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The Old Way Is So Much Easier

The national magazines have turned a searching spotlight on the universities and colleges this fall. One of the important queries has been, Does college benefit its students intellectually? The real answer is yes. It has often been no. There are few colleges in the country where a student cannot get a good education if he wants it. Ninety percent of us do not want to get it. We want like little children, to be forced to take it.

It is only because we would rather wallow along in the old ruts of classes, lectures, cramming and momentary grasp of sufficient knowledge to pass tests than think for ourselves, analyze, cull out important facts that the colleges are blamed for not making us intellectually mature. Because of the criticism of their deficiency in meeting intellectual needs, the colleges are irritated. They fidget under the glare of the spotlight. They feel that they have to do something.

Consequently, they usually make some changes in the educational machinery. They know that it is the students themselves who are at fault, since the democratic theory of education admits not only those capable of education, but everybody. They proceed to tinker with the educational machinery because the raw material that comes to the educational mill is defective.

Though tinkering with the machinery of education is not the real solution to the intellectual sterility of college graduates and the colleges know it, something is occasionally accomplished thereby. Colleges have, in the past few years, reasoned very simply that an intellectually mature college student should know how to think—for himself. They have altered, supplemented, or revised the machinery in an effort to tease the student into some independent thinking.

What independent thinking is, and should be, has received new impetus lately and aroused the interest of a number of schools.

Swarthmore

President Frank Aydelotte of Swarthmore college says, "The central problem of higher education in this country is that of giving adequate stimulus and opportunity to students of more than average ability and ambition." At Swarthmore Aydelotte has put into operation a program for the honor students that will enable them to progress at their own speed and volition in the pursuit of their specialized study courses. This program specifies no compulsory attendance in lectures, no grades, no examinations—only two seminars a week in the subjects the student is studying, and a comprehensive examination at the end of his senior year to be administered by outside educators.

This plan possesses several distinct advantages. It tends to strengthen the honor student's habits and character by developing independence, initiative, and self-reliance. It allows him to secure whatever bits of knowledge he knows will be most valuable to him in his particular field unimpeded by the slow progress of the average students. It brings the exceptional student into closer contact with his instructors and advisors in personal cross-the-table talks relative to his interests and studies. Most important, it places the emphasis of an education on the acquisition and comprehension of knowledge rather than on the "passing" of a certain number of hours of work.

Princeton

At Princeton university the senior fellowship idea has been expanded into a "no-course" plan of study for over 30 members of the senior class. Under this plan seniors of a

prescribed academic standing are excused from the attendance at all classes and lectures, and are allowed to pursue their departmental work independently, with only the requirement of a weekly conference with their faculty advisors.

Under Princeton's plan, introduced in 1924, juniors and seniors take only four subjects, carrying on in the remainder of the time independent reading and writing papers in the field in which they are majoring. The average requirement of the departments is a thesis of 25,000 to 50,000 words during the senior year.

Buffalo

At the university of Buffalo, students are not required to take any courses they do not want. In fact, for some students there are no courses at all. During the last two years each student does a portion of his work independent of any classroom. The more mature and self-reliant he is, the more courses he is excused from taking and the more he is allowed to study on his own without being held back by the lecture-exam methods of the modern college classroom.

Guided by an advisor, which makes the student-faculty relationship more co-operative, the student unfettered by routine designed for the mediocre, progresses just as rapidly as he is capable. There is an incentive to go forward. The whole university program is centered about a personal concern for the individual student. Emphasis is shifted from the handing back, on quizzes, of pre-digested facts of lecturing professors to developing self-direction, initiative, independence, and the technique of thinking for one's self. The student is made responsible for his own education.

Chicago

Robert M. Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago, gives his belief that if allowances for individuals are made, the cultivation of independent thought and study will be advanced. He states that such thought is almost wholly missing from our present program of education. President Hutchins also states that allowances for individual differences should be provided for by abolishing all requirements except the examinations and permitting the student to take them whenever in his opinion he is ready to do so.

Without the check of frequent examinations enforced attendance at classes, daily or weekly assignments and credit awarding, the student at Chicago becomes largely responsible for his own education. The student judges for himself when it is most profitable to attend the lectures, to sit in on discussions, to read at the library or in his room, or to attend other formal or informal activities related to his courses. This increases work periods and reduces formal recitation. This plan has meant the elimination of the burden of determining eligibility for graduation by the marks in courses, and laying it upon attainment in a final examination.

Nebraska

At Nebraska we are far behind most other schools in our machinery or lack of it for independent thinking. But we do have honors courses in most of our colleges in which participants may be excused from regular course work by substituting research in their special fields and conferences with advisors. Besides being largely ignored, the honors courses have tended more and more to be only a means of evaluating outstanding scholarship under the routine system. Written and oral examinations over majors and minors, supplemented in some cases by miniature theses, have served as a basis for graduation honors, distinction, and high distinction.

The honors course system at Nebraska is capable of use and development. We don't even use the machinery that we have.

ATHENS REMAINS CULTURAL CENTER SAYS DR. C. LOWE

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plain the reason. The school is now poorly supported as it must divide the income from the lottery 50-50 with the navy.

In speaking of the modern intellectual life of Greece, Dr. Lowe stated that there was more wide spread interest in lectures and better attended than in any other city he knew. The lecturers even had to bring reference books to verify their statements.

Scholars Individualists.

Greek scholars are individualists. Rather than submit one of their articles to be printed in some scientific journal, they often start their own journals, the first number of which contains their article. After a few issues, the journal fails to appear.

The newspapers stick to the old

style of writing in the classical language but with changing times a few scholars venture to write their dissertations in more informal ways.

Dr. Lowe concluded by stating that the Greeks realize their claim to antiquity and the interest shown by foreigners and make the most of it.

Election of Seniors. A short business meeting was held after the lecture in which there was discussion of the problem of electing a few selected seniors to Phi Beta Kappa and announcing them in the fall. The rest of the Phi Beta Kappas would be announced in the spring as usual.

The two reasons for having such an honors convocation in the fall would be to stimulate the student early in the school year and to emphasize scholarship at a time when too many are likely to think that Nebraska is only a football

Library Exhibits Rare Books of Shakespeare

If you are interested in rare old books, do you know the university library has volumes of Shakespeare dating back to 1688?

Well-marked copies, used not long after the United States became a nation, are also exhibited in Library hall. Many of the books had paper covers when purchased by the library but have had to be rebound within the past few years.

Institution. Such an honors convocation was held at Nebraska until 1901 when it was discontinued for reasons now unknown. No such announcements to P. B. K. will be made this year but plans were made at the meeting to see whether it would be advisable to do so next year.

California vs. Nebraska

Inquiring Reporter

by Merrill England



ON THE WHITTIER CAMPUS.

Tom Cave, Freshman:
 "There wouldn't be much worth saving except the fire-extinguisher, but I'd probably come out with the radio under one arm and my girl's picture under the other."

Pinky Smith, senior:
 "I guess I'd grab my fur coat and hope chest first, then, if I had time, I'd try and dry out the piano."

Maurice Counts, junior:
 "My accordion would be my first thought. I have a diary, but there isn't much worth saving in it, 'cause I really haven't been around—much."

Kay Jackson, freshman:
 "First I'd save my fur coat, and then my collection of cut glass perfume bottles, or the candle-wick bed spreads."

Tom Woodnutt, Junior:
 "I guess my new overcoat would be my first thought. Then, of course, I'd take the poker chips, and lastly, my room-mate, who probably started the fire."

Helen Carlson, sophomore:
 "I'd go for the smaller more valuable articles such as jewelry. They would be easier to save than some larger items."
 Bob Lester, senior:
 "Oh, well, why save anything but myself?"

Hill Thinks Long Japanese Rule Over China Improbable Even Though Invaders Triumph

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Chinese while the English have not been by India is probably due, more than anything else to the fact that England is geographically separate and remote from India, while Manchuria is directly north of China proper. Large migrations of peoples over great distances are unlikely to occur.

Professor Hill points out another line of future development which seems to him most likely to occur, but which he is reluctant to prophesy. Even if Japan is able to conquer China—assuming that she would decide to hold all of China as a colony—Japan would still face a serious threat to her continental control in the Chinese nationalist movement and the opposition to Japan which that movement engenders.

Chinese Nationalism Strengthens. "For several decades Chinese nationalism has been growing under the leadership of Dr. Sun Yat Sen and, more recently, General Chiang. Accompanied by some westernization, which has been helped somewhat by the League of Nations, this movement offers a real threat to Japan in China. This nationalist movement, together with westernization, will proceed slowly, but it is my opinion that in time it will produce a strong China able to evict all foreign control."

Chinese progress along the lines of nationalism and westernization is clearly shown by the greater success that China is finding in combating Japanese arms in 1937 than she found in 1931-2. "I don't believe that Japan could dominate China for long in the face of such potentialities, assuming that she wanted to and were to try," the professor concluded.

Methodist Sorority Will Discuss Reports On National Council

Kappa Phi, Methodist sorority, will meet this evening in Ellen Smith hall from seven to eight o'clock.

Boula Brigham is in charge of the meeting and Helen Christenson and Ethel Mook are hostesses. A report on the National Council of Methodist Youth, which was held in Chicago this summer, will be presented.

Our students think, don't they? When confronted by a surprise question, they react, don't they? Well, so do students on other campuses, but do they think and react alike?

In the student newspaper of Whittier college, located at Whittier, Calif., there appears a column devoted to student opinions on questions asked by a reporter. Last week, this reporter asked his interviewees what they would save if their house was on fire. The answers were cleverly worded, and showed the mental reactions of the students.

We decided to try the same question here, and put the answers side by side.

ON THE NEBRASKA CAMPUS.

Sid Hoadley, Arts and Sciences Sophomore:

"My pants—my dignity, once I reached the outside of the house, would thus be preserved. With his pants on, a man feels like a man; without them, he feels rather—well—uncovered."

Lea Hyland, Arts and Sciences freshman:

"In my case, I'd run for my jewel box. I have some rings and things that I've had since I was very small, and I wouldn't want to lose them."

Joe Gutch, Arts and Sciences Junior:

"My wife—she'd seem the logical thing to save."

Chuck Chaney, Bizad freshman:

"I'd save myself, and leave the notices from the Dean's office to burn."

Henry Dress, Arts and Sciences Junior:

"I tell you, I have a picture of the girl friend that I believe I'd grab first."

Bayard Carlson, Engineering freshman:

"I have some valuable papers which make it possible for me to stay in school—I'd naturally save them."

Charles Reilly, Arts and Sciences senior:

"I'd look out for myself—death is so permanent."

Archie Sturdevant, Engineering freshman:

"Since I live in a home where my clothes are the only things that belong to me, I'd try to get as many of my clothes out as I could, if my boy looks burn."

Wilford Clark, Engineering college freshman:

"The first thing that comes to my mind is my overcoat. I guess I've been out in the cold a little too much lately. I'd worry most about saving my 'thoughts.'"

William Berger, Engineering sophomore:

"I'd grab my suit so I'd have something to wear."

Stanley Gots, Engineering college sophomore:

"I'd yell to my room mate. Then, leaving my books to burn, I'd take my clothes and get out."

Ralph Drury, Arts and Sciences sophomore:

"I'd save myself, I'm not particularly anxious to be burned to death. It's a natural reaction, I guess."

Why Use Compulsory Training?

"Preparedness," State Officials. "Bunk!" Says Senator G. P. Nye

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be hurt in the least particular by abandonment of the compulsory aspect of military training. Voluntary training, on the other hand, would provide many, many more men than we could ever use if called upon to defend our borders."

Abolition of compulsory military training would result, in a great advantage, Nye claimed, by destroying "an influence which is deeply planted in compulsory military training—an influence which plays a large part in propagandizing and furthering the cause of military thought." Most significant, Nye believes, in the fact the Universities of Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota, which have abolished compulsory military training, are receiving just as much federal aid as they received before making the change.

War Stands As Lost Cause.

When questioned about the causes of the World war and about the Chinese war the senator said, "Every alleged cause for our entry into the World war today stands condemned as a lost cause, and today these lost causes are being echoed by the voices urging the United States to defend China and her type of democracy, maintain freedom of the seas and destroy Japanese militarism."

"Marry you? ... Not as long as I'm in my right mind!"



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SCOUT GROUP TO HONOR NATIONAL HEAD SUNDAY

Alpha Phi Omega Schedules Smoker at Phi Gam House for Bartle.

H. Roe Bartle, national president of Alpha Phi Omega, scout fraternity, will visit Lincoln over the week end and will be entertained by the fraternity Sunday evening at a rushee smoker at the Phi Gamma Delta house. Wednesday the scout fraternity will hold a rushee smoker at the chamber

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ALLIANCE FRANCAISE MEETS

Legionaire Tells of French Pilgrimage Tonight.

Second meeting of the Alliance Francaise, organization which pursues the study of French culture and the French language, will meet Wednesday, at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. H. Moore, 1900 Euclid avenue.

Frank Watson, who recently participated as representative of Nebraska in the American Legion's pilgrimage to the battlefields in France, will talk in French, on "My Sentimental Journey to Europe." All students who understand French are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

of commerce building at 7 o'clock. Mr. Bartle comes to Lincoln from Kansas City in order to visit the Alpha Sigma chapter of Alpha Phi Omega and to see the Iowa-Nebraska game Nov. 20. The meeting Sunday will begin at 6:30. Light refreshments will be served and the program will be under the supervision of John McBride.

The chapter newspaper, the Blotter, has resumed publication with the Nov. 14 issue under the management of George Vlasnik. Blood transfusion tests are continuing and members who have not had their blood tested yet are urged to do so at once. The fact that the Wasserman test is given at the same time makes the test well worth while.

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