

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

FUNUS IN SENATUM.

A short time ago the university senate sat in executive session on R. E. Smith, because of sundry and diverse offenses, high crimes and misdemeanors. The particular crime with which he was charged was the violation of the new rule requiring students to register before a certain fixed date.

The facts brought out in the trial were that Smith had a desire to change to the elective course. He did not have enough "points" to get in, and sent to his high school for some more (civics, physical geography, etc.) Pending the arrival of these his Dean gave him a permit to attend classes. Another Dean had given him a note to the Registrar, requesting that he be allowed to register, but this had no perceptible effect.

The "points" from the high school were slow coming, owing to the imperfect state of preservation of the records. It took the teachers (one of whom was dead) some time to remember whether he got 87 or 89 and if so in what. In the mean time, time rolled on and Smith was working and reciting without the aid or consent of any other nation on earth.

Now there is a rule that a student shall not be permitted to recite in a class after a certain date if he was not registered. Nevertheless Smith was reciting and the worst of it was that he was doing good work so he couldn't be flunked. At last the "credits" came and our hero took them to the proper Dean to have them "evaluated." He was told that this interesting process would take about two days, and that he should return at the end of that period. For some reason or other he did not return until

two weeks later and so the semester ended. Smith had done a semester's work, but could not be given credit for it because he had not registered.

The Senate decided very quickly that the registration rule could not be a success until a heavy penalty had been inflicted upon some one for its violation. It was difficult to decide who ought to suffer, Smith had followed the advice of two of the Deans throughout the whole proceedings. The Professors not directly interested thought the Deans and Professors were to blame. These all attempted to justify themselves except Professor Caldwell who thought that he and the others implicated were more to blame than the boy. He expressed a willingness to endure whatever punishment might be decided upon. Notwithstanding the Professor's popularity the vote which was at once taken resulted,

Smith	11
Caldwell	10


So Mr. Smith was declared elected.

The next thing was to fix the penalty. After long debate it was decided that R. E. Smith should be placed in close confinement in the summer school for the term of three weeks, at labor of some sort or other—it did not matter much what—and that at the expiration of that term he should have credit for last semester's work.

A motion was passed that in lieu of a striped suit he should wear Professor Richard's shop pants and Professor Caldwell's old hat.

And the Senate adjourned.

This account is not absolutely accurate for the reporter had to stand just outside the door of the Senate Chamber and dodge out of sight every time any one went in or out.

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