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Have American Students Failed in Responsibilities?

American college students, endowed with unusual educational opportunities, have utterly failed in a national crisis that should have enlisted an intelligent cooperation from them, Dean Theodore A. Distler of Lafayette College inferred this week.

"During the present depression the Administration in Washington has heard the voice of labor, both individually through the various trade unions and collectively through the American Federation of Labor," Dean Distler said.

"It has heard the voice of the American Legion, the American business man and a host of other organized interests, but it has not heard the collective voice of that most intelligent of our constituency, the college man and college woman."

He pointed out that the United States must raise a generation of clear-thinking, unemotional citizens, awake to their responsibilities as leaders in political and social thought, as a way to achieve orderly evolution and a way to avoid bloody revolution.

Citing Sweden and Denmark as examples of countries fifty years ahead of the United States in their understanding and solution of national problems, he described the systems of forums of discussion of political and economic problems, attended by laborers, business people and professional men and led by university graduates.

Dean Distler recommended that school buildings be thrown open on prescribed nights for similar forums in order that university men and women might lead American citizens in intelligent thought and action.

The problem presented by Dean Distler is one of the most potent in the present governmental crisis in this country. College graduates have yet to learn that persons with less idealistic background and training may by aggressive promotion force their ideals upon the nation. Until leaders of idealistic background learn this, ideals will carry little esteem and the so-called practical man will continue his domination of American government.

The Value of Comprehensive Examinations

Idealistic college students who are bored with the frequent course examinations which he is compelled to take found a ray of hope recently with the announcement that this irritating system would be replaced at Yale with extensive departmental examinations covering two years of work.

Such a plan has repeatedly been suggested for the student with more than average scholarship. The additional time would be spent in further research in the student's chosen field of study. It would be advantageous were this the only salutary effect. An additional advantage will be the added incentive to true scholarship. Whereas the student finds under the present system that he is forced to prepare for an examination in four or five courses to decide his grade, the new plan provides for the grade to be determined solely by the two year examination. Thus the individual's grade will be determined from his knowledge in each of the various departments in which he has taken work.

At Yale and among progressive educational circles the plan has met only widespread approval. Undergraduate sentiment at Yale regarded

it as a "forward march" and The Yale Alumni Weekly stated that "Yale had crossed the Rubicon."

"Overnight, the formal minutes of report came to life as vital drama a faculty meeting and a committee under the touch of undergraduate insight and interpretation," stated Prof. George H. Nettleton, chairman of the course of study committee of Yale College.

Further the plan which is now asked of the students provides for: First, preliminary consultation with the department concerned as to the choice and correlation of his course in his major subject, and, second, ultimate examination by his department, at the close of his senior year, on his final attainment in his major subject as a whole.

This move on the part of a larger college is an indication of a movement and a trend which will eventually become a permanent part of our educational system—for no other reason than that undergraduate opinion will demand it.

An Opportunity

The visit to this campus today and tomorrow by C. Douglas Booth is one of the few opportunities of the students of the campus to gain a contact with a wider range of thought than that to which he is accustomed.

Mr. Booth's visit is under the auspices of the Carnegie Foundation. The visit has not been confined to the local campus, nor is he the only speaker sent out by this foundation. Much as the Carnegie Endowment has been criticized from various viewpoints the unquestioned fact remains that the many services which the organization performs for the cause of peace are worthy of recognition. Any meritorious act of this type—one that attempts to create an orderly world through peace work—should be regarded as an opportunity to reach a more intimate contact with world relations.

A foundation of this type created by a great capitalist does not justify the capitalist system of any of its discrepancies. It does, however, reveal to us that the capitalist may have nobler motives than those which are commonly attributed to him.

More Wise Words

- Experience—The only teacher not underpaid!
- Money—The one business on a sound basis!
- Aviation—Stuff marked "poison"—one drop fatal!
- Roof Garden—The place to sow wild oats!
- Success—Still the ability to change "no" to "yes."
- Money—A substance lost more ways than won!
- Alimony—Just a grass widow's pension!
- Cleverness—Wisdom underdone.
- Diplomacy—The art of letting someone else have your way!
- Beauty—Usually only skin deep.
- Appreciation—Envy in sheep's clothing.
- Candor—What a co-ed thinks of another co-ed's dress.
- Tact—What she says about it!
- Worry—A kind of interest paid on future woes!
- Utopian—The dream that two can eat as cheaply as one.
- Silence—The best substitute for brains!

Spec-Yu-La-Shuns

Our opinion is that if the basketball team gets anywhere near Ottawa again this year, somebody better take Teuton in hand and keep him away from these married women, especially pretty little blondes by the name of Helen Peterson. It sure is mighty strange, tho, that Teut doesn't seem to know anything about this little matter.

My oh my, the pansies on second floor of ye olde Arnold. Only one girl in this class has succeeded so far in getting demerits. Now third floor, on the other hand, is much wilder. On this floor there's only one or two girls who have succeeded in keeping their record clear. This is probably indicative of trends or something, we don't know just what.

Romeo, oh Romeo! wherefore art thou, Romeo? That's not hard to tell. Nine chances out of ten he'll be found most any week-end night with Hiebert's momentary flame. Which reminds us—we've said before, and we repeat again, you can't intimidate the press!!!!

You know how Bohling pulls these shotgun quizzes every now and then, don't you? Well, when he does, the only way John Friesen makes a decent grade is to borrow the prof's book and find the answers neatly written in the margin, as happened only a short time ago in a quiz which was taken from the book. Which just goes to show you—some guys are smart, and others are just lucky.

So far we have been unable to account for the unprecedented number of stags at the basketball game Fri. nite. For instance, there were Hiebert and Sweetland; also Evans and the elder Booz. Also we notice that Carp has reverted to old times, and Hick seems to have

changed favors almost overnight.

There was once a time when Amos Miller could shave every other day and get by. Now that he has a new haircut to keep him occupied it requires a shave a day to keep Austin away.

BREVITIES

Galen Fields was the honor guest at a surprise birthday dinner last Sunday at his home. Other guests present were Lucille Fairchild, Leah Bean, Leola Mohler, Bertha Bergthold, Norma Flora, Esther Bowers, Laurel Fields, Don Fairchild, Paul Prather, Jack Gordon, Homer Kimmel, Herbert Ikenberry, Chester Colwell, and Lawrence Fields.

Mildred Pray and Mildred Slek spent the week-end at their homes.

Modena Kauffman and Harriette Smith spent the week-end in Topeka.

Bernice Dappen, a former student, has enrolled in school. She has been in nurses' training at Washington university in St. Louis, Mo.

Dwight Barngrover spent the week-end in McPherson. He attended school here last semester and is now enrolled in Kansas State College at Manhattan.

Willard Fleming visited friends in Canton last week-end.

Miss Edith McGaffey attended the funeral Sunday of her cousin, Mrs. Anna Frantz, at Homesville, Nebraska.

GUIDANCE GROUP TO MEET

A State Conference of the Kansas Guidance Association will be held here March 29 and 30. The meetings will begin with a dinner the evening of March 29. There will be various addresses and group meetings.

BIRTHDAYS

Lyle Brower	March 2
Jessie Miller	March 4
Harriette Smith	March 5
Zelda Brubaker	March 7
Walter Pauls	March 7

FROM OFF THE CAMPUS

(By Associated Collegiate Press) The student pays for only 45 per cent of his education. Chancellor Throop of Washington University (St. Louis), stated in his report of that institution's financial status.

Twenty-five religious faiths are represented in the University of Missouri (Columbia) student body, including Mohammedan, Yoga, Quaker, Ethical Society, Greek Orthodox, and Moravian.

The total number of books in the Harvard University (Cambridge, Mass.) library is now 3,602,040—the largest university library in the world. Exactly 126,935 books and pamphlets were added to its shelves in 1933-34.

A world educational conference will be held in 1937 in Australia.

The largest delegation of students from any foreign country to the United States comes from China.

The territories of the United States, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico, all maintain land-grant colleges.

Vassar College (Poughkeepsie, N. Y.) is considered to be the most expensive of the women's colleges in the United States. It costs approximately \$1,350 to cover the yearly expenses of each student.

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"Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot?"

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