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COMMUNICATIONS.

The Editors welcome all articles of a timely nature for publication in this column, though they do not hold themselves responsible for the sentiments expressed therein.

To the editor:

In behalf of the student body of this University, I want to enter a protest—a very righteous one, it seems to me—against the "preppish" laws that have been put into operation during the last few months.

A University is supposed to be composed of young men, not boys, men who are old enough and have sense enough to know how to behave themselves, in general, how to act correctly without harsh and arbitrary laws and threats.

I do not argue for the abolishment of all the regulations here. Far from it—but the regulations that existed two years ago are very sufficient. The order of behaviour and the attendance on duties was as good then as it will ever be.

But somebody—the Faculty, I suppose—were not satisfied with existing conditions. The "Grat" system was changed. Only five absences were allowed in a month's time. For awhile this change was generally discussed and more generally "cussed," but it is still in operation and "kicks" against it are no longer made.

This scribe, whatever his opinion on that matter may be, does not intend to break the peaceful acquiescence with which that is accepted, but he does want to protest against more recent rules.

First and foremost is this. Several students have been summoned before the Executive—Dean or President—and have been warned or threatened that if they missed chapel or classes more than once or twice more in a certain period, they would be sent home. Now for one, I believe that if every person so warned had "gratted" again, he would not be "shipped" The students would rise in revolt against such a thing, but nevertheless, just the fact of saying to a student here, that for one or more absences from class he would be expelled, is extremely distasteful to a University man.

Then the Faculty met again. One week before February, they decided that all Senior deficiencies must be stood off during the first week in February. They gave about five days notice of a change that was of great moment to many Seniors. Trig, Conics, Algebra, Geometry, Physics, German, English, Chemistry and Psychology in one week. No mortal man could have begun to prepare more than one or two subjects with any hopes of success. Of course the Seniors "kicked." They were recognized a very little. All the work must be stood in one week, but that week has been postponed until the last of March. And the—poor senior who fails—no further trials till May.

And then the Faculty met again. And listen, brethren of the University. How is this for "preppishness" proper? If a student enters a class late twice during one month he is "kept in"—no, I mean marked absent. A pretty pass truly—when certain of this same Faculty never dismiss a class in time for the

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