

College Press

THE OXFORD SYSTEM
(Wisconsin Cardinal)

"It's really quite jolly," as my English friends would say. Over our cups or Pail Malls, we talk about all manner of things. You'd be sur-

prised how different the college man at Oxford is from the college man at Wisconsin. It isn't dates and dancing and drinking that he talks about. It is studies, current events, or significance, music, art, religion, life itself that interests him. I never felt so keenly how truly educated these fellows are, what a wealth of priceless treasure they hold in their minds, and how miserably poor I am in comparison. How I wish I could go back to Wisconsin and shout to them to love, to get at the deeper things of life.

"At Oxford all undergraduates go out for sport. It is cricket, rugby, swimming, tennis, or rowing. An Oxford man plays because he wants to, whereas many a Wisconsin man finds it a sterner duty. Athletics are more wide-spread here and less intense.

"There are no daily assignments to cut, no middle-semester over which to burn the midnight oil, no lectures in which to keep awake. Instead of a special program there is a certain amount of knowledge that the student must learn by the end of the term. He provides himself with a little book called 'Examination Statutes' which outlines everything that he must know for his examinations. He prepares himself with the help of his 'don,' who is his guide and friend.

"Many are the happy evenings or afternoons in which they sit together over a cup of tea or a cigarette, talking about many things. These are not lessons of history or Latin, but lessons of life, which enrich the student tenfold more than dull questions and parrot-like replies."

LIVE TO LEARN

"American thinking is very clever, very facile," so said Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn, former president of Amherst, a few days ago. He went on to say that the American mind is an able instrument, but that the possessors rarely use it to think about the things that are worth-while.

How many of us are diligently turning our thoughts and best effort to non-essentials of life? How many undergraduates during the past registration concentrated their efforts in attempting to draw up a schedule that would expose them to as little work as possible? Misdirected efforts amount not only to a waste of time, but also to discontent and probably ultimate failure. If the time spent in making out an easy schedule were utilized in analyzing the various courses and electing those which would best suit individual needs, there would be more pleasure and satisfaction in college work.

The subjects one chooses for thought and consideration are far more important than the actions of many students would lead us to believe. The mental habits formed now must determine the course of thought life in later years, and if one begins at the present time to think wisely on questions that are worth-while, he has found an invaluable asset.

Life is one continued series of choices, and decisions should be based on values. Two of the greatest vices of today are listlessness and indifference, and the easiest way to destroy these is to learn to apprehend values. Common sense will in the majority of cases uncover the value if it is at all present.

Choose your subjects for thought next week, not as you would choose a pair of shoes, but as you would choose a friend.—Penn. State Collegian.

Enforced Attendance and Quizzing Unheard of in German Universities

Interesting bits of information in regard to the systems and customs in vogue in German universities have been brought back to this country through letters of various American students studying in Germany through the nine scholarship appointments offered by the American Council of Education in Washington, D. C. The purpose of the scholarships is to facilitate trans-Atlantic acceptance to undergraduate credits. In contrast to our complicated maze of courses with each one based on that preceding, German universities would consider the idea of prerequisites as an absurdity, enforced attendance is unheard of and quizzing and threats of expulsion are not to be thought of as an educational means.

The entire university is built on the theory that a student comes to school for one subject alone. A student desiring to become a chemist takes nothing but chemistry—a lot of economics or political science is not forced upon him merely because it is included in a prearranged course, but he has the permission to take these outside subjects if desirous but they do not count toward a degree. Another vivid contrast is offered by the fact that the German scholastic degrees are measured by

knowledge and not by credit hours. After three weeks, the time they consider it should take to make a decision as to course and register for same, the student is presented with an identification tag which he must carry at all times so that in case of arrest or implication in any scandal his correct name and address may be determined. It has proved to be a great check on his sometimes too exuberant spirits.

Another oddity at the University of Munich is that there are no text books. The professors advise the American students to read the newspapers whether they can understand them or not, because they use the language of the people. According to the students, Munich is a town of museums, art galleries, and breweries. The beer is yeasty and white, and although drinking is common there is little drunkenness.

German college students have considerable social activities in addition to their scholastic endeavors. Their fraternities or "Verbindungs" as they call them, have rooms instead of houses, and have meetings four times a week at which they drink and tell stories. Duelling is one of the favorite sports. The different "Verbindungs" are distinguished by colored canes and caps.

EXHIBIT POULTRY ON SPECIAL TRAIN

Ag College Chicks, in Their Well-Constructed Houses, Will Take Trip

Two small poultry houses which are to be a big feature of the Burlington Poultry Special were to be moved from the Agricultural College carpentry shop to the Burlington yards in Lincoln Wednesday of this week to be mounted on the flat car which will carry them over every line of the Burlington in March.

The students of the college made the two houses in one of their classes. When they left the college, the houses were exactly like those used by the college poultry plant and a number of other practical poultrymen for brooder and small colony houses. They were built 8 feet wide by 12 feet long. The materials cost about \$85. Any farmer who can use a hammer, square, and saw can build one for about that cost, the college men say.

At the Burlington yards, an extra door will be cut in each house so the people at the various stops can go directly through each of the houses and see them, inside and outside to their complete satisfaction. In other respects each of the houses are to be exactly like the ones recommended by the college.

A brood of baby chicks will be kept in one house on the entire trip, according to the plans by Professor F. E. Muschel, chairman of the college poultry department which is arranging the exhibits of the train. A false partition of glass will protect them from the weather as the crowds go through the houses.

The other house will show how any farmer or poultry keeper can convert the ideal brooder house into a colony hen house for the pullets of the brood as they grow up and become hens. Taking away the brooder stove and putting in roosts and dropping boards, adding nests, mash hopper, and other feeding equipment is all the change to be made in the house.

Other coaches of the exhibit train are to arrive at the college campus between the 16th and 20th of this month so the college men can put in the exhibits which they are now arranging.

in a great many cases laboring under the delusion that the entire salvation of the world rests with them. The result in many cases, is that these same supremely self-satisfied beings have to be taught a severe lesson before their eyes are opened to the fact that experience counts for a great deal, and that there are still a few things to be learned.

The ideal situation is for the student to learn as much as possible while he is in college, and then go out into the world ready to learn more. A real student does not stop studying as soon as he leaves the campus. And after about thirty years of experience he may be ready to decide whether or not he can revolutionize the universe. Usually he will be absolutely certain he cannot.—Syracuse Daily Orange.

"The Wife Who Wasn't Wanted" at The Orpheum Today

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The scholarship will be paid in two installments, twenty-five dollars being presented at the beginning of each semester. The girl will be notified of her favorable consideration, at the close of her junior year, to enable her to plan her last year of work, but no money will be available until her registration for the first semester of her senior year at the University of Nebraska. However, if she begins her senior work at a summer session, she may receive her money the same as if she began her work at a regular semester.

At least three references, two of which must be faculty recommendations, must be solicited by the applicant and sent to the rotating committee appointed by the club to choose the winner of the scholarship.

Among the inquiries answered in the questionnaire to be filled out by the candidates, will be the year, years of attendance, occupation, major, minor, high school, date of graduation, normal schools or colleges attended, college organizations, college honors, church membership, and references. The scholastic and financial standings of applicants will be considered.

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Applications should be sent to the Secretary of the Faculty Women's Club, Dean Heppner's office, Ellen Smith Hall, and will then be given to the scholarship committee, before March 15. Application blanks may be obtained at Dean Heppner's office. Credentials should be presented by girls in person. Announcement of the winner will be made late in the spring.

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