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## College for All?

Should every American have the right to a college education at public expense?  
 A century ago, there was no free public education in the United States. Citizens were privately educated or not at all. Soon the public policy became established that a certain amount of education for every citizen would serve to promote general welfare. Free schools sprang up all over the nation. The amount of free education provided has steadily increased since then.  
 Will the time come when free college education will be as much a matter of course as free secondary education is today?  
 Free college education would require a sharp change of policy. Numerous Americans begin to support themselves at college age. They do not attend college because they are unwilling to wait four years to become self-supporting and do as they wish. Some of them marry and start families. Perhaps if free college were offered all Americans, many would refuse the opportunity for such reasons.  
 People in this country today feel that a college education is needed. They believe that the responsibilities of perfect world peace rest on the shoulders of youth. Therefore, they think that if the young people go to college they can acquire an education for peace—become well versed in problems domestic and international, so important in the plan for peace.

Public discussion is high concerning college for all. A long period of such a discussion is to be looked forward to. The GI Bill of Rights has set a precedent. World War II veterans now have a right to a college education at the expense of the public. Various advocates of change are in favor of this feature being extended to cover all Americans. It is argued that this proposal is simply an extension of the educational policy the nation already has.  
 What do you think, should there be free college for all?

## Freedom Train For All?

In race-conscious Southern towns, law provides for the segregation of Negroes and whites in waiting rooms, on buses and on trains. Some disputes arise when Negroes use the same lines while awaiting service at banks, the post office and in stores.  
 It is heart-breaking to reveal one of the leading cities in the South, Memphis, Tennessee, recently displayed its feeling of racial segregation in a most disturbing way. The Hermitage Foundation of New York, sponsor of the tour of the Freedom Train with its exhibits of historical documents, had to cancel a trip to Memphis because the city insisted on segregation of white and Negro visitors.  
 The Foundation has made it known that there is to be no segregation at any point on the tour, and that each city it visits, is expected to adopt a resolution to open the gates of the city to the Traveling Museum and make it possible for all who desire to see it to do so.  
 The Freedom Train's scheduled visits to other Southern cities have been in a questionable status because of racial segregation. People who have long planned to visit the train, refuse to do so if they must intermingle with the Negro.

What would our forefathers, who drew up the documents of the Freedom Train, say about this? They, who, without thinking in terms of segregation, composed these papers that said: "All Men Are Created Equal."  
 If they knew about this incident, they would be ashamed. They would pity. To think that because of some race conscious individuals others are deprived of the privilege of viewing the documents that are the very essence of freedom.

When things of this nature happen, there is something lost in the American way of life. Can freedom train segregation help in making this nation strong in the sight of God? No. For this would be His conception of segregation.  
 "Endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father for all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all... Ephesians 3:6."

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Ref. DeWitt Miller spoke before the Student Volunteers on Tuesday December 2, at 9:50 in the SUE. The theme of his discussion was "Suggestions for Programs."

Those who attended SCA Thursday night had the privilege of hearing reports on the BSCM Conference, given by some of those students who attended the annual gathering in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, during Thanksgiving.

Don't forget, daily devotions are held in the Memorial Chapel of the church at 7 p. m.

### Menu For Thanksgiving

- Mashed Potatoes
  - Giblet Gravy
  - Roast Turkey
  - Yams, baked with marshmallows and nuts
  - Oyster Dressing
  - Cranberry Jelly
  - Blackberry Jelly
  - Hot Rolls
  - Olives and Celery strips
  - Spiced Peach Salad, with whipped Philadelphia cream cheese
  - Milk
  - Coffee
  - Pumpkin Pie, with whipped cream and peanut brittle
- These were the dishes fit for a king set before the students who remained over the Thanksgiving Holiday at the college. Three tables, twenty-six people, enjoyed the delightful meal, prepared with a "home touch."  
 Not only did the cooks turn out surprises for Thanksgiving, but for the three days following, the dining hall was filled with such exclamations as "How delicious!" and "I'll gain ten pounds off of this meal!"  
 Thanks Mrs. Siffer and cooks, for a job well done!

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A unique nation-wide contest to discover people so think they can write short stories or create ideas for motion pictures, movie titles, or radio shows has been announced by Writers Talent Scout, Inc.

Prizes totalling several thousand dollars and a ten week Hollywood writer's contract will be awarded the winning contestants. The quest for actual writing skill is only part of the search, the ability to think up plots and titles being the other.

In the short story division of the contest, the estate of the late Jack London will pay \$1,000 cash for the best story submitted, \$300 for second best, and \$200 for third.

Cosmopolitan magazine, in addition, will pay \$1,500 for serial rights to the winning story, and will have rights of first refusal on all other promising material submitted. Thus, even if an entry fails to win a prize there is the possibility that it may eventually lead to a lucrative writing career.

For the best plot submitted from which a motion picture can be made, Roy del Ruth and Allied Artists Productions will pay \$1,000 cash and sign the winning contestant to a ten week writing contract at \$187.50 per week, plus transportation.

Various other awards will be made by the Rudy Vallee Radio Division for weekly radio shows, and by Pine Thomas, a subsidiary of Paramount Pictures.

Writers Talent Scout will also endeavor, as the author's literary agent, to sell all promising material so that stories or ideas of merit will not be forgotten simply because they failed to win an award.

Look for further information concerning this contest in future editions of the Spectator.

### Chapel Thoughts

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 The college presented the program. Clarence McConkey read the scripture and the ladies' quartette sang two selections. "We Gather Together To Ask the Lord's Blessing" and a Thanksgiving hymn. Kenneth Brown read "A Thanksgiving Triangle" and Ireen Stern lead the group in the singing of songs of thanks.

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Another Thanksgiving Day is history and unfortunately for too many, the day is only an historical event.

Accordingly, I should like to suggest that each day should be a day of thanksgiving and that the best way to do this is by making each day a "thanksgiving day."

How grateful we people in the United States should be that we are a free people and can have a national Thanksgiving Day. To guarantee its continuance, however, we must prove ourselves increasingly worthy of being granted freedom of assembly and worship.

Freedom can be maintained through constructive use and not by abuse or neglect of it.

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### New Ribbon Chart For Girls

Did you know that the ribbons that are worn by the girls have a very definite meaning? A Ribbonology chart has been worked out by girls in other schools in the United States. Here is the chart:

- White ribbon—I'm going steady back home, but I'm open for dates here.
  - Brown ribbon—My beau has left town.
  - Green ribbon—I flirt with them all.
  - Gray ribbon—I'm a "man hater."
  - Wine ribbon—I'm bashful.
  - Pink ribbon—Don't bother me. I'm in love.
  - Blue ribbon—My boy friend is in the army.
  - Tan ribbon—Big sister type.
  - Orange ribbon—I want a football hero.
  - Red ribbon—Desperate for dates.
  - Black ribbon—Disappointed in love.
  - No ribbon at all—I'm an "old maid."
  - Ribbon on left side of hair—I'm in love.
  - Ribbon on right side of hair—I'm going steady.
  - Ribbon on both sides of hair—I'm desperate for dates.
  - Ribbon on top of hair—I'm open for dates with anyone.
- Notice fellows: You better take a mental note of this or write it down. You wouldn't want to get confused . . . in case Mac co-ed decides to adopt this very popular chart . . . would you?



Here and There  
By Dale Oltman

Colleges throughout the United States have begun classes after the Thanksgiving holiday. New programs hold the spotlight in a few weeks remaining before Christmas vacation.

The SCM at La Verne, California, held a relief program by which a specified wardrobe was obtained for some hypothetical people overseas, as a result of a scavenger hunt. A prize was given to the group bringing back the most clothing.

The movie "Our Town", Sol Lesser's film version of Wilder's play, was given recently to raise funds for more visual teaching materials.

At the University of Massachusetts, as well as at many other colleges, plays from comedy to drama head the list of activities.

An all school skate was held at Manchester College, Indiana, and was sponsored by the social committee.



# SPORTS



## 1947

### BASKETBALL

Monday, Dec. 8

McPherson College  
VS  
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High School Gym  
8:00 P. M.

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McPherson "B"  
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### All American

Walter Camp started it all in 1899. Now it is a full-time job keeping up with the all-American selections. Just to familiarize you with leading candidates here's a list of 1947's pickin' stars.

Ends: Of the 1946 selections—Bechtel, Baldwin, Foidberg, Poole, and Madar—only Barney Poole is back in the collegiate ranks. The ex-Army flanker is back at his original stamping grounds, Mississippi, and has broken Hank Stanton's six-year old most passes received in a season record. Bill Swilacki, Columbia, made the superman catches that brought defeat to Army for the first time since 1942. West coast drum-beaters insist that Troy's Paul Cleary is the equal of Buzz Baldwin, a 1946 all-American and from UCLA. Other likely candidates are Bob Ravensberg, in the army last year but an all-American for Indiana in '45; Jim Martin, ex-Marine for Notre Dame; Max Baumgartner, tree-topper from Texas; and Ike Owens, Illinois Negro.

Tackles George Connor, the Notre Dame dreadnaught, has one tackle position all sewed up. Look for Ziggy Czarnowski, Connor's Notre Dame teammate; Bob Davis, Georgia Tech's captain; John Ferraro, 235-pounder from USC who made all-American in 1944; George Savitsky, the 255-pound Penn giant who made numerous selections in '45; and Goble Bryant, the Tennessee Sha'd who was a bulwark in the Army line; to be high in the running for the other tackle berth along side Connor.

Guards: There's not a single guard returning from last year's all-star elevens, but that's no sign of a draught at that position. Steve Subey, captain of Penn State's undefeated powerhouse, and Joe Steffy, the Cadet captain, gave the east ample guard protection. John

Prehlik, Yale, is another good 'un. A sleeper for one guard spot will be Moose Fischer, Notre Dame's 235-pounder who can run like a breakaway back. Mike Dimitro, UCLA, and Chick Maglioli, Texas, are other contenders.

Centers: Football still hasn't reached the heights it did before Pearl Harbor, but the post-war centers are definitely the best ever. Every '46 candidate except Paul Duke, Georgia Tech, has returned and several new pilots have hit the headlines. Chuck Bednarik, Penn, is the big name right now, but he has competition from George Strohmyer, Notre Dame; Jay Rhodemyre, Kentucky; Alex Sarkisian, Northwestern; Dick Scott, Navy; John Rapacz, Oklahoma; Vaughn Mancha, Alabama; and Dan Dworsky, Michigan. If Sarkisian hadn't broken his arm in early season he might have ranked among the greats of all-time. Scott added the Middy punting duties to his chores of snapper-back and line-backing.

Backs: There are four backfield positions open this year for the first time in four years. (Blanchard and Davis, you know). Of course, Johnny Lujack, the Irish field-general has one position sewn up. There are better passers than Lujack and even a few finer signal-callers, but none can emulate his jarring defensive work. Charlie Conerly, Barney Poole's Mississippi battery-mate, and Bob Chappuis, Michigan's cover-boy, have drawn the most publicity but it's doubtful if they're any better than Ray Evans, Kansas' fine all-around back, or Harry Gilmer, Alabama's 157-pound jump passer. The pros call Evans the best back in the nation. A note to which the Big Six offers a hasty amen. SMU's Doak Walker, Choo-Choo Charlie Justice of North Carolina, Penn's Tony Minisi, passer Gene Rosstide of Columbia, and Arkansas' Clyde Scott are other candidates.

### 1947 Basketball Season Opens Here vs. Sterling

The McPherson College basketball team opens what promises to be a successful season here, Monday night against Sterling College. The 13 teams of both schools play at 6:45 and the varsity game starts at 8 p. m.

The Bulldogs have 40 players out for the squad and it has been necessary for Coach Relling to split the squad into two sections. One section practices in the afternoon at 3:30 and the other section practices at 6 o'clock in the evening.

Back from last year are eight lettermen around whom Coach Relling will be able to build this season's team. The guards returning are Bob Odle, Clint Hill and Jack Applegate.

The forwards back for this year are Lyle Goering, Bud Fisher, Gerald Hutchison, and Don Smith. The returning center letterman is Lee Nordling.

Other players who have turned out include: from last year's B squad: Herbert Bruns, Salty Tillman, Morris McClung, Wendell Burkholder, Lawrence Wiebe, and Dean Ward; from the McPherson High School squad: Don Peters, Gene Nelson, Lowell Sawyer, Dean Coughenour, Tommy Hayden, and Huck Reinecker; also out for the squad are: Bob Wright, John Roth, Art Bradley, Ron Sullivan, Dick Prentice, Melvin Fishburn, David Manky, Lester Pauls, Harry Schaffer, John Ward, Harry Heckhorn, Bill Balmers, Dave Harner, Duke Messamer, George Holloway, Bob Tharrington, Bob Tannreuther, Francis Kindt and Gene Arnold.

Coach Relling has been drilling the squad during the past week on fundamentals of pivoting, dribbling, shooting, and passing. A few plays have been set up and scrimmages have highlighted the workouts during the past few days.

### ACP Feature Service

Early morning classes at Texas Christian University do affect at least one teacher.

On putting a particularly difficult question to his 7 a. m. religion students, Dr. Cecil F. Chervon asked a Mr. Cain for the answer. Three times he repeated the name, only to be greeted by silence.

"Finally he stepped to his desk, flipped through his cards and grinned sheepishly at his discovery. "I'm sorry, folks," he apologized. "There is no Mr. Cain. I'm thinking of Mr. Anles."

Commerce, Texas—(ACP)—Sidney Lester is probably the most deserving person ever to receive a BA degree at East Texas State. When he received his degree last spring, he had majors in sociology and journalism, first minors in history and government, second minors in Spanish, English and shop, plus a few others thrown in.

It all started when Lester enrolled at East Texas and sent for a transcript of his credits from Harvard and George Washington University. But the credits never seemed to arrive, so the now slightly exasperated Lester kept taking courses and waiting for his transcripts.

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