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No Requirements—No Quizzes?

PRESIDENT E. M. Hopkins, of Dartmouth college, is quoted in "What the Colleges Are Doing," published by Ginn and Company, as saying, "I would seriously submit for undergraduate consideration the question whether from the point of view of their own ultimate good, there has not been a too complete disappearance, from college curriculum and college life, of compulsion and requirements, rigorous, and even irksome, if you will, which temper the mind and test the soul of man."

This is a fundamental problem facing the universities and colleges of this country today, certainly, and opinion varies greatly as to the merit or failure of the "requirement principle" to turn out "educated" men and women. Opinion differs, even, as to whether there is a tendency toward elimination of compulsion and requirements in the institutions today. Some feel that the trend is all the other way and that institutions of higher learning are becoming more and more addicted to formula and ritual rather than the seeking of knowledge and development of mind to make use of knowledge after it is acquired.

In an informal discussion arising the other day on this campus between several faculty members and students this topic was brought forward, the group soon becoming divided into two factions, the leader of one going so far as to affirm that he believed in exposing students to the subject, indicating the general lines of attack, after which he would not care whether they did any studying or not, and did not care whether they attended his classes or not. If they were really interested they would "catch on" and work, and at the end of the course would have a real idea of the subject, one which they had thought out for themselves and had attained through true scholarship.

He explained that this method would do away with the idea so common among American students that they are playing a game with the teacher; that is, of attempting to see how little of the assignments they would have to cover for the grade they might desire. Those that really desired an education would come to consider the teacher as counselor and friend; those who did not desire an education would drop by the wayside, where they perhaps belong.

The opposition conceded that this had a nice sound, but would it work out in practice? They did not believe that the majority of students would get anywhere under such a system, or lack of system.

There are three classes of pupils, they stated, a small upper division, a small lower division, and a very large average group. Into this latter section must be included the large number who would not have the force or desire to obtain an education under the plan with no requirements.

As proof one professor presented a case in which he had outlined a course in reading with no particular assignments, leaving the matter to the volition of the individual. At the end of the term he discovered that only 6 per cent had ever taken enough interest to sign the books out of the library.

"Where would that great group of average and below average be under such a plan?" he asked.

Probably many of them would fall by the wayside, but there would be some, surely, who would find a new interest in this thing called education, and would forge ahead under their own steam, acquiring habits of scholarship which would stay with them throughout their entire lives.

Apparently, then, there are two distinct types of men and women attending the universities and colleges, and what is good for one is not good for the other. There is need for two entirely separate schemes of education.

That plan adapted to the majority must necessarily hold the small group back; that formed for the small group must work havoc among the majority.

There seems to be two solutions. First, have two orders of colleges—one moulded to care for the large groups, one formed to develop the small group. This has been tried in the east to some extent. Amherst, under the direction of Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn some years ago, was conducted for the small percentage.

Princeton, according to Dr. E. G. Spaulding, professor of philosophy there, is trying out this new theory. He says, "American college have been actuated by a theory and prac-

...tice that originated in secondary schools. The new Princeton idea is an effort to get away from that idea entirely."

The differentiation becomes complete at the end of the sophomore year. From that time on, according to Dr. Spaulding, the principle is that the student accepts the responsibility for his own education; the university furnishes facilities, advice and help, the latter on the take-it-or-leave-it basis. The student furnishes the motive power, the university sets the standards and in the end passes on the results. Quizzes are entirely abandoned.

Dr. Spaulding considers the trial, made last year and now in its second year, a success.

A second solution seems even more desirable. Why could there not be, within a great university, a single school worked out on these liberal "no requirement" lines? Serious students could major in this school, and work out their education on scholarly lines. Degrees could be granted the student proving he has achieved the level required by one final examination, which should require thinking, rather than the repetition of facts "crammed" from text books. He would have available the facilities of the whole university, but would assume his work on a different basis.

Since this is essentially a compromise, considerable difficulty would be experienced in working out the details. However, these details could certainly be worked out, and a Great University would become a fact, one in which the large average group could obtain a good education, but in addition one in which a better and more intensive training could be given to those who could profit by it. And is it not conceivable that this number would increase from year to year, as more and more students came to realize the advantages and pleasures of true scholarship and individual thought?

Campus Bulletin

Notes will be printed in this column for two issues only. Copy must be in this office by 5:30 on the day before it is to be published, and must be limited to 20 words.

Ye Tabard Inn—Wednesday noon, Anchorage.

Spanish Club—Meeting tonight at 7:45 at Y. W. Bungalow.

Order of the "O"—Meeting Thursday at 7:15, Woman's building.

Beta Gamma Sigma—Meeting today noon at Campa Shoppe.

Sophomore Women—See Miss Gavin for medical examination this week.

Oregon Knight and Pages—Will meet tonight at 7:30 in Condon hall.

Doughnut Basketball Today—Beta Theta Pi vs. Phi Kappa Psi, 4 p. m.

Education Seminar—Meeting in room 2, Education building, Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Christmas College Ball Committee—Entire committee meets tonight, 7:45, Alumni hall.

New History Club—Meeting of the new history club Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock in room 4 of the Commerce building.

Technical Society—Meeting and address on modern automatic telephone exchanges by Walter Brittain, Wednesday evening at 7:00, Deady hall.

New History Organization will meet tonight in room 4, Commerce building at 7 o'clock. Report of membership and program committees.

All Juniors and Seniors not in living organizations call Kennell-Ellis at any time and make appointments for Oregon class pictures.

Girls' Basketball—There will be a special voluntary practice for all girls playing forward in doughnut basketball, Wednesday evening at 7:15.

STUDENTS MAY SIGN FOR POPULAR BOOKS

When books are popular and in great demand, Mrs. Mabel McClain, circulation librarian, allows students to sign up ahead for them so that as soon as the books are returned to the desk, the one who is next in order is either called by phone or notified by postal card.

In the case of circulation and 7-day books, the student is given two days to call for the book. Rent books are kept one day only. At present there are about 75 books being held.

Mrs. McClain wishes to stress the fact that when students are called concerning overdue books, it would be greatly appreciated if promptness were shown.

WEEKLY TEAS POSTPONED BECAUSE OF OTHER EVENTS

There will be no Women's League tea this afternoon or next Wednesday on account of conflicting events. The dime crawl scheduled for tonight will necessitate an early dinner at the women's houses, which would cause the tea to be cut short, and next Wednesday is the day before Thanksgiving, when all the students will be leaving the campus. After the Thanksgiving vacation, the weekly teas will be held regularly again.

Sophomore Informal To Be Peppy Affair of Friday

Free Admission and No Dress Suits Are Attractions

Say fellows, got a date for the dance Friday night? You know what I mean—the Sophomore Informal given by the class of '27. Best dance of the year—sophomores says so—and from what I've heard it's going to be some big affair.

"Teasers" galore have leaked out, but not a single, solitary word about the nature of the decorations. There has never been anything like them before, and believe me, you'll sure be seeing something different!

It's absolutely going to be the peppiest dance ever staged. You know it comes the same night as the rally for the O. A. C. game, but the rally is going to be held only on the campus—so you'll have plenty of time to change your clothes. When I say clothes, I don't mean that you will have to dive into your trunk among mothballs to resurrect that one dress suit. I guess you know, now that it is informal for men. Just an added attraction, fellows—it's free!

COMING EVENTS

Today, November 19 6:15 to 7:30 p. m.—Dime crawl, all women's houses. 8:30 p. m.—"Princess Bebe," Guild hall.

Thursday, November 20 11:00 a. m.—Assembly, Woman's building. 8:30 p. m.—"Princess Bebe," Guild hall.

Friday, November 21 8:30 p. m.—Sophomore informal, Armory.

Saturday, November 22 1:30 p. m.—Oregon vs. O. A. C., Bell field, Corvallis.

A Good Place To Board—Home cooking served home style. It is hard to beat good home cooking on a steady diet, isn't it? Conveniently located at 813 13th E. We have room for a few more. Try us for a week and rest your pocket-book.

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GUILD THEATRE

Seats now on sale—50c, 75c Phone 142

At the Theatres

HEILIG—Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Robert Vignola's production, "Married Flirts," from the novel "Mrs. Paramour," by Louis Joseph Vance. A delightful satire on modern American life, with Pauline Frederick, Conrad Nagel, Mae Busch, Huntley Gordon, Ralph Graves in Mack Sennett's "Riders of the Purple Cow," Pathe Novelty.

Coming attractions: Monte Banks in "Racing Luck," Kolb & Dill in "Politics," Western Vaudeville.

THE REX—Last day: The Empress of Emotion, Pola Negri in "Forbidden Paradise," with the vivacious Pola as a fascinating enchantress, whose eye is quick to see a handsome man, whose heart rules her head and whose passion must be gratified; Rod La Rocque is the handsome man, while Adolphe Menjou is a man of wit and cunning; Lloyd Hamilton in "Crushed," International News Events; Rosner in superb musical settings to the picture on the mighty Wurlitzer.

Coming: Harold Bell Wright's "The Mine with the Iron Door," with Dorothy Mackaill, Pat O'Malley, Raymond Hatten, Creighton Hale, Charley Murray and star cast.

THE CASTLE—First day. The story of a man and a girl ship wrecked, alone, on a tropical island, "Sinners in Heaven," with Richard Dix and Bebe Daniels; a brand new Paramount Special. Comedy, "Harem Pollies" and Fox News Weekly. At standard Castle prices.

LARGE PRIZE OFFERED FOR ECONOMIC ESSAY

Announcement of a \$5000 cash prize offer for the best original treatise on "The Theory of Wages," is made in a letter received at the president's office from the committee on economic prizes, headed by Professor J. Lawrence Laughlin of the University of Chicago. The prize is offered by the clothing house of Hart, Schaffner and Marx. It will be awarded in 1926 for the best essay on the subject named. Information may be obtained in detail from Professor Laughlin at the University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

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