THIRTY PERCENT OF '39 WILL NOT COME BACK

C RUEL and bitter as it may sound, the fact is that a certain percentage of the freshman class will find itself classified by February as "Expelled because of low rating." There are several reasons for this: some men were simply not interested in or suited for engineering; others were not interested in or suited for the elementary subjects taught during the first year; and still others have never formed the studying habits so necessary to scholastic success.

The first two reasons are better used as excuses to be rendered to parents upon arrival home than for basic explanations of failure. One is not cut out for engineer- ing or science because one is not interested and the other is cut out because one is not equipped for the curricula work. Similarly, the importance of the first term as an introduction to the Institute and the value of the first year as a training period suggests that the second year can be more fruitful when the problems are more acute.

As a sure means of keeping the ratio of failures to a minimum, the freshman class is provided with a total of extra-curricular time of ten hours a week. This is so that they may be provided with that second year extra-curricular work. Neither of these figures is necessary as some freshmen think, some of the(difficulties) are irreparable and irreparable.

DUTIES AS CANDIDATE

Since the percentage of the freshman class which leaves "for an indefinite period" each year is rather a summing up of the alternatives, perhaps the policy of the school might be best expressed in one word, "Pass." The school and the student together bring the gradation in spite of disturbances is essential if all the work is to be done and sufficient sleep is to be had.

Playing at the ROOSEVELT GRILL

THOSE who prefer their nightly amusement to be found in the direction of the more raffish type are provided with a number of supporters. Friday evening, G. W. Hittl, '36, and W. B. Penn, '37, will give a concert of piano and violin music. The following are the programs:...