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The University of Wisconsin is just now in the throes of a hotly waged discussion, as to whether or not the two years language requirements should be abolished. Student opinion is overwhelmingly in favor of the change, but the authorities are obdurate, and so far the agitation has not been prolific in results.

In a college such as Wisconsin, where the emphasis is put strongly upon the merely practical phases of education, one wonders if there is not too much of a tendency to neglect entirely the classical and literary and to entirely subvert the cultural to the utilitarian. Certainly, the mastery of a classical or modern language will not make any definite tangible addition to one's earning power or to his industrial efficiency, yet such studies are potent, in their power to broaden the mind and to cultivate the taste, and it is these qualities, after all, that form the essential characteristic of the educated man. The prevailing tendency in educational fashions sets too strongly away from these old time ideals of education. The result is that our colleges are yearly turning out numbers of graduates who, in the real sense of the word, are not educated at all.

From the present ideas obtaining in the state and University of Wisconsin, it is natural enough that the students should have little use for language study. There, the whole theory of education is dominated by the theory of service to the commonwealth, and language study, which is not practical, is not popular.

The results of this struggle between the cultural and utilitarian influences in our educational system are extremely doubtful. It may be that our colleges will strike a happy medium and reconcile the two ideas. It seems more probable, however, that the state colleges will specialize on the practical features of education, calculated to fit one for greater economic efficiency, and that to the independently rich, endowed universities will fall the task of educating the small minority who care for a classical or literary education and the culture such training implies.

The Wisconsin incident is merely a phase of a widespread movement, that is changing radically our system of education. Whether, in its present scope, it is a desirable reform, is seriously questionable.

After a strenuous debate the Eutaxian society last night decided that, after all, the spring vacation was needed and that it should not be sacrificed for an earlier commencement. Very probably, this opinion voices the sentiment of the large majority of students who look forward to the April vacation with as much pleasant anticipation as to any other event of the college year. The present arrangement may work some hardship on those who feel strongly the necessity of getting an early start in their summer's work, yet it is easily possible for ambitious people to be too thrifty and sacrifice the best time of

the year in the best time of their lives for a few dollars which in the ultimate reckoning will not be worth considering. In our desire for success we should guard against trimming our lives down to the bare necessities. Spring vacation offers an excellent opportunity for real care-free enjoyment. Let's seize it and enjoy to the utmost all the pleasure that's coming.

EUTAXIANS DECIDE TO HAVE APRIL VACATION

The Eutaxian program Tuesday evening was one of current interest. The first number was current events, taken up by Elizabeth Busch, followed by a reading by Janet Young. An open extempore discussion of the question, "Should April vacation be done away with and the semester shortened one week in June?" was led by Emma Waterman on the affirmative and Mildred Bagley on the negative. The meeting closed with a short talk on the history of the April frolic, by Jessie Calkins, and the regular parliamentary drill led by President Birdie Wise.

SOPHS WILL DOMINATE NEXT Y. W. C. A. MEETING

The first meeting of the Y. W. C. A. after vacation, Monday, April 24, will be in charge of the sophomore class and promises to be unusually interesting, with a number of original features. Mrs. Minnie Washburne will speak and Nancy Noon and others will sing.

The sophomores are anxious to make this the biggest and most attractive meeting of the series and are getting out a number of original and special posters.

LOOK OUT FOR POLITICS GLEE CLUB ELECTIONS

Glee Club elections will take place in the near future, though the exact date is not yet decided upon. It is understood that Ed Himes and Dave McDaniels will run for manager and it is possible that others who have not already signified their intention will also be candidates. The race for president will probably be between Raphael Geisler and Burns Powell, either of whom are logical men for the place.

HUNGRY LAUREANS PLAN ANOTHER ANNUAL FEED

The Laurean Literary Society has decided to hold their annual banquet next month, probably at the Osburn Hotel. The time and place have not been definitely chosen, but are under consideration. The society now has a membership of about thirty-five.

The next regular program will be given Saturday of the week following Easter vacation. The principal feature will be an open debate in the "House of Representatives" on the subject of the income tax.

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