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Spoon Feeding

A LITTLE more oatmeal for baby. "Come, baby, see the pretty porringer and the nice sugar and cream—don't you want to grow to be a big boy?"

Such is the attitude implied by the recommendation of class-sectioning on the basis of "ability" which has received so much attention from the University faculty during this year. In February the faculty approved the giving of a general intelligence test to the entering freshmen, following the model suggested by Dr. C. E. Seashore of the University of Iowa.

The Emerald is, in general, in favor of the general intelligence test, if one could be devised which would prove in the least indicative of the student's general capacity, and if it would be used, as has been suggested, in cases of doubtful performance, to give the able student another chance.

In the first place, the measure is a frank case of benevolent paternalism. It is intended "for the good of the student." So far, however, we may appreciate the motive. But there is a grave doubt as to whether separating the sheep from the goats is advantageous.

And then, granting that the judging has been made on the basis of "ability"—will not the herding of the goats together make them goats more than ever? And will not the sheep form an "intellectual aristocracy"?

After the classes are sectioned, the benevolent paternalism takes the added turn of over-supervision. Under the present system the student in the University cannot take exactly what he wants, regardless, and expect to get a diploma.

Elasticity thereupon vanishes. If the object be to simply prevent a certain amount of flunks, to "salvage" here and there, it is true that it might in some cases be done.

There is another factor to be considered: competition, the stimulation of different types of mind in contact, would to a great extent be eliminated. Why create a condition so unnatural—so unlike life? Baby may not know what is best for him to eat—but a university baby is in a fair state never to know what is best for him if he does not know now.

The sectioning would be a mental shackle which could easily become intolerable. The student in the university is presumably here for a purpose—he knows what he wants.

Campus Bulletin

Notices 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.

Women's League Executive Council—Important meeting tonight at 7:15, woman's room, Woman's building. Old and new officers must attend.

Men's Hygiene Examinations—Men absent from section meetings this week call today at office of department for men for questions.

Pi Lambda Theta tea to be given at Mrs. Stetson's on University street, Thursday, May 28, at 3:30 p. m.

Le Foyer Francais—Meeting tonight, Y. W. Bungalow. All students who have had at least one year French invited.

Men's and Women's Glee Club—Meet at 5 p. m. today in music auditorium. Very important.

Mortar Board—All old members meet today, 11:00, Journalism building.

JANE THACHER PLANS RECITAL FOR STUDENTS

Piano students of Jane Thacher, head of the piano department in the school of music, will hold their last class meeting of the year in her home, Wednesday afternoon, June 3, at 4:30 o'clock.

COMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 28: 11:00 a. m.—Assembly, Bishop Sumner, "Border Lines," Woman's building. 5:15 p. m.—Battalion parade, R. O. T. C. field. 8:15 p. m.—Senior recital, Ruth Akers, Music auditorium. Friday, May 29: 6:20 p. m.—Emerald staff banquet, Woman's building.

HALE TO GIVE SUTHERLIN COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

W. G. Hale, dean of the law school, will leave today for Sutherlin, Oregon, where he will deliver a commencement address to the students of the Sutherlin high school tonight.

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