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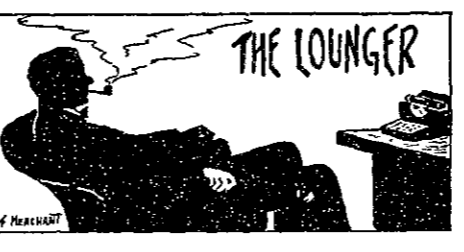


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Open Forum Notice
Attention of the students is called to the fact that no communications may receive the attention of the Editorial Board unless they are signed by the writer.



He was anaemic-looking, the kind that would hesitate to growl at a cross flea. He came shooting around a corner beside a hulking brute—the type that sports writers delight in calling behemoths.

As a measure of safety, the Lounger suggests legislation against wrist watches to avoid future misunderstandings. The results from a general use of machinery which demands wild wavings in the atmosphere whenever the owner is curious about the rate at which tempus is fugiting can be readily visualized.

President Hopkins of Dartmouth is all for a change in the schedule of the train service to allow through sleeper service from Boston for the students. But Judge Wallace objects, saying the students would be better off not to be bumming around Boston at 2 in the morning.

AWAY FROM THE GRIND

Poverty was very much in evidence at the Depression Dance given by the Delta Upsilon fraternity Friday evening where those present appeared in old clothes and danced to the music of Herb Lockwood's Orchestra in rooms decorated appropriately for such a hard luck affair.

Colleges, Prof. Yandell Henderson of Yale warned the other day, are tending to be run too much like factories, and professors to be relegated to the status of industrial employees.

Local Tailor Shop Scene of Many Minor Tragedies of College Life

Charles-The-Tech Tailor Has Served Technology For Thirteen Years

Two hundred anxious people nervously fretted away the time in the main dining room of a large Boston hotel awaiting the arrival of the guest of honor, a prominent man of the Institute, who was already half an hour late and showed no signs of arriving.

Less than three miles away, in his little shop on Ames street, Charles G. Eghrous, known to the multitudes of Technology students only as "Charlie-the-Tech-tailor," sat over his sewing table, his dextrous fingers using all the craft of his long tailoring experience, to mend a tear in a pair of dress trousers, caused by their catching on a nail in the closet.

This is just one incident from the life of the person who has been tailor to Technology men since the Institute moved from Boston to Cambridge over 12 years ago.

From that time on Charlie became a pacifist. He says he was so disgusted with seeing those sterling young men being trained to be killed in the war that at times he felt like closing his shop, but he saw the war through, at times working 24 hours without pause, keeping up with the great quantities of work which continued to come in.

The war ended and regular students entered the Institute. Charlie says he can find little difference between the students of today and those of a decade ago. He believes that on the average they were a bit older but he finds them all serious, yet good natured young men.

Play Directory

- STAGE
COLONIAL: "Strictly Dishonorable," delightful light comedy by Preston Sturges. Has enjoyed great popularity.
COLEBY: "The Racket," a swift, tragic play of Chicago gunmen and their ways, with one woman character among gangsters, reporters, policemen, an alderman and a corrupt district attorney.
LYRIC: "Dracula," well-known and deservedly popular tale of vampires and ghosts.
PLYMOUTH: "The First Mrs. Fraser," a comedy written by St. John Ervine about a dull-witted but business-like Scotchman who divorced one wife, married a second, and then sought the help of the first in getting rid of the second.
SHUBERT: "A Wonderful Night," a new version of Johann Strauss' best known operetta "Die Fledermaus" or "The Bat." Notable mainly for its music.
TREMONT: "A Month in the Country," a tragic story of a quarrel in a Russian country house of the middle nineteenth century, with comedy inter-twined.
WILBUR: "June Moon," well acted and highly humorous story of Tin Pan Alley. A product of Ring Lardner and George Kaufman.

- SCREEN
FENWAY: "The Man Who Came Back," Charles Farrell and Janet Gaynor in an ancient story of a wealthy youth who climbs back to respectability from disgrace.
KEITH'S: "Charley's Aunt," another perennial farce, with Charles Ruggles in the extremely funny lead.
KEITH-BOSTON: "Going Wild," Joe E. Brown as a man mistaken for an aviator and forced to live up to his reputation.
METROPOLITAN: "The Gang-Buster," the inimitable Jack Oakie in a story of an insurance salesman and a gang of crooks.
OLYMPIA and UPTOWN: "The Royal Family of Broadway," an adaptation of a play by Edna Ferber and George Kaufman concerning amusing incidents in the every-day life of a theatrical family.
REPERTORY: "Old and New," an outstanding film by Eisenstein of the Russian revolution. "The Lady of the Lake," based on Scott's poem, is on the same bill.
STATE: "One Heavenly Night," Evelyn Laye does her best in a miserable story.
ORPHEUM: "Hell's Angels," spectacular film of war aviation, not fortunate in choice of plot.

jail, after forgetting to call for their suits before closing time.

It seems that a few years ago, two students, who were planning to attend the Junior Prom, being held in Boston that evening, brought their tuxedos to Charlie to be pressed. The tailor informed them that he was closing at six o'clock that evening and that they would have to arrange to call for their suits before that time.

They approached the policeman on the beat who happened to be passing the store at that time and told him their troubles. The policeman merely suggested that they get in touch with the owner and have him come down and open the store.

"Say, lieutenant, our girls are waiting for us at the dance. Can't you please let us go?" they begged. "I'm sorry to delay you boys, but you are charged with attempting to break and enter into the store. The bail is \$200. You can call up the bail commissioner if you like, but according to the rules of the station house you cannot call anyone else on the telephone," replied the sergeant at the desk.

Placed in Cells
Protesting, they were placed in cells, and it was not until eleven o'clock that evening that they were able to arrange the necessary bail and continue to the dance.

Many were the nights however, when Charlie resided in Cambridge, that he was interrupted at his evening meal to go down and open the store for some absent-minded student whose engagement for the evening would be ruined if he could not get his suit. Now Charlie lives in Watertown, too far out for any student to drive and get him, so that no longer do the men forget to call for their suits before closing time.

Charlie treats everyone as a friend. He says he likes to do work for students because they are always honest and reliable. In fact so much does he trust them that occasionally he has been the loser when someone dishonest took advantage of his trust.

One fine morning about three years ago a tall, clean-cut young man, having all the characteristics of a college student, entered the shop and said he wanted to have a suit made to order. He explained that his name was Hamilton and that he lived in the dormitories in Ware Hall. Charlie took the measurements for the suit, and the man called for it a few days later. He paid for it by check, the tailor, still believing that the man was a student, accepted the check in good faith. A few days later when the check was returned by the bank, Charlie discovered that he had been made the victim of a ruse and that there was no person named Hamilton residing in Ware.

Charlie has two sons, aged eight and twelve, whom he hopes to send to Technology. He came here from Asia Minor in 1912 and has been engaged in the tailoring business all his life. He has served Technology men for thirteen years and has become very much attached to the Institute, where, from his little shop across the street, he sees the human sides of the students and quietly forms his own philosophy of college life.

ELEVENTH HOUR REFLECTIONS

MORE rapidly than most of us appreciate, January the twenty-first approaches, the dawn of that semi-annual period within which we are privileged to repay the instructing staff for the time and effort they have expended upon us.

It is unfortunate that in some courses at Technology the final examination is all-determining. In others, the Faculty has introduced weekly quizzes, apportioning among them the determining qualifications.

Since each of these solutions does not satisfy the need for a rigorous and fair test of a man's knowledge, it seems logical that the combination of the two might answer. In many of the Institute's courses, an attempt has been made to reach the happy medium, but a failure in the final examination is usually considered a failure in the course.

The problem of fair examinations is not a new one. It is admitted that a different solution may be found for every separate course of study, according to the material which it covers. However, at an engineering school where the majority of subjects have to do with concrete problems and examples, a concrete system of examination seems wholly in order.

TRIAL BY TORTURE

THE height of the stools in the drawing rooms is 2 feet, 6 1/2 inches. The distance from the floor to the under side of the desks is 2 feet, 8 1/2 inches. The difference between the two heights is 2 inches, which is quite a bit less than the thickness of the thigh of the most emaciated freshman in the Institute.

There, in a nut-shell, is the thing that is bringing furrowed worry to the brow of every Technology student as the examination period approaches. No petty fears of forgetting elusive formulae, or of getting definitions twisted up, or of splitting finicky infinitives, or of making slips of the slip-stick. All of these bogies can be excoriated merely by diligent application to books, but this last can be removed only by the application of pillows, which are pitifully inadequate. Three hours of corporal punishment are a part of the customary rigors of every final examination.

Several things can be done. They are listed in order of feasibility:

- 1—Remove the drawers from the desks.
2—Saw four inches off the legs of the stools.
3—Jack up the desks four inches.
4—Replace the present stools with lower ones, or replace the present desks with higher ones, or both.

Doubtless harassed students will always concur in any plan which lessens the terrors of final examinations. Students have not been unknown to appear happy upon finding that no examination was scheduled in a certain subject. At least they are agreed that conditions which make for bodily discomfort should be removed. It is a reasonable request.

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