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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 to. 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 fause, 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.

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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.

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prescribed cademic 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 fume bottles, or the candle-wick 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 selfreliant 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 Chinese Nationalism Strengthens. he advanced. He states that such thought is almost wholly missing from our present pro- nationalism has been growing ungram of ducation. President Hutchins also der the leadership/of Dr. Sun Yat Sen and, more recently, General states that allowances for individual differen- Chiang. ces should be provided for by abolishing all westernization, which has requirements except the examinations and helped somewhat by the League permitting the student to take them whenever of Nations, this movement offers 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 at- lines of nationalism and westerntend 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 dominate China for long in the plan has meant the elimination of the burden face of such potentialities, assumof determining eligibility for graduation by the marks in courses, and laying it upon at tainment in a final examination.



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 had time, I'd try and dray out the piano.

Maurice Counts, junior: "My accordian 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 perbed spreads."

Tom Woodnutt, Junior: "I guess my new overcoat wouls

be my first thought. Then, of course, I'd take the poker chips, and lastly, my room-mate, who probally 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 Archie Sturdevant, Engineering Rule Over China Improbable Even Though Invaders Triumph

(Continued from Page 1.) 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 mi-grations 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 relectant 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 nationalistic movement and the opposition to Japan which that movement engenders.

"For several decades Chinese Accompanied by some beer a real threat to Japan in China. This nationalist movement, gether 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." ization 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 ing that she wanted to and were

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

Nebraska

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. ON THE NEBRASKA CAMPUS. an Student, Kappa Phi, Phi Chi Theta, Phi Mu Alpha, Pi Lambda Sid Hoadley, Arts and Sciences

Sophomore: "My pants-my dignity, once I reached the outside of the house, would thus be preserved. With his would thus be preserved. With his Blocks of 15, 10 and 5 copies are Blocks of 15, 10 and 5 copies are Blocks of 15, 10 and 54.75. without them, he feels rather-

Joe Gutch, Arts and Sciences junior: "My wife-she'd seem the logi-

cal 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 Rollly, Arts and Sciences senior: I'd look out for myself-death is

permanent.

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. I'd let my books 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 myself though." William Berger, Engineering soph

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

Stauley Potts, 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 partic

ularly anxious to be burned to death. It's a natural reaction, I guess

Why Use Compulsory Training? Preparedness,' State Offiials, 'Bunk!' Says Senator

# **ALLIANCE FRANCAISE MEETS**

TO NON-GREEK SOCIETIES Legionaire Tells of French Pilgrimage Tonight.

Business Manager Solicits Second meeting of the Alliance Subscriptions of Barb, Francaise, organization which pursues the study of French cul-Varied Organizations. ture and the French language, will The Prairie Schooner is con-tacting with block offers many ormeet Wednesday, at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. H. Moore,

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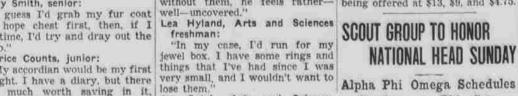
ganizations besides the organized Greek houses. Norman Bolker, Schooner business manager, is 1900 Euclid avenue. Frank Watson, who recently participated as representative of Nebraska in the American Legion's Organizations contacted or to be contacted are: the Delian Union, pilgrimage to the battlefields in contacted are: In Society, Coed Palladian Literary Society, Tassels, Corncobs, Tassels, France, will talk in French, on "My Sentimental Journey to to Councilors, Corneobs, Tassels, Interclub Council, W. A. A., Y. W. C. A., A. W. S., Barb A. W. S., Alpha Kappa Psi, Alpha Lambda 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 con-tinuing 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, H. Roe Bartle, national presi-





### Swarthmore

President Frank Aydelotte of Swarthmore mcollege 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 menable 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 edueators

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

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At Princeton university the senior fellowship idea has been expanded into a "nocourse" plan of study for over 30 members of the senior class. Under this plan seniors of a even use the machinery that we have.

## Nebraska

style of writing in the classical

language but with changing times

few scholars venture to write

DELUXE

BALLROOM

SAYS DR. C. LOWE their dissertations in more infor-

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

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**Books of Shakespeare** 

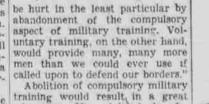
### Methodist Sorority Will Discuss Reports **On National Council**

Kappi Phi, Methodist sorority, will meet this evening in Ellen Smith hall from seven to eight "Every alleged cause for our o'clock. entry into the World war today

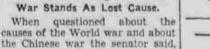
Beula Brigham is in charge of stands condemned as a lost cause the meeting and Helen Christian- and today these lost causes are son and Ethel Mook are hostesses. being echoed by the voices urging A report on the National Council the United States to defend China Methodist Youth, which was and her type of democracy, mainheld in Chicago this summer, will tain freedom of the seas and debe presented. stroy Japanese militiamen.

mind!"

G. P. Nye (Continued from Page 1.)



advantage, Nye claimed, by de-stroying "an influence which is deeply planted in compulsory milltary training-an influence which plays a large part in propagandizing and furthering the cause of military thought." Most signifi-cant, Nye believes, is the fact the Universities of Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota, which to try," the professor concluded. have abolished compulsory mili-tary training, are receiving just as much federal aid as they received before making the change.



"Marry you? ... Not as long as I'm in my right you! Well listen, mugg. Ses

ou'd better get a preacher or a bullet-proof vest . . . 'cause Fre got a gun and a paid-up hunting license!" You'll howl as Pat and Joan battle their way through 90 Poaring minutes in which you'll find more pepper and



If you are interested in rare (Continued from Page 1.) mal ways. old books, do you know the plain the reason. The school is now Dr. Lowe concluded by stating university library has volumes poorly supported as it must divide that the Greeks realize their claim of Shakespeare dating back to the income from the lottery 50-50 to antiquity and the interest shown 1688? with the navy. The Wise Cracking by foreigners and make the most Well-marked copies, used not In speaking of the modern in- of it. Comedy Riot long after the United States tellectual life of Greece, Dr. Lowe Election of Seniors. became a nation, are also exhi-That Tops stated that there was more wide short business meeting was bited in Library hall. Many of the books had paper spread interest in lectures and held after the lecture in which better attended than in any other there was discussion of the prob-"TOPPER" covers when purchased by the city he knew. The lecturers even lem of electing a few selected senlibrary but have had to be re-For Laughs!! had to bring reference books to lors to Phi Beta Kappa and anwithin the past few bound verify their statements. nouncing them in the fall. The years. rest of the Phi Beta Kappas would Scholars Individualists. surprises than in restaurant Pat O'Brien institution. Such an honors conv be announced in the spring as Greek scholars are individualisthe. Rather than submit one of usual cation was held at Nebraska until The two reasons for having such their articles to be printed in some 1901 when it was discontinued for Joan Blondell **"BACK IN** an honors convocation in the fall reasons now unknown. No such scientific journal, they often start would be to stimulate the student announcements to P. B. K. will be their own journals, the first numearly in the school year and to emphasize scholarship at a time made at the meeting to see when too many are likely to think whether it would be advisable to **CIRCULATION**" ber of which contains their article. After a few issues, the journal Margaret Lindsay fails to appear. that Nebraska is only a football do so next year. The newspapers stick to the old John Litel Our Rental Department Littlest Diplomat" LINCOLN'S MOST POPULAR DANCE BAND AVE HAUN Features SAFETY-RENT-A-CARS "Safety in the Air" Beg. Adm. Tonight Extra good cars with heat-Bat, & Sun,, Jack 20¢ Reasonable prices. ts every Wed., Fri., Sal. & Sun