

The Pugnacious Student (c. 1740)

Abstract

Taken from the same series as the previous image, this etching depicts a less bookish student. Dressed in aristocratic attire, the “pugnacious student” poses proudly with his saber. The caption warns against overestimating one’s strength – since “a weak hand can pierce the breast, and a dwarf has often planted giants into sand and grave.” Copperplate engraving, unknown artist, c. 1740.

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