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STUDENT LOCK-UPS IN THE 19TH CENTURY TARTU

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Lock-up in the main building of the University of Tartu



E. Ivanson, L. Höflinger. Das Universitätsgebäude, 1860. University of Tartu Library

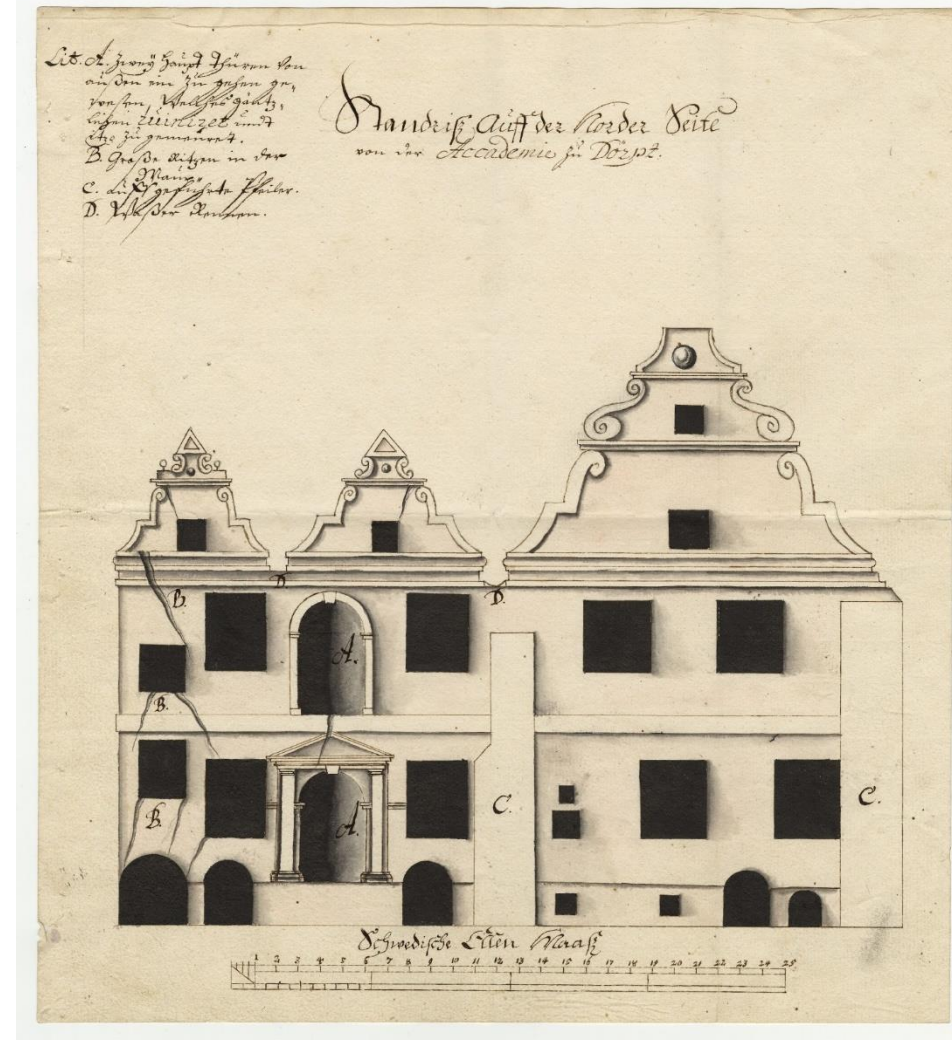


A. Tennus, 2012. University of Tartu Art Museum

First student lock-ups in Tartu

In 1632 university founded in Tartu (Academia Dorpatensis)

- modelled on the example of Uppsala University
- own jurisdiction and autonomy in the administration of justice
- student prison (lock-up) with two guards (bedels)



P. von Essen. National Archives of Sweden.

University of Tartu judiciary in the 19th century

Rector
(Vice-Rector)

University
court

Third
instance

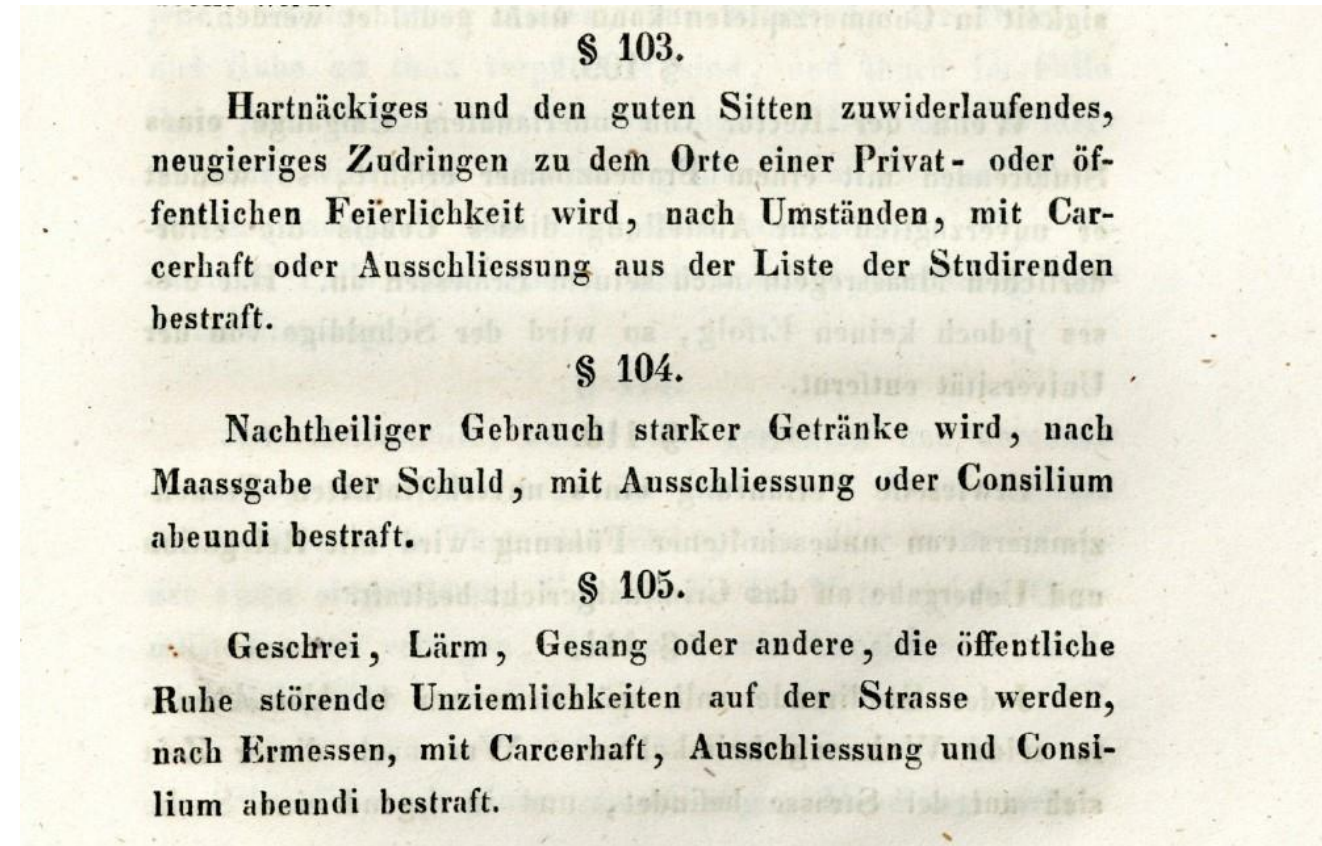
Legal basis of punishments in the UT

Student regulations (*Vorschriften*) in 1803, 1834/1838, 1862 and 1893

- 1803 regulations
 - ✓ reprimand (*Verweis*) by the Rector
 - ✓ reprimand by the university court
 - ✓ lock-up (*Carcer*)
 - ✓ reprimand by the university council
 - ✓ reduction of scholarship

Legal basis of punishments in the UT

- 1803 regulations (continuation)
 - ✓ displaying the name of the offender on a notice board in the main building of the university
 - ✓ loss of scholarship
 - ✓ exmatriculation
 - ✓ expulsion from the university without the right to re-enrol (consilium abeundi)
 - ✓ expulsion from the student body without the right to re-enrol in any university of the Russian Empire (relegatio)



Vorschriften für die Studirenden der Kaiserlichen Universität Dorpat. Dorpat, 1838.

Lock-up books (*Karzerbuch*) of the UT

- 1802–1892 6,600 detentions
- 1875–1892 1,596 cases
 - ✓ disorder (424 times)
 - ✓ fighting (362 times)
 - ✓ illegal borrowing (142 times)
 - ✓ disobeying orders from bedels and other officials (138 times)
 - ✓ ignoring a summons to appear before the university court (128 times)
 - ✓ insulting officials and private persons (105 times)

Namen der Studierenden.	Datum der Citation.	Academische Behörde.	Für welches Vergehen.	Datum der Entscheidung.	Wie die Strafe entschieden.	Zeit der Haft.
<i>Livl. Med.</i> Gustav Webermann	19 Octbr.	Univ. Stud.	Für Unzufug.	19 Octbr.	Lösungsgeld 3 Tagn.	1. 27. Octbr. 88 unbeschaffen. 1. 24. Octbr. 88 N. 4.
<i>Livl. Phil.</i> Carl Pitzke	19 Octbr.	—	—	19 Octbr.	Lösungsgeld 2 Tagn.	1. 20. Octbr. 88 unbeschaffen. 1. 20. Octbr. 88 N. 4.
<i>Livl. Med.</i> Johann Oros	19 Octbr.	—	—	19 Octbr.	Lösungsgeld 2 Tagn.	1. 20. Octbr. 88 unbeschaffen. 1. 20. Octbr. 88 N. 4.
<i>Livl. Med.</i> Erich Florins	19 Octbr.	—	—	19 Octbr.	Lösungsgeld 2 Tagn.	1. 20. Octbr. 88 unbeschaffen. 1. 20. Octbr. 88 N. 5.
<i>Livl. Pharm.</i> Johann Eimer	19 Octbr.	—	—	19 Octbr.	Lösungsgeld 2 Tagn.	1. 17. Decbr. 88 unbeschaffen. 1. 15. Decbr. 88 N. 5.
<i>Livl. Med.</i> Michael Poppel	19 Octbr.	—	—	19. Octbr.	Lösungsgeld 2 Tagn.	1. 20. Octbr. 88 unbeschaffen. 1. 20. Octbr. 88 N. 5.
<i>Curl. Med.</i> Johannes Wickel	25 Octbr.	Prosector	gegen den Fodell. Für Widersetzlichkeit	25 Octbr.	Lösungsgeld 4 Tagn.	1. 11. Decbr. 88 unbeschaffen. 1. 4. Decbr. 88 N. 4.
<i>Estl. Med.</i> Adame Kuisjer	3 Novbr.	—	Für Thätlichkeit	3 Novbr.	Lösungsgeld 9 Tagn.	1. 19. März 89 unbeschaffen. 1. 10. März 89 N. 1.
<i>Livl. Jur.</i> Finnur Koska	7 Novbr.	—	Für Widersetzlichkeit	7 Novbr.	Lösungsgeld 2 Tagn.	1. 19. Decbr. 88 unbeschaffen. 1. 17. Decbr. 88 N. 5.

Estonian National Archives. RA, EAA.402.8.32. Karzerbuch der Studenten. 1880–1892.



Duration of the lock-up punishment

- longest periods of detention
 - ✓ 120 days (1 time)
 - ✓ 59 days (3 times)
 - ✓ 35 days (1 time)
 - ✓ 28 days (26 times)
- unusual reasons
 - ✓ firing a gun (15 times)
 - ✓ breaking a window (7 times)
 - ✓ duelling (5 times)
 - ✓ breaking lanterns (5 times)
 - ✓ not returning library books (4 times)
 - ✓ driving around on Toome Hill (4 times)
 - ✓ indecent singing (3 times),
 - ✓ smoking (2 times)

In the lock-up of the main building of the University of Tartu

KMM F 506, University of Tartu Art Museum



Destroyed murals

*Collection of the University of
Tartu Art Museum*



End of the lock-up punishment in the UT

- 1889 abolition of the university court
- 1893 student regulations
 - ✓ Punishment by the Vice-Rector, Rector or the university government
- 1903 new student regulations
 - ✓ lock-up excluded from the list of punishments

Concluding remarks

- effective disciplinary measure against misbehaving students in Tartu for almost a century
- privileged institution in a pre-modern society
- integral part of the higher education system in the Russian Empire

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Paldies!
Danke!
Thank you!**

