

Editorially Speaking

The Ground Hog Sets a Bad Example

Dear Mr. Ground Hog:

It seems to me, Mr. Ground Hog, that you are setting a bad example for students on this campus by continuing the practice of fearing your shadow. They too are beginning to get jittery at the sight of their own shaded images and are failing to recognize their own capacities. Not that your shadow is as significant as that of the students, but fearing it has certainly put queer ideas into their heads.

To me the student's shadow represents the intelligence which he possesses and his fear of it is an illustration of the manner in which the average student regards his intellectual powers and fails to make the proper use of them. And, Mr. Ground Hog, you aren't helping the matter in the least.

The average student is definitely not lacking in intelligence or how could he have progressed this far in the educational world? It requires, in most cases, at least average intelligence to gain entrance to the higher fields of education, and to be able to remain in university certainly denotes the possession of above average intelligence. The whole trouble seems, then, to revolve around the fact that student intelligence is directed toward the wrong end, and many are left with the impression that the student mind is nothing more than a cerebral vacuum.

It is no uncommon thing on the campus to see a student shying away from the intelligence which he does possess in order to place a "caking" session above his much needed opportunity to study. And he does this largely because he fails to recognize his intellectual capacities or because he lacks confidence that the intelligence he has is adequate to realize greater possibilities.

Of course the adage of "All work and no

play makes Jack a dull boy," still holds true and the hours spent in caking, bridge playing and bull sessions have their place. It is when the point is reached where the constant round of recreational activities overshadows the more intellectual side of life that a readjustment should be made. Examples of where this adjustment might be made is afforded by the persistent attitude of preferring to just "get by" in scholastic achievement and at the same time be a campus "big shot" in the field of extracurricular activities. Not that extracurricular activities are not important to a certain degree, but when they begin to dominate the greater portion of a student's time, an unbalanced state of education is, in most cases, likely to result. Mere idleness in college, or absorption in extracurricular activities to the extent that the student cannot get a real liberal or professional education, are cases of lack of self respect.

So, Mr. Ground Hog, you see by your constant possession of your timeworn fear of your own shadow you have provided students with a definite incentive to avoid their shadows, and in this case their shadows represent the manner in which they avoid the proper development of their intellectual capacities.

It is apparent that the average student is not making the most of his intelligence and assuming responsibilities which should accompany such levels of mentality. Thus, an acute need for the redirection of the use of our intelligence is brought before us. Disraeli once commented on the responsibility of youth by saying, "The youth of a nation are the trustees of posterity." A grave problem is raised when they refuse the exercise of what is vital to their trusteeship. That seems to me, Mr. Ground Hog, part of the temper of the American university today. It is a striking, yet disconcerting, phenomenon and one which spells the need for a change in our attitudes and interests.

Fellman Attacks Regulations Limiting Alien's Professions

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Jo." Fellman finds that "it is safe, however, for us to conclude from a review of the common and statute law of the country that there is a strong tendency today to narrow the alien's economic opportunities."

Depressions Strike Aliens.

The number of aliens in the United States has decreased more than 3 millions since 1920, yet the restrictions against them have grown steadily. Especially during the depression have aliens been found to be a convenient and helpless target for discriminatory legislation. While he is expected to pay a full share of taxes and to obey all the nation's laws, the alien is not permitted to enter some of the professions and is excluded from many trades and unskilled lines of labor. Exemption that was given aliens from military service because of their alien status has since cost them their right to obtain naturalization papers.

The discrimination against aliens is strong in the field of law. Most states require citizenship as a prerequisite for practice. This is done, it is argued, because the legal profession requires an appreciation of and a desire to maintain our political institutions which is more likely to be found in a citizen than in an alien. Some states exclude all who are not citizens or at least declarants from the medical field.

No Alien Undertakers.

"Florida even requires citizenship for osteopaths, while in New York, where the alien is permitted to practice osteopathy, he is required to become a citizen before he can enter the veterinarian's profession. More recently state laws have been effected requiring citizenship for optometrists and pharmacists as well as for undertakers."

Fellman finds difficult to follow the reasoning that architects, engineers, embalmers, peddlers or bus drivers are likely to give better service if they are citizens than if they are aliens. Minnesota

THE WEATHER

Unsettled weather with probably rain or snow, is the weatherman's happy forecast for today. We suggest that coeds be prepared for the worst by donning galoshes, earmuffs, ski suits, raincoats, and not forgetting their umbrellas. The lowest temperature tonight will be 20, so you can get up in time to make your 8 o'clock.

courts have decided that auctioneers must be citizens. New Jersey and Rhode Island do not allow aliens to drive buses or taxis; the use of public highways is a privilege, not an inalienable right, they argue. Wyoming and Pennsylvania have decreed that real estate brokers and salesmen must be citizens.

Bar Alien Hunters.

New Jersey requires citizenship of all who would be bankers, Ohio of insurance agents, Virginia of pawn brokers, Kentucky of plumbers. The supreme court has upheld a statute making it unlawful for aliens to kill game, which operates to prevent him from owning shot guns or rifles. This is based on the theory that wild game belongs to the citizens only. A similar ruling bars aliens from commercial fishing in the waters of that state.

Aliens do have many privileges and the states have not gone as far as is constitutionally possible in placing restrictions upon their activities. The constitution does not forbid the states to bar aliens from owning property. The states could give aliens the right to vote, but at present none of them do. Some states permit aliens to serve as jurors, and an Indiana court has agreed that an alien may be a member of the city council. Also the right to sue does not depend upon citizenship.

Fellman concludes: A great deal of this legislation has been in derogation of what we profess to be the constitutional law of the land. Measured by the terms of the equal protection clause of the 14th amendment, it would appear that much of the recent legislation, hitherto untested in the courts, might prove to be inconsistent with

Bulletin

Bible Hour.

Lutheran students will meet with Rev. H. Erck for the regular period of Bible study at 5 o'clock Thursday in room 203 Temple building.

Interclub Council.

All members of Barb clubs are invited to attend an informal dance sponsored by the Interclub Council Saturday night in Gallery B, Morrill hall from 8 to 11:30 o'clock. Club members, their friends and dates may attend. Howard Wright will furnish the music.

our fundamental law. And it is no defense of the drift of American policy to say that other nations treat their aliens shabbily. It is the aspiration of a truly modern civilization to treat foreigners fairly and without discrimination."

J. B. Strain to Address Delta Sigma Pi Tonight

J. B. Strain, president of the Continental National bank, will speak to members of Delta Sigma Pi on "Government Trends in Banking" this evening at 7:30.

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Rolling gun caissons in war torn Spain may soon bring not only death to the citizens of that republic but also a measure of fame and fortune to American students, as President Donald Ogden Stewart of the League of American Writers announces the opening of a \$1,000 essay contest.

Open to students in American and Canadian colleges and secondary schools, the competition is to consist of an essay on "The Anti-Fascist Struggle in Spain Today in Its Relation to the General Welfare of the American Citizen of Tomorrow." Poems, radio and movie scripts, plays, and short stories are equally welcome, according to Chairman Rolfe Humphries of the contest committee.

First prize in the contest will be \$500. Other prizes will be \$250, \$125, \$75 and \$50. All manuscripts must be in the hands of the committee not later than July 4, 1938, and the winners will be announced on or before Nov. 11, 1938.

Contest Judges Well Known.

Of special note are the judges of the contest. Mr. Elliot Paul, author of "Life and Death of a Spanish Town," heads the group, among whom are Clifford Odets, of "Golden Boy" and "The General Died at Dawn" fame; Robert Morris Lovett, professor emeritus of English at Chicago university and an editor of the New Republic; Jean Starr Untermeyer, poet; H. V. Kallenborn, radio commentator; Genevieve Taggard, author of "The Life and Mind of Emily Dickinson," and Mr. Stewart.

Co-operating in the contest are the American Student union, the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln brigade, and the League of American Writers. All inquiries about the conditions of the contest may be addressed either to Ellen Kinkead, 3354 Clay st., San Francisco, Calif., or Rolfe Humphries, League of American Writers, 381 4th ave., New York City.

ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEE COMPLETES WORK TODAY

New Changes in Registration Require Permission of Instructors.

After 4 o'clock today, students must have the permission of individual instructors to drop and add courses, according to Miss Florence McGahey, registrar, for that is the time the assignment committee disbands.

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