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The Carbon

AN IDIOT'S GUIDE
TO THE ABSENCE RULES
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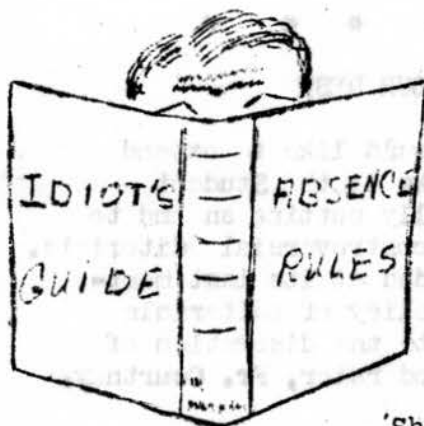
SECOND THOUGHTS OF AN ANONYMOUS ABSENTEE

I didn't have to take the maximum or more than the maximum number of "excused absences" or "unexcused absences". These are not like the "annual paid vacations" I used to get at the Harness Factory; or the "furloughs" I used to get in the army. As my counselor says, "They are not like ballgames that get rained out or barn dances where the ukulele busts" (I think he means I missed something I was counting on and entitled to. Why didn't someone tell me.)

Sad experience has taught me there is no way to get "permission to be absent" beforehand. Wouldn't it be easier to be excused before you get sick than afterwards?

The Absence Committee or the "(Brother, you've had it 'committee') determine whether the absence is 'excused', un-excused" or "cancelled" (select business) on the basis of what I write on my absentee slip. (The only trouble is I can't write.)

When I didn't hand in any slips, the Committee "inquisitions" assumed I went cat-fishing and called it "unexcused". Of all the gall! I had to file my parole report, didn't I?



The Committee apparently uses the theory that "a tie favors the teacher, or when in doubt, call 'em out". Should have saved 2 or 3 "un-excused" over when they started calling the close ones against me. Oh well, we live and learn. (I'm livin', but not learnin'). Here are some of the close one's I lost: car trouble (repossessed by the Friendly Finance Co.); attended public hanging of a boyhood chum; exhaustion from cheering at basketball game; and prepared to enter dog-show. (Not me, the dog!) In all justice, how could I possibly have lost with these excuses?

Even the ones I turned in late (3 months late) were counted against me. Should have turned them in the day I got back from San Quentin, instead I went to the K. of C. Once I was inside I couldn't find my way out, so I just stayed put. Boy, did I have a ball!

There's one advantage in missing so many classes; I don't have to buy new text books to repeat my classes next semester. Also, it will give me a chance to find out who my professors were this year.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The above communication was wafted through the Editor's trancon in the wake of a posioned arrow. We print it as a public service, because it is such a profound and insightful document and a problem of current interest.

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The Editors of the Carbon wish to extend their Public Apology to Burt O'Brien in neglecting to mention in the last issue of the Carbon of his election as treasurer to the Student Board.

QUOTABLE QUOTES!

Minister - "We will now have a few minutes of prayer. Deacon Brown, will you lead?"

Deacon(sleepily) - Tain't my lead, I just dolt.

THIRTEENTH FLOP

Superstitious? Are you afraid of black cats crossing your path, walking under ladders, breaking mirrors and having seven years bad luck? Then, there's just one safe place for you this Friday nite, January 13. Where's that? Why the student lounge of Marian College, where else. And say this might not be your day of bad luck after all. Here's a lucky break. It so happens that the Juniors are having a mixer that fateful nite from 8:30 - 11:30. And a mere 50¢ will take all your troubles away. You fellows are in very good luck. It's also Leap Year, so bring all your superstitious friends to the safest place in town Friday night and have yourselves a rollicking good time dancing to records spun by Bob Sanders.

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LET'S GO

Was the cry from the Year Book Committee yesterday when the last of the money was tenaciously counted. To those who proved that minting our own money for the Year Book would not be necessary, the school extends their congratulations.

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NOW READ THIS. . .

All you local-yokels driving those hot rods to school will have to flip your plates to the Parking Committee. Parking restrictions will go into effect following registration of your cars next Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. A special bulletin will be issued giving more details.

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She wears an "M" for all her many. . . L.R., a resident of Marian, was selected as Miss Tatalina of 1956 by the Air Force Base in Tatlina, Alaska. What is this!

STUDENT BOARD MINUTES

I. MEETINGS - It was moved that Student Board meetings would be held every other week. Motion carried.

II. MOTIONS RESCINDED-George DeHart moved to rescind two previous motions, which are:

1. Editorials shall be permitted to be printed in the Carbon provided both sides of the story are presented fairly.
2. Heretofore, if editorials do not present both sides of the story fairly to the student body, editorials will cease.

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FROM OUR DESK

The Carbon would like to extend a word of thanks to the Student Board for finally putting an end to the matter of controversial editorials. The Board decided at its last meeting that the policy of editorials would be left to the discretion of the Carbon's Moderator, Fr. Courtney.

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HURRY! HURRY! HURRY!

One of our well-known businessmen on campus has a thriving enterprise in the line of hair-cutting. Anyone interested please contact Bill Method.

Prices reasonable--well a guy has to make a living!

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MORE QUOTABLE QUOTES!

Recruiting Officer: "Don't you want to join the cavalry? That's a fine branch of the service".

Rastus: "Deed Al don't. Ef Al has to do any retreating I sho don't want to be boddered dragging no horse behind me".