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COLLEGE INTOLERANCE

College students are notorious for their decided and unyielding attitudes toward matters—the lesser the grounds for convictions, the more jealously is the attitude preserved and advanced. For example, we invariably hear professors and students referred to as "princess" or "flat tires." If they are not "rubber sports" they are ignominiously categorized as "rubber heels." Men are dissected mercilessly, whether their censor is an acquaintance, even to a casual extent, or not. They pass by in judgement and, often found wanting, they are often harshly endemned to a state of eternal insufficiency.

Exactly the same frame of mind is exhibited toward problems and issues either local, national, religious, economic, or racial in character—Views on such problems are often radical and biased or obnoxious in their narrow-minded conservatism. Very seldom is moderation exhibited when events or conditions are discussed, which is seldom indeed, for the average student is sublime in his indifference to anything beyond the pale of his comparatively unimportant collegiate world.

It comes as no surprise when such lack of reasoning and moderation is shown by the proletariat, those uncouth millions who have never basked in a collegiate atmosphere, or absorbed the drops of wisdom from the mouths of the learned. The hectic scramble to wrest sustenance from a selfish world leaves little time for mental growth. Therefore it creates little consternation to find multitudes taking unholy pride in their prejudices and decided but irrational and hasty judgements. But when we find the same quality displayed so widely among university students, then we maintain something of a spirit of alarm.

The university student is supposed to be cultured and tolerant, but there is nowhere a group which is more susceptible to the ballyhoo of the press and the silly abrocodabra of acquaintances. Nowhere is the color or social line more closely drawn than on the campus; nowhere are opinions more easily formed or actions molded; nowhere can militaristic fervor or racial prejudice be initiated with less effort. It should be a cause of concern that the collegiate mind so very seldom arrives at an original unprejudiced view on a situation. We would suggest cutting a few unimportant studies, with which every course is cluttered, and inserting several nine-unit courses in tolerance and self-thinking under the supervision of competent instructors. Of course it will never be done.—Carnegie Tartan.

RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION

And then you sit around and wonder why your so-called "better than thou" class of brother Aggies keep reminding you of your unthinking, crude, and country acts which you not only persist in doing, but resist any effort on anybody's part to help you out and correct the same. The act which we have particularly for your note is one which, even though the offender's ears are touching due to lack of the separation element will be of no interest to you except as an item taken much the same as you do the puns of the "Whiz Bang."

You may recall that on the day previous to the last Senior banquet that Dr. Walton was taking through the mess hall some distinguished visitors from Texas University and Austin. This situation has always demanded the utmost courtesy and manners on the part of all who were in the mess hall at the time. Just as the group arrived at the door junction of the main dining room and annex and were looking into the larger of the two rooms, some bright minded, intelligent, and very considerate chap up and heaves a bun

and makes a bull's eye at his target—the dome of our Prexy.

As a man our President is the greatest friend that any student on this campus has had or could expect to have; as a friend of and with a deep-hearted interest in the parallel of the elite colleges of the country, he has no superior, and yet some one with more emotion than brains, someone with more of that "Brother Aggie spirit" than horse sense, and someone with more guts than mental development, disregards all the efforts of this man and exposes in one moment the type of man he is. Such as this needs no college education but demands that he be removed to the grades, for he has not yet reached the level of the moron's stage.

Not only did he as a man demand respect far in excess of this, but also as our friend, as our President, and as a host, he should have been given a clear field for any activities which he desired to partake in at such a time.

The sad part of it all is that the offender got away with the act, not because it was justifiable, but because he had a surrounding of friends who swallowed their pride for his defense.

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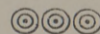
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