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Providing A Liberal Education

Dr. J. Duncan Spaeth, new president of Kansas City's youthful university, and Dr. Robert Hutchins, youthful president of Chicago's famed university, should get together on the ways and means of integrating education.

Both believe that knowledge today is over specialized, and concentrated, so that instructors no longer understand each other, nor see each other's points of view. Liberalism in education is gone. The student attempts to master the teachings of a group of specialists, each believing his subject the most important, each refusing to relate it with others. The average university student today receives not a general education, but the over-emphasized, consequently distorted, views of a group of specialists.

The remedy, Dr. Spaeth and Dr. Hutchins agree, is in the creation of a liberal arts college to bridge the gap between elementary education and later research. At present, the student progresses from elementary high school work to the specialized branches of his chosen university. There he is forced to make an immediate selection of a profession, so that his course may be mapped out in accord with it. Of course, general requirements are laid down, so that some aspect of a liberal education is inserted into a university, but how far from general knowledge the average student finds himself when he is graduated and turned out into the world!

He is an immediate specialist. From his freshman year onward, the university has been urging him to find a profession, prepare himself for it, forget the devious windings that might take him into the classics, or culture. What aspect does culture play in this, our modern practical world? Culture doesn't provide bread and butter, is the argument, so why bother about it? Prepare for a profession—that's what the university is here for—to turn out professional men as might a machine and forget culture.

What fallacious argument this is! The original purpose and end of the university has been distorted by scientific, hard-headed men who are interested not in the niceties of the mind, but in the training of the mind to a practical purpose.

This is a scientific age. Scientific thinking, scientific thought, scientific living, all have combined to make this a pleasant age. The average individual never before has enjoyed such widespread comfort. Physically, he is well-satisfied. And too often the physical state of being controls the mental effort.

The universities have conformed to this scientific procedure. On this campus for instance, Morrill hall, Avery laboratory, Brace laboratory, Pharmacy hall, Teachers college, Law college, Mechanical Arts and Engineering buildings, all are employed in the development of scientific, rational, specialized minds. The realm of culture is confined principally to Andrews hall—and there the Dental college occupies one-fourth of the building and military science another fourth—and Temple theater. Social Sciences is a conglomeration.

Overspecialization is so very apparent in the recently realized efforts of the university senate to change Arts and Science requirements. The senate met and talked the thing over for two years before any one man understood the other, and any definite result could be obtained. Each was thinking not in the terms of a liberal education, but in the terms of the effects on his own particular branch of learning. Botanists were fearful lest psychologists secure too firm a foothold in university affairs; English instructors felt the necessity of the inclusion of more English; history instructors of more history; political science instructors of more political science.

Study of the classics is relegated to the past. Milton's ideals of liberal education and general knowledge are lost in the maze of experiment and induction. After all what do the classics contribute toward bread and butter?

The liberal arts college, as proposed by Dr. Spaeth and Dr. Hutchins, may solve the problem of providing the student with at least a partial general education. The chief difference between the two men lies in the length of time required for this integration of education. Dr. Hutchins thinks two years are sufficient. Dr. Spaeth holds out for a four-year general course. Be it two years or four in duration such a bridge between elementary schools and university specialization is apparent and necessary.

NEWS PARADE

By Ralph Woodruff

The present presidential campaign is being fought over the issue of the "balanced budget." How large are the deficits and what hope is there of balancing the budget in the future?

There are two viewpoints—depending on whether you are a Republican or a Democrat. The Democrats believe that the national debt has increased by 6 1-2 billion dollars during Roosevelt's administration, while the staunch Republicans claim that the national debt has increased by 13 billions, which is twice the Democratic estimate. The difference between the two estimates lies in the fact that the Republicans count 6 1-2 billions including the supposedly recoverable loans and the soldiers' bonus. The Democrats refuse to count the loans because they claim they will be paid back, and refuse to add in the bonus because paying it now will save paying it in 1945, as originally planned.

The most disturbing fact is that the huge annual deficits are not decreasing appreciably. This wouldn't be so important if the country were still in the sloughs of depression, but, unfortunately, the opposite is true. The index of industrial production shows that industrial production is 106 as compared with the 1923-25 level of 100, which is usually taken as the "normal level." The peak of 1929 was only 119 percent of the 1923-1925 production.

According to the scheme of government advanced by the Democrats, the government will normally go into debt in time of industrial stagnation, in order to "prime the recovery pump," the government should be making neither profit nor loss in "normal" times, and should be making a surplus in above-normal times to pay off the deficits acquired in sub-normal times.

Since industrial production and other indices of business show that we are now "normal" or above "normal," we should not only be making both ends meet, we should be starting to pay off the debt acquired in depression years. If we can't balance the budget in an above-normal year, what chance is there of ever paying off the 6 1-2 (or 13) billion dollar debt we acquired in the recent depression?

What hope do the two candidates offer to America of ever paying off the debt in a sane way? Roosevelt believes that he can balance the budget within the next few years. Possibly this is true, but it must be remembered that prosperity ordinarily lasts only a few years, and then the business cycle turns downward and we have another depression. If Roosevelt takes several years to balance the budget, there will not be enough time left in the upswing of the business cycle to acquire the surplus necessary to pay off the huge debt accumulated in this depression. In the next depression the government's credit will be seriously hampered because of this hangover debt. It is evidently that the government's credit will not indefinitely stand the strain of increasing debt.

Nor does candidate Landon offer a great deal more promise than candidate Roosevelt. Landon openly admits that he is not going to try to balance the budget by increasing taxes or by reducing expenditures for relief and farm programs. He says that he is going to balance the budget by eliminating waste and extravagance. This is very, very fine campaign talk, but what reason do we have to believe that the Republicans will be any more efficient than the Democrats? It is certain the saying that can be made by eliminating waste will not be enough to wipe out the annual deficits.

What possibility is there of having a government with a sound financial foundation again? Everybody, Democrats and Republicans, agree that we can not balance the budget by letting the unemployed starve or the farmer go the rest of the way to ruin. Nobody, either Democrat or Republican wants to bear the huge taxes which would be required if the budget were to be balanced and the debt paid off. However, this writer believed that it would be better to take in on the chin now than to be later enforced to meet the expense of government by excessive inflation of some equally disastrous method of government finance.

STUDENT PULSE

Brief, concise contributions pertinent to matters of student life and the university are welcomed by this newspaper practice, which excludes all libelous matter and personal attacks. Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld from publication if so desired department, under the usual restrictions of sound journalism.

Everybody's Doing It.

The old, conservative idea on campus marriages is slowly but surely heading for disregard. Sympathizers of such unions were recently given a boost when a finding disclosed that married students do better work than their bachelor brothers. Said Dean Karl W. Outhank of the University of Oregon about the matter:

"Students who marry do better work than they did before marriage... particularly among men. The reason of course is relatively obvious. They are stabilized; have arrived at a definiteness of objectives, and have assumed responsibilities which tend to keep them at work. And they are much less apt to be on an emotional edge than they commonly are during the period of engagement."

The dean's observation needs no further elucidation. It is an opinion arrived at after an unbiased and unprejudiced investigation of a situation generally misunderstood. The old conception seems to be that marriage would ruin one's interest in his study because his attention would be diffused with results often not favorable to his school work. This belief is not only misleading, but has also prevented the occurrence of many a would-be happy union.

There is, admittedly, a tendency to deplore campus marriages. To stop two young students from getting married is, more often than not, to deprive two souls of a happy life. —A. E. H.

4-H CLUBS TO SPONSOR ACHIEVEMENT SESSION

County Organization Plans to Entertain Members, Families Today.

Lancaster county 4-H organization will sponsor an achievement day Oct. 29, to be held at the Student Activities building on Ag campus. Activities will last all day, ending in an evening entertainment which will start at 7:30 o'clock.

Clubs and families will bring their suppers and eat together in the university building at 6 o'clock. Following this will be the evening program, during which county fair winners are to be presented. J. F. Purbaugh and Miss Christine Carlson are in charge of a Major Bowes contest. Club members who wish to take part in this are asked to get in touch with the committee, as are all who can play any instrument for an orchestra.

Committee in general charge includes: Mrs. Chester Allen, Malcolm, chairman; Mrs. E. E. Hartz, Rock; Rev. McClellan, Malcolm; Mrs. Herman Kayser, 3735 So. 52 st. and Mrs. Sam Spellman of Emerald.

COUNCIL RULES FACTION NAMES FROM BALLOTS

(Continued from Page 1.) ing the recent election. Believing the original group was hindered by excessive members, the new committee is composed of but two men and the president. Members of the new investigatory group are Ted Bradley, Bill Marsh and Frank Landis. Prof. E. W. Lantz, faculty adviser to the Student Council, has volunteered his aid to the committee.

Men Not Factions. "Students will now be more apt to vote for men instead of for factions," declared Marylu Petersen, vice president of the Student Council when asked to present her views on the new resolution. "I sincerely believe that this is a decided step toward the goal of electing the most deserving students to office instead of those who merely represent the stronger faction."

In reply to arguments in opposition to the proposal, Frank Landis, assured the council that his legislation was an attempt to drive factions from the campus, but rather an effort to cut down the unworthy activities of the parties.

Because of the difficulty encountered by previous junior-senior prom committees in hiring good orchestras due to a shortage in time, Bill Marsh, co-chairman of last year's committee, suggested that election of members be held on the second Wednesday in December this year. His plan was approved by the council, and the election will be held Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Council passed a provision declaring that the captain of the cheerleaders in the future shall be a member of the student rally committee. The proposal was introduced by Ted Bradley, chairman of the present committee.

RALLY TO LAUNCH HUSKERS' VOYAGE FOR SOONERLAND

(Continued from Page 1.) the game captain and the coaching staff are present, but at this one the entire team will be present to witness your enthusiasm and your desire for victory," Bradley pointed out. "Don't let them down now; no rally would be better than a poor one." Game Captain Kenneth McGinnis and one or two members of the coaching staff will probably be called upon to say a few words to the rooters prior to the team's leaving. Starting at 12th street in front of the stadium the group will march to R, down R to 9th, and then to the station on S street.

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Lutherans. The Lutheran Student Fellowship club will meet Friday evening, 8:30 o'clock in 203 Temple.

N Stamp Salesmen. Girls who are selling N stamps are asked to report at Ellen Smith hall sometimes this afternoon between 4 and 5:30 in order to check results with Martha Morrow, chairman in charge of the sale.

Delta Sigma Pi. Delta Sigma Pi, professional business fraternity, will hold a business meeting Thursday, Oct. 22, at 7:30 in the commercial club rooms in Social Science. All members are asked to be present.

FRESHMAN GIRLS TO SIGNIFY PREFERENCE OF ACTIVITIES TODAY

(Continued from Page 1.) took charge of the signing on Wednesday morning, while the Coed Counselors assisted the freshmen on Wednesday afternoon. Today, representatives of W. A. A. and the Y. W. C. A. will be in charge of the desk in the corridor of Ellen Smith hall. Members of the Barb A. W. S. league and representatives from ag college will direct the signing on Friday.

PROFESSORS DISCOVER FEW ISSUES IN POLITICAL FRACAS

(Continued from page 1.) publicans are emphasizing the necessity of reserving important powers to the states. "Economy in government and social security seem to be definitely issues in this campaign," Fellman said further. "But as issues they are anything but definite."

Communist Out. Fellman observes that the communist cry is not a potent factor in the current battle. He further denies any very great amount of importance to the questions of freedom of speech, press, and thought, declaring that the fact that Mr. Roosevelt is receiving as much criticism as he is proves that there is plenty of freedom of expression.

Mention of the touchy question of the validity of straw votes brought forth Professor Senning's opinion that none of the polls are likely to prove a very accurate barometer of public feeling. He places more faith in Gallup's Institute of Public Opinion than in any of the others because of its scientific nature.

Having asserted that public opinion becomes pretty well crystallized immediately after the nominations, Senning allowed that certain happenings of the campaign might possibly alter John Q's feeling in the matter before the final reckoning in November. Differing somewhat from his colleague, Fellman stated that there is always a margin of voters who have no party affiliations and may very well be influenced by the

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Issues presented by the candidates. "It is this bloc of voters," Fellman affirmed, "that both parties cater to. These voters who remain on the fence until the last minute may very easily swing the election one way or another when the race is fairly close as it is at the present time."

FRESHMAN DEBATERS CLASH FOR LONG CUP

(Continued from Page 1.) open its season there, and four speakers will be selected to make the trip at tryouts to be held on Thursday evening, Nov. 12.

This subject is one of two to be used during the present semester, and at least two teams will be chosen for it, according to Prof. H. A. White, debating coach. A bibliography on the subject will be available by the end of the pres-

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