

Editorial Comment

Salvo Goes on Training

America's favorite iconoclast, the same admiral who made headlines by getting away with bullying Khrushchev, has again leveled a salty salvo at our educational system.

His latest comment in this week's issue of the Saturday Evening Post, "The World of the Uneducated," brings the shortcomings of our system into clear focus.

As he testified last August before a House committee: "I am a customer for the products of our schools. I tried to get people to help me do a job in nuclear-power development, and I found the product of our schools quite unsatisfactory, so I set out to find the reasons."

These "reasons" he found to be a misconception on the part of educators of the difference between education and training. Said Rickover: "Education is but one of the two processes by which children are guided into adulthood: the other is training."

A quick review of the high school classes recently left behind will emphasize the validity of the admiral's observation that our system has become so engrossed in the training of children that the education of children has been left wanting.

Twelve years is a short space into which to cram the rudiments of writing, of mathematics, of language, of history, of music—while at the same time teaching how to drive, how to sew, how to cook.

Take one example — drivers' training. Law enforcement officials, safety experts

and parents largely concur that driver education in high school is worthwhile. The trained instructor perhaps can teach how to obey the laws of the road and manipulate the old Chevy better than can dad.

But—does this justify taking the semester, or the six weeks spent in learning to drive away from the study of something which most dads cannot teach—like language, like math, like German? It is easier, yes, to say that the school must be responsible for the training of the young.

In saying this, however, it must be realized, that something else must be abandoned for each item of training undertaken. In this case, it is what Rickover has called education.

Again a retrospective peek into the 12 years preceding entry into the ivy halls fails to conjure up a picture which would even approximate Rickover's wonderful formula of what education should be. What then of training? Again the admiral's view:

"Training . . . develops in youth character traits to suit the predominant ethical and religious beliefs of the community, and teaches socially approved manners, mores and personal appearance. Such formation of attitudes and habits can be called 'life adjustment,' or adjustment to the 'peer group,' to borrow favorite expressions of progressive education.

"Training does not stretch the mind. The intellect is not improved by acquiring habits or learning mechanical skills, nor will routine work enlarge one's mental capacities, as hard thinking will."

End of indictment. Training is needed, but the schools should not have to bear the entire burden of training. Only the schools are geared specifically to educate — no other institution or group is established specifically for that purpose.

Freshmen All in a Lump

Administrators at Florida State University believe they may have found the solution to the problems created by the college-switcher and the major-changer. An Intercollegiate Press Bulletin reports that all freshman at FSU except basic majors are in the new Division of Basic Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences.

One purpose of the change is to cut down on the complications and work caused by students changing from one school to another so frequently. Beginning with the current freshman class students will not declare a major officially or register in another school until their junior year.

Arts and Science received the new division "because the faculty is already there. The division provides a home for our general education," according to the new dean of the division. Florida University already has such a university college. Apparently experience at the larger university has convinced a sufficient num-

ber of Floridians on the value of the old-fashioned liberal education first, specialization after theory.

Obviously such a program would have kinks at first. Some students might feel that they were being forced to wait too long before leaping in with slide rules and books flying into their chosen field. In the long run, however, our guess is that the students of FSU will benefit greatly from this change.

The declaring of a major before entering the freshman year is frequently a haphazard thing. In many cases, students are kept from changing majors to something more "up their alley" because of the loss of hours involved in making the switch from one field to another.

FSU's new program, if it works as outlined, could make a twofold improvement. First, it could eliminate a lot of administrative work and second, it could provide a more solid background for all students.

Staff Views:

On the Other Hand

By Sondra Whalen

Through the mist of a lovely, sleepy, turkey filled vacation, it's awfully hard to think of anything but more sleep, food and fun.

But last week a profound thought occurred, of which remnants are still somewhat in focus. Not an original thought, it's an idea that's been successfully tried at many other schools.

It concerns women's hours and is specifically termed "late leaves."

It seems that at various other places, women students may stay out an hour later when the necessity for such arises. A specified number of these leaves are given to coeds for each semester, and may be used either only on week nights, or on any night, depending upon the school.

Thus, when a female student decides she would like to attend a play, and knows the play gets out at 11 instead of earlier, she simply signs out for a late leave.

Thereby she does not need to break all speed records returning to campus, and

might even have time for a cup of coffee. While coming back to campus 15 minutes after the event is over (when it's University approved) is all right, a system of late leaves seems to be so much better.

You can easily waste 5 or 10 minutes of the allotted 15 simply getting out of a crowded theatre, and, if the show was downtown and you're walking, you'd better plan on 10 minutes for that.

AWS and the University don't have the time to approve everything either, and those events not officially approved require regular hours.

As an example, Stan Kenton at Turnpike was certainly worth hearing, but college students had to leave early for 11 p.m. hours were enforced even though the concert lasted until 11.

Late leaves would also allow for the unexpected, if they could be called in. "Twould be a lovely privilege, if 'tweren't abused."

A KU coed started smoking a pipe because it was the only way she could find to have something in common with the boy she dated.

Could it be they weren't meant for each other?



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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"BY GEORGE, IT'S THOSE ARMY BOYS AGAIN — WE MUST BE GETTING AROUND TO FINALS."

Across the Campuses

Sororities Should Be 'Marriage Markets'

One of the three assets of sororities is that they set up a good marriage market, the dean of women at Penn State told a Panhellenic conference at Syracuse University recently.

The Daily Orange reports that the other two assets outlined by Dr. Dorothy J. Lipp were establishing close human relationships and providing a variety of activities.

"If you're not dead, you ought to be very much alive," Dr. Lipp commented. She explained that in today's world of revolutionary trends, no one can afford to be apathetic about life.

A Daily Kansan writer muses:

"I've been comparing Max Schulman with H. L. Mencken and find today's college student a Knight astride a lame-legged stallion hobbling toward a rotting inn to rest his brain."

"His steel armor takes a heavy toll on stamina, leads to the muddled state of his mind. His wit has all the sharpness of a lecture on thermodynamics, his goals the virtue of a ward politician and his thoughts the clarity of Los Angeles smog."

"So there's not too much hope for him as the majority of educators have turned their balding heads to the heavens in search of truth and a better place to land a rocket. The few professors who kept their eyes fastened to the ground are being labeled as 'Hinderances to Progress' and will no doubt be shoved into retirement along with the humanities, man and other things which slow the advance."

Leading scholars and scientists at Harvard are joining with selected freshmen this year in an experiment with "colleagueship." Freshmen of Harvard and Radcliffe College are doing lab research, field work and reading be-

yond normal first year work. This work is then discussed with senior faculty members and in small seminar groups and laboratory workshops.

Mail Sent To Campus On 3 Routes

Ever wondered how the campus mail service operates?

Three mail routes serve campus — two are business routes and the other is a residential route, according to C. E. Camprath, residential mail carrier.

Camprath delivers letters and packages once a day, while Clarence A. "Doc" Green and Art Berkehim each make two business deliveries a day.

Campus mail is handled at the Lincoln city post office in the same manner as other mail and then is sorted by the carrier, Camprath said. On delivery, each campus residence sorts its own mail.

He said campus mail carriers offer the same services as do regular city mailmen.

Errant Thoughts

by caesar

dear di well kid sitting here in a melancholy state of mind you know what a sip or two of suds does to me i got to thinking of things past in relation to the effect they may have on things future

like last spring when the fourth floor union purge was going on as you know certain groups were worried about the seemingly growing power of other groups on campus and were anxious to put a stop to said growth

statements like i think she is and there is reasonable doubt and i think we should look into this more fully were bandied about recklessly with the result that anyone mentioned or connected with the other group or groups was slipped the black bean without hesitation

white flag raised

all of this was of course designed to keep or perhaps finally raise the waving white flag of purity and truth if this could have been accomplished these people reasoned it would remove a lot of the temptation the younger generation might be exposed to in later life to join these other equally mystic groups these youths who must be guarded would then not join the bad mystics and their power would diminish rapidly

well dear di it is obvious that the one group failed to cut out all the undesirable since almost a majority of its membership is made up of bad guys.

the other fourth floor purge was more thought out and better planned and perhaps the particular method of selection for membership is more adaptable to head rolling than the other at any rate it was more successful of a dozen apples but one turned out to be rotten

speculation all this is the ancient history which has caused me to do a certain amount of speculation about the future

first of all the question arises will the two groups continue or attempt to continue the blood baths for the politically over anxious as for the first of the fourth floor clans i think answer will be no no one seems to have a burning desire for a return to calvinistic propriety group two is more of a question mark certainly great inroads were made towards a major house cleaning but the same attitude must prevail among this year's elite or the efforts of last year's crop of masked marvels will have gone for naught

the second question relates to whether or not such purges as i have chosen to call them are actually good or valid things i have heard via the

Graduates Hear Indian Students

Political, economic and cultural developments in India were discussed at the recent meeting of the University Graduate Students Association.

An open forum followed the discussion, which was led by Indian students.

The association will hold its next meeting Friday at 4 p.m. The Christmas party to be held Dec. 11 will be planned. The meeting will be held in the Indian Suite of the Student Union.

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