, doctor?" he asked.
"Well," said the physician, "there's a fire across the street and I didn't want you to wake up and think the operation had been a failure."

"There's always something around me that keeps me from drinking a lot of beer."
"Your mother or dad, I presume?"
"No, a tight girdle."

MUSIC

The top sergeant sung out just before the company was dismissed: "All those fond of music, step two paces forward."

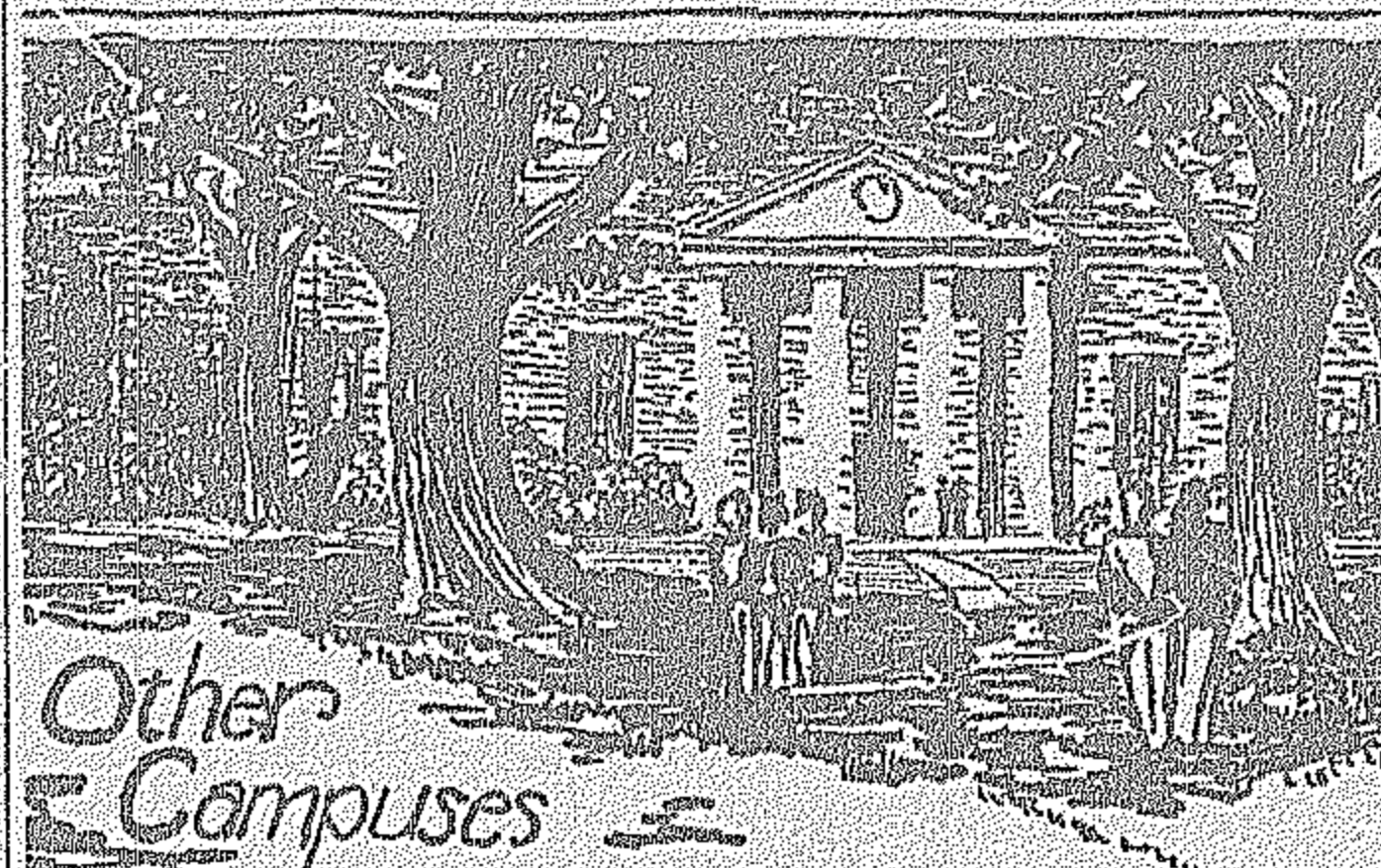
With visions of a soft job in the regimental band, half a dozen men stepped out.

The sergeant growled: "Now then, you six mugs get busy and carry that piano up to the top floor of the officer's quarters."

Cute Co-ed—"I'll bet your worried, having two exams in one day."
Cuter Co-ed—"You bet! I don't see how I can be out with two profs in one night."

The more I think about it, the more positive I am that the more horsensense a gal has, the more she stalls around.

OH MIN!



By Charles I. Ball

To not let the girls get the best of them, several athletes of Milwaukee State Teachers College have taken up knitting while going to and from swimming meets.

9,267 students are taking C.A.A. courses in colleges throughout the country.

Coeds at the University of Kansas thought the C.A.A. was something to get up in the air about so they have organized an Aviation Club for women.

Pre-registration officials at Syracuse University had Marion Sawyer all assigned to a room in the women's dormitory and a Big Chum assigned to her when "she" turned out to be a "he". He is going to investigate the chumming even though he has to give up his feminine roommate.

The Gilbert & Sullivan operas are given more often by colleges in the United States than any other type of stage production.

The University of Kansas hospital has been cutting up quite a good deal lately. There were recently eight appendectomies at the university in one week.

In 1825 three famous men graduated in the same class from Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and President Franklin Pierce. Quite an impressive record for any college.

After delivering a lecture on the subject of "Memory" to a group of nurses, Edwin Guthrie, psychology professor of the University of Washington, discovered that he had lectured to the wrong audience—and a week too early.

To keep up the school spirit Elmer Boos was named cheer leader at Indiana Tech, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Twenty-five women students of New York University formed Future Mothers of America Club, and are campaigning for lowering New York's legal age of marriage consent from 18 years to 17 years. Especially appropriate in Leap Year.

One out of every sixteen persons listed in "Who's Who" is a former University of Chicago student.

Sally Rand was asked by the members of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at the University of Richmond, Richmond, Va., to be their house mother. The Lady of the Almost sent her regrets in verse:

Of course, I've never been a mother,
But I'd rather be yours than any other
But I must still my career pursue;
I can't be a mother to you nor you.

Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's No. 1 honorary society, now numbers 86,000 members. It is the oldest of the Greek letter fraternities, organized in 1776 by five students at the college of William and Mary. Among the possessors of its coveted gold key are Franklin D. Roosevelt, Charles Evans Hughes, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Pearl Buck, and Bruce Barton.

Instead of staying in line and paying high prices to see "Come With the Wind," a group of Harvard students have organized a club by the name of The Study Group for Those Who Plan to Avoid Come With the Wind At Least Until 1941. If a member violates his pledge he has to crawl under a rug without leaving a bump.

Arx News

Yo Ho! for the enlightenment of ye forgetful Arx... THE A.A.S. PARTY is Friday nite... at the Student Union... don't delay, call that girl up now... see the other side of your fellow drafters... it will be sweet and smooth with plenty of glamour decorating the Lounge.

Speaking of gals have you seen that red head Pointek has his eye on... hmm! In fact she could probably sabotage a whole stag line, but thank goodness that won't happen for head man Hutton has declared no one enters without a date... Larson has been offered a date and a ride and still won't chance it... maybe