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The Junior Division

... we go farther Educators have long considered students too disinterested in problems of higher learning. The student, they say, is interested only in his own accomplishments of the present and his prospects for the future, giving little thought to the best means of advancing the processes of education. That's pretty true with most people—they don't see means of betterment until they, themselves, are affected by present conditions. In government and business, alike, the analogy holds. And with students—well, they seldom decry compulsory class attendance until they have missed a number of classes, or deplore the grade system until they have received a low grade, or criticize a 12:30 ruling until they have been caught by the "institution of the locked door."

Students who are here now, then, will be little interested in the new University Junior Division. It won't affect them much—except the fact that it will allow them to change colleges as many times as they wish without the expense now jotted against their name. But the U. J. D. is designed primarily for the new students who will attend the university as freshmen in years to come. It will undoubtedly prove an advancement in the Nebraska process of education. Many institutions thruout the country, faced with the same problems, have been unable to hit upon any solution as affective as the Junior Division seems to be.

For the benefit of those students interested in the trend of processes of education, however, the DAILY today presents on the opposite page a complete review of the entire plan as accepted by the board of regents. Coupled with the presentation of the University Junior Division is an article dealing with the views and predictions of one most capable and able to handle its affairs, Dr. Neils Bengtson. For many years interested in freshman organization and research along these lines, Dr. Bengtson is qualified by interest to head the new set-up.

There is no reason to present here any detail of the plan. Nor is there reason to draw possibilities from an idea which will require long hours of detail to render real. Here one should only ask if the University Junior Division goes far enough in orienting the student. It will undoubtedly aid in orienting the freshman just out of high school routine into college curriculum. But the problem of orienting the college graduate into the nation's business and industry is another matter.

Universities must institute preliminary courses to acquaint the student with the advantages and limitations of the various vocations available. The student cannot choose a life's work wisely unless he knows something of the relative matters involved.

Universities must find means to equip the graduate to capitalize on his training. The finest training in the world is not worth a dime from a mercenary standpoint unless it can be used effectively to get a job, and subsequently, that dime. All the degrees in the world without the ability "to sell one's self" are valueless.

Universities must equip all graduates with sufficient business training to be able to deal on something near par with those already engaged in business. Many business men, strangely enough, would demand the same abilities from a college graduate as they would from one in their establishment many years. Their excuse for "no jobs in sight here" is often the lack of this proper training and experience.

Universities must provide facilities for the co-ordination of groups of business, professional and occupational specialists into organizations capable of carrying out some thoroly studied projects to constantly enlarge the potential absorption process of trained graduates, and to interest business capital in backing such feasible projects.

"I firmly believe that an integrated study of the social sciences and the humanities will leave our engineering students less susceptible to the prevailing shibboleths, cliches and slogans regarding race, creeds and political programs. Stereotyped thinking is swifter and less painful, but is it far more dangerous in these days when adaptability is necessary for survival," Dr. E. S. Burdell, directing of Cooper Union, asks for less "engin" in engineering.

"To dispel, little by little the fog of ignorance that envelops humanity, and that brings with it all the resultant evils of stupidity and superstition and quackery and needless suffering" is the mission of the university of tomorrow. That's the credo of Northwestern university's new president, Dr. Franklin Bliss Snyder.

"Qualitative education as it starts upon its mission is not interested merely in perfecting the body of knowledge or the processes by which that knowledge may be obtained, but being social, thinks in terms of life and how it may adjust itself to the age and environment in which it lives." But maintains Cornell college's President John B. Magee, there is something lacking in this quality when it allows the present world situation to develop.



News Roundup

Davis, Loos, Mahnken

SOFIA SO GOOD.

Favorite pastime the past week of bigwig European diplomats seems to be acquiring allies in the Balkans. For a long time the hot bed and headache of European diplomacy and its leaders, the peninsula in the Near East looms once again as a possible proving ground for the military and naval might of the great powers. Almost without exception Balkania is divided into as many factions and alliances as there are independent nations inhabiting it. The latest movement to gain prominence there is Italy's secret treaty of alliance with Hungary, with Yugoslavia looking on as a very interested third party.

It is understood that this treaty pledges mutual support against both Germany and Russia. Hungary leaves the Berlin influence. Italy strays from the Berlin axis. Yugoslavia smiles approvingly. Whatever the treaty contains, it can not be ignored that Hungary still has claims against Rumania. What mention of these in the treaty?

It looks, now, like a stalemate. The Anglo-Turkish agreement should keep Mussolini from joining forces with Hitler. The Bulgarian-Russian treaty should prevent an Italian Balkan united front. Germany is very near Rumania to give her aid, if needed, and Rumania needs a close ally if both Russia and Hungary should march. Russian-German relations could easily become cooled over a Balkan incident. England and France could easily lose with a hostile Balkan entente aimed against her newly acquired allies.

Was it to the Balkans that Chamberlain was referring when he announced today, "It is our duty to send aid to our stricken ally Turkey, to help her regain her strength. I think we can afford it. On one hand peace might be very near. On the other hand, fear of an even greater European conflict, causing for more sacrifices, may face our people. But England must keep her promises to her allies who are fighting the same fight that we are."

Of no less importance is the recent strengthening of ties between France, England and Turkey. Greece already has the pledged support of the allies. Russia has entered the scene through a commercial treaty with Bulgaria. Rumania is the only Balkan nation who has not yet been wooed and won by a great power, yet it is around her Bessarabian province that the world looks for the storm to break. It would not surprise this writer if an announcement of a Rumanian-German accord would soon be announced.

Unbalance of Power.

Any attempt to establish order and reason out of the Balkan hodgepodge meets with utter futility. Already it defies the Balance of Power theory—of Europe being allied in two armed camps of supposedly equal strength. It also defies analysis on grounds of mutual interests and assistance. It would appear that hysteria had gripped the populace and governments of these nations, and that the first bidder for an assistance pact from a great power is certain of being accepted. But consider the Balkan situation in the light of world affairs.

Turkey as the largest of the Balkan nations and the holder of the Dardanelles is naturally the coveted prize. Three months ago Germany and England engaged in diplomatic warfare for an alliance with her. Britain won because she could offer Turkey what the latter needed—credit. This gave the western powers two bases in the East, Greece already having been pledged their support.

Dickering then began for Rumania. This was before Russia's invasion of Finland and the world thought Germany and the Soviet had an alliance to partition the world. Rumania then leaned toward England. But with the Anglo-Polish agreement still ranking in people's minds, Rumania was reluctant to commit herself all the way, fearing complete annihilation before being rescued. At this time she was willing to hand over Bessarabia, which she had gained from Russia in 1919, and which the Soviet has never recognized, for the asking, if only the invasion would go no further. Then came the Finnish invasion. Germany obviously greeted it only lukewarmly. Soviet might had been overrated, or so people thought. Germany kept friendly relations, continued buying Rumanian oil. King Carol suddenly decided that Bessarabia was vital to his country's interests.

"Of all the professions, that of teacher most needs the full four years of liberal arts work. To include in these four years more than a minimum of specific teacher training courses defeats the whole purpose of our efforts." New York university's Dean H. E. Hawkes believes emphasis should be placed on training future teachers what to teach, not how to teach.

Collegiana . . .

HERMAN GLANDER HAS BEEN THE 'CAMPUS COP' AT THE UNIV. OF MINNESOTA FOR 31 YEARS AND HAS MISSED ONLY ONE FOOTBALL GAME DURING THAT TIME! FEMININE FOOTBALLER JUANITA McCRURY OF PARIS (TEXAS) JUNIOR COLLEGE ACTUALLY PLAYS WITH THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM. SHE SPECIALIZES IN PLACEKICKING AND IS USED FOR CONVERTING EXTRA POINTS, FOR FIELD GOAL KICKING, AND AT TIMES HANDLES THE KICKOFF ASSIGNMENT! IT'S GETTIN' A LITTLE CHILLY AROUND THE EDGES! DRAGONS IS THE COLDEST SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY. TEMPERATURES OFTEN GET BELOW -40° AND -50° IS NOT UNUSUAL!

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- GRADUATE COFFEE HOUR. Next in the series of graduate coffee hours will be held today at 5 p. m. in the faculty lounge of the Union. The hour is closed to all but graduate students. OPERA BROADCAST. Second in a series of Metropolitan opera broadcast programs will be held in parlor C of the Union at 12:45 p. m. Saturday. MATINEE DANCE. A free matinee dance for all students will be held in the Union ballroom today at 5 p. m. Identification cards must be presented for admittance. YWCA MEETING. There will be a meeting of the YWCA from 3-5 p. m. today in room 316 of the Union. BARR DANCE. A barr dance will be held this Friday evening from 7:30 to 10:30 in the Union. (See BULLETIN, page 4.)

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