

John Snow Laughs at Life while Charley reads Popular Mechanics

arranged by the officers of the Senior Class. The moment the gathering was called to order, a Junior jumped to his feet and spoke as follows: "Mr. Chairman and Fellow Sufferers: Many times in our own institution and in others, faculty meetings have been held to decide what to do about the students, but this, so far as I know, is the first time that the students have met to decide what to do about the faculty. I am convinced, however, that something must be done. Listen to the clinical details: Our instructor in mathematics has a bad case of ingrowing calculus; the professor of heat-power engineering in constantly steamed up about something and many a poor student in his classes gets stewed—pardon me, I mean roasted. But the worst offence, in my opinion, must be charged to the professor in the mechanics class. One dark brown morning after the night before, the class, to a man, was perfectly anesthetic towards anything faintly resembling an idea. The professor was discussing moment of inertia and he began something like this: 'You will understand, young gentlemen, that the subject this morning has no relation to a life-time of inertia, a condition with which, I believe, you are entirely familiar.' Now, Mr. Chairman, I think you will agree with me that something 'must be done about this'."

The speaker stopped for a moment amid audible expressions of agreement from the assembled students. Then he continued: "The trouble, fellow sufferers, is simply this; nearly every professor is too close to his job; he lives with his specialty twenty-four hours a day. Surely, Mr. Chairman, somewhere about these buildings a place can be found which will be sacred to the professors, a retreat where they

