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THE DISTURBING ELEMENT

Ever since Student Council made a ruling to curb unruly conduct in the Army with provision to have offenders turned over to the Tribunal, we have kept our eyes and ears open and have come to the conclusion that the larger disturbing element is not the undergraduates, it is not the followers of the visiting teams, but it is the multitude of young boys who swarm into every indoor meet and proceed to raise "can".

While we condemn these young town brachs for being responsible for much of the disorder, they are not solely to blame, for they learned their art from the Penn State undergraduate many months ago. Some students still persist in voicing their opinions while the Band is playing and while the contest is in progress, but their ungentlemanly conduct is in the minority.

Similar and ever worse conditions prevail in the movies. Night after night there are loud and obscene demonstrations that make a gentleman think twice before escorting a lady to the show. But here, however, it is not the small boys who start to shout and use indecent language. Here it is the offending undergraduates—college MEN—who lend their voices freely to the utter disgust of those who have any sense of propriety in their personality.

It is admitted that conditions at the Army are not altogether suitable for comfort. The poor ventilation and the small seating capacity are sadly inadequate to care for crowds such as jammed the building last Saturday. All these things render sane conduct hard for those who are impulsive and for those who do not think.

It is suggested that the managers of the various sports instruct their assistants to allow no boys to enter the Army who do not have tickets. This will eliminate much of the disorder that has heretofore arisen. If it does not, then we shall endeavor to seek out those offenders among the undergraduates who are the leaders of the disturbing element.

INDIVIDUALITY AGAIN

When Charles Lawson stated in his book on "Human Nature" that "most people are too inert or tamely imitative to do any changing on themselves or their surroundings in response to anything less than the jarring or thrilling of dangerous threats of war," he was probably thinking of college students and what critics call "the students' lack of individuality." Time and again, the college man has been the subject of ridicule because he follows the path made by his predecessors. He is laughed at because he takes up the yellow slicker when it is introduced, and because he adopts wide trousers. Critics hold him up to scorn when he follows, pessimists throw up their hands in dismay when he departs from the conventional.

This lack of individuality should not fill our hypocrites with too much concern. Perhaps it is a good omen. It is inconceivable to think of a world in which everybody attempted to lead and where there was nobody to follow. When the Lord created man, He saw to it that no two should have the same finger prints, that no two faces should be exactly alike. If we cared to be sarcastic, we could ask Mr. Lawson and his contemporaries what they have to say about these apparent signs of outward individuality—if they are looking for such signs. If they are not searching for these external manifestations, we might refer them to an oft-quoted statement which claims that "every individual is made up of a group of individualities."

It is not a problem—this lack of individuality—it is merely a means to an end. A means by which those men and women who have always been in the habit of attacking the college student for one thing or another may continue their criticism when all other channels run dry. Thomas Edison "broke away" a few years ago when he presented prospective employers with his new famous question list and those critics who censure, the college student for his lack of originality are probably the same ones who ridiculed Edison for an attempt at something different.

It cannot be denied that the majority of our great leaders today come from colleges and universities, and as long as we are to have leaders, we must have followers. Russia suffered because her people possessed an overabundance of individuality and made haste to follow others who held the same ideals. But let the critics go unrestrained for, as long as they continue, they feed the multitude who do not care to think for themselves.

DR. MARION LEROY BURTON

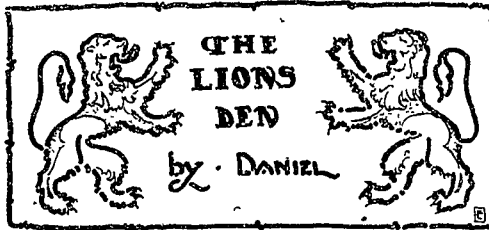
In behalf of the Penn State student body, the COLLEGIAN extends to the undergraduates of the University of Michigan its profound sympathy on the death of their president, Dr. Marion Leroy Burton, who passed away at his home in Ann Arbor last week after a long illness. An exemplification of the noblest qualities of man; courteous, open and straightforward in all his affairs, scornful of subterfuge and design, Dr. Burton's passing will prove not only an irreparable loss to the University of Michigan but to the entire country and collegiate world.

Born of poor parents who were unable to provide for his education, Dr. Burton waged a game battle against great odds and the story of his life and ultimate success should be an inspiration to every college student today. A newsboy on the streets of Minneapolis at an

early age, Dr. Burton determined to make his way in the world and years later, he returned to the same city, not as a newsboy, but as the head of the University of Minnesota!

An uncanny insight into the human nature enabled the great educator to make friends wherever he appeared and within a few years, Dr. Burton went to the University of Michigan as its president. There followed a period of expansion for Michigan, a period of new educational ideals which shall continue even now in memory of the love and esteem with which Dr. Burton's students and co-workers held him.

Modest and unassuming, the Michigan president first attracted national attention last summer when he delivered the speech nominating Calvin Coolidge for president. Despite the years in which he was before the public previous to this time, little was known of the Marion Leroy Burton behind the scenes for his was a life devoted to the service of humanity without thought of recognition.



APOLOGISTS TO K. C. B.

The other day on Allen Street
A certain fellow was walking toward Co-op corner
He carried two large suit cases in his hands
The kind that have been popular
Ever since Mr. Volstead freed the staves
The suspicions of a policeman were aroused
When he heard a tinkle in the cases
The unsuspecting student was stopped
And the law-enforcer opened a case
He closed it again without saying a word
For the tinkle came from broken resolutions
Resolutions to study hard, to rest, etc.
The student was one of the many
Who had failed to survive the living trials
I THANK YOU

THE DIAN SONG

by Far Phetched

Watts the 'Hold' leons Fer Gus? 'Son' replied
Stodd 'at' hoo attempting to Suck R'
'Nay' Gus, for 'em is one already!
So they Wend
Wu' 'e neck so?
Hu'?

We often wonder if the female species upon this pragmatic old earth ever spends over the weaknesses of the male sex to give them a good time. Some girls are like Fords—one drive with them and that is enough. While other girls are to be likened to good 'cides—you can't get enough of 'em. One of the reasons for this can be explained from this little excerpt from a well-known post—

Break all the records we all but one,
And be good and true when the game is done
I don't like pepper but I do like the spice,
I want to be naughty and yet be nice

She goes to a dance and half-way around the floor for ten miles or more
But wouldn't she snicker if she had to walk ten blocks to get the 4?

Nellie the 'Necker says she just can't study when the lights go out every night—and she doesn't want to turn them back on and send him home

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In order to supply an opportunity for those students other than the members of the Motive Power Club to witness the demonstration of the duplex type of locomotive stoker, now set up in the Mechanical Engineering Laboratory, the exhibitors have arranged for two more demonstrations one for engineering students today at 10:30 a.m. during the day and another tomorrow for all others who may be interested in the machine.

The model one-third actual size is an exact replica of the stoker now in use on many of the latest designs of locomotives. The model is driven by compressed air developed by the Westinghouse air brake compressor in the laboratory. An expert in stoker design will be the demonstrator and he will attempt to explain the process by which the coal is brought from the tender lifted to the level of the firing door of the locomotive boiler and finally distributed over the grate. The first operation is performed by a jet of compressed air which is directed through specially designed nozzles. A final result of a long series of experiments, the locomotive stoker, though simple in principle is considered one of the most highly developed pieces of equipment in use on the railways of the country. It embodies refinements which have required years of careful research and design. A. M. Lower, a Penn State graduate, is considered one of the highest authorities in this field.

Did YOU Know—

The Dr. George W. Atherton is the only president of this College to be built on the campus?

That Penn State has a faculty numbering 600?

And that of this number 379 are employed primarily in teaching and administration work?

That Len Houck, Penn State football coach, signed his first contract at the only age of fifteen?

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