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AIMS IN COLLEGE EDUCATION.

"We don't know why we are teaching students; and they know we don't know," is the somewhat startling statement made by Frank Jewett Mather, holder of a professorship in art at Princeton, before a recent meeting of Phi Beta Kappa.

While restricting himself to institutions of the Atlantic seaboard, in New England, and in the middle western states, Mr. Mather contends that the aim of these colleges is not definite. He believes that students and alumni want the college to become a finishing school.

Liberal education is a luxury, asserts Mr. Mather, "properly accessible only to a few who command either exceptional leisure or exceptional abilities." He contends that an education, more properly a college education, should not be made to compete with the finishing schools, the preparatory schools, or the professional schools. It is the infusion that lowers the standard of our college work, since it is the poor students and not the good ones that set the pace, he declares.

A degree voluntarily taken after two years of work, if there was no promise that the work of the last two years would be honor, according to Mr. Mather, would be a "fixed and reasonable treaty of peace between faculties and their alumni and students to stop an undignified running fight."

The group system was an attempt to make the elective system fool-proof, but Mr. Mather criticizes it by saying that "students are no more intelligently choosing groups than they did single courses." Such reasoning appears sound, it being unlikely that at 18 or 19 the student has clearly marked intellectual preferences. There aren't new studies, according to Mr. Mather, who says that the great divisions of studies have not changed since Aristotle.

All of which appears an intellectual criticism of the modern educational tendencies. We still feel the effect of those educators who desired to graduate students prepared to immediately make practical use of their education. Education for culture's sake was forgotten. It was natural that the college education, the liberal education, was shoved into the background. Mr. Mather's criticisms show signs of an awakening.

GIRLS START TENNIS SERIES DURING WEEK

First Rounds Played Off; Varsity Team to be Picked.

The first rounds in the varsity tennis tournament and the Round Robin series were played off last week, and the second round in each will be finished this week. The varsity team will be picked by a process of elimination in the varsity tournament, and the class teams will be chosen by Miss Waterman and Miss Perkins from among the winners in the Round Robin series. The winner of the tennis racket which is awarded on field day, will be picked from among the victors of this series.

The results of the varsity tournament are as follows: Madeline Slotboom defeated Alice Evans, 6-3, 6-2; May Lindley, Naomi Robbins, 6-3, 6-4; Sarah Martin, Marianne Duhnam, 6-3, 6-3; Maude Graham, Maurine Elrod, 6-2, 6-3; Alice Garretson, Wave Lesley, 6-4, 6-4; and Carolyn Cannon, Lois Eldridge, 6-0, 6-0. The results of the round robin tournament are: Betty Pride defeated Helen Cooper, 7-5, 0-6, 7-5; Leah Greenbaum Echo Baldere, 6-2, 6-2; Jennie Noreen Ellen McVeigh, 6-4, 6-2; Helen Dougherty, Margaret Russell, 6-1, 6-0; and Ruth Hayman, Mildred Hall, 6-0, 6-1.

FACULTY WILL NOT DON CAP AND GOWN

Plan Dropped for This Year; May Later be Adopted.

At a meeting of the faculty last Thursday it was decided that the faculty members would not wear caps and gowns at commencement this year. A committee was appointed to look into the matter further, so that next fall the advisability of instituting the custom may be definitely decided.

The law school was given permission to revise its system of grading for year courses. This means that at the end of the first and second terms the student will be given a provisional grade which will be superseded by the final grade at the end of the year's work.

It was also decided that in order to earn two degrees, the student must remain for another year after graduation. In some cases the work so overlaps that by a judicious selection of courses a student would be eligible for two degrees. Although this situation has never arisen it was considered best to have the matter settled.

The committee which was appointed to consider the possible revision of the honor system reported that it was progressing in its investigation, but that it was not yet ready to give a full report.

Announcements

French Club.—Will meet tonight at 7:30 in the Y. W. C. A. bungalow.

Spanish Club.—Meets Wednesday at 7:15 at the bungalow. Election of officers and discussion of important matters good program in commemoration of Cervantes. Music. All members, especially those newly elected, urged to be present. Also dues must be paid.

Junior Class Meeting.—There will be a junior class meeting this afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. hut at 5 o'clock.

Condon Club.—The regular program meeting of the Condon club will be held Wednesday evening (May 11, at 7:45 in room 4, Johnson hall. Dr. E. L. Ballard will speak on "The Ancient Shorelines of Oregon." Everyone interested in science is urged to attend.

Home Economics Club.—Important meeting this Tuesday afternoon, May 10 at 5 o'clock in Mary Spiller hall.

Crossroads.—Will meet Wednesday instead of Tuesday evening, as was announced.

Advertising Talk.—Mr. F. H. McMahon, director of Merchandising Bureau of the Oregon Journal, will address Professor Thatcher's 11 o'clock advertising class this morning.

Alpha Kappa Psi.—Luncheon today at Anchorage, at noon.

Crossroads.—Meeting Wednesday night.

Theta Kappa Psi.—Meeting tonight at 7:30 in room 30, library.

Lemon Punch Publishing Society.—There will be a short but very important meeting tonight in the Lemon Punch office at 8 o'clock.

The Campus Cynic

THE STATE OF CANDIDACY.

Editor: Citrus O. Peeling, candidate for third assistant keeper of the tobacco plug for the first assistant type scrambler of a well known daily paper on the campus (the same paper and the same functionary will doubtless strike out a few syllables and vowels from this article, substituting therefor a miscellaneous collection of dollar marks, x's and q's) Citrus O. Peeling, we repeat, is not what he is. I mean to say that Citrus has come fresh recently, with a copious quantity of the milk of human kindness. You wouldn't know the old boy.

During this strenuous week of vote-snatching he has manufactured the most benevolent and angelic of smiles, the gladdest of glad, glad hands, and above all he seems profoundly interested in my health. Oh, of course, I know that he is interested in other people's well-being, yet I feel that should I become indisposed or die off suddenly he would retire to some secluded corner of the library stacks and ruin thousands of perfectly good and dusty volumes of literature with a torrential lachrymatory inundation. He is profoundly interested I repeat, in my past, present and future welfare.

I ran across Citrus yesterday noon in a well known establishment given over to the purveying of comestibles and fluids of the sort that freeze the stomach and make the nose a vermillion hue.

"Why, how are you," said Citrus, rising to his feet eagerly and falling on the upper part of my spinal column with wild abandon. "How are you? How's your health? Come over and sit with me. You must. I insist. I haven't seen you since this morning."

Having paralyzed my sensibilities by an evenly distributed barrage of mush bombs, well filled with deadly hot air gas bombs, he led me over to his table. Dimly I recall ordering something to eat; what it was, I don't know; everything was submerged in vast, undulating gurgling, peeling waves of sound, coming from some part of his head. Through a haze of steam arising from a bowl of soup in front of him I vaguely saw his sympathetic, friendly face. I thought I heard him crying, but upon closer observation I saw that the sorrowful noise was caused by the sobbing, gusty draughts of soup he absorbed from his spoon by the vacuum cleaner method (you know what I mean—get all you can on the first suction, swooping back for a second time if there be any segments or globules which resist absorption).

"You know," he said during a brief intermission in which he came up for air, "I have always been interested in

your line of work. Tell me about it."

"I like it myself," I said modestly and with due reserve.

He resumed his food absorption. As he ate I seemed to see kindness, good fellowship seep out all over him. When he finished his lunch he left me with something like a tear in his eye. Instinctively I thought of all the great tragedies of literature—Evangeline being separated from her lowly Acadian home, Pericles banished from Athens, Uncle Tom being torn from his family—a sob welled up and spilled over my tonsils as I thought of the anguish this fellow was undergoing in parting from me.

"Goodbye," he sobbed, as he turned away from me and staggered down the street.

"Goodbye," I sobbed unrestrainedly. "Goodbye—I'll see you this afternoon." The last I saw as I turned the corner was the dejected figure of Citrus leaning up against a telephone pole, sobbing as if his heart would break.

(Watch for expose tomorrow—great scandal to be revealed!) —E. J. H.

VELMA FARNHAM WINS ADVERTISING PRIZE

\$15.00 Given for First Place; Ashcraft Second.

Velma Farnham is the winner of the \$15 prize, and LeRoy Ashcraft, of the \$10 prize in the advertising contest which has just closed. The papers of Arne Rae, Mae Ballack and Eugene Short won honorable mention.

Miss Farnham is a freshman in the University from Sheridan, Oregon. She is the only freshman in the advertising class, and was admitted on special recommendations, as freshmen are not as a rule permitted to enroll in this work. She is also the youngest member of the class.

Mr. Ashcraft is a junior from Ashland, Oregon. He is secretary-treasurer of the newly organized advertising club.

The prizes for this contest were given by the Botsford, Constantine & Tyler advertising Company, of Portland, and were given for the best first and second solution of an advertising problem prescribed by them. This problem consisted of the preparation of two advertisements for canned salmon. One was to be in colors, to occupy a full page in the Ladies' Home Journal, advertising the best grade of salmon; the other was to advertise a cheaper grade to appear in a foreign language paper in New York.

"In my opinion," said Professor W. F. G. Thatcher, "the problems were unusually difficult, as difficult as will, in all probability, ever be submitted to the most expert copy writer."

There were 10 entries in the contest. Besides the winners, those contesting were Mae Ballack, Arthur Fong, Pearl Harris, R. C. Hillyard, Floyd Maxwell, Arne Rae, Eugene Short and Morgan Staton.

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