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Aberrant Teacher

Must we, need we call the fellow a professor even after finding him giving irrationally high marks to quite undeserving students — for money — as long ago as four years? What else did he do? There are charges that he sold question papers and allowed examinees to write answer scripts sitting at his residence and took money from his students for bestowing many other benefits on them. All this was so terribly unteacher like.

We are not quite new to teachers at school and college levels stooping to commit offences ranging from leaking out questions to helping examinees in the halls. But that stopped there. Recently, however, some teachers at the higher level too were alleged to have been leaking questions in admission tests. We should have known from then on that some morally weak persons were finding their way into the university.

The DU has done well not to suppress the case. It went for the punishment at the risk of endangering its reputation. It requires guts and speaks of laudable abidance by probity. In keeping with the good job the university should delve further into safeguarding the academic integrity of the highest seat of learning.

This is possibly the first incident of this kind to happen at DU or any other university in the country. The universities should be on an appropriate alert from now on.