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NO thing is ever by divine power produced from nothing—Lucratus.

If Democracy, Why Not Genuine

WHILE no references were made to "an invidious movement on the campus" it is possible to interpret the plea for "the old idea of democratic education," made by the president of the student body to the Eugene chamber of commerce, yesterday, and reported in the Guard, as virtually an attack on the program for educational readjustment suggested by an independent student committee. This was probably not in the speaker's mind, but his own words as quoted in last evening's newspaper will doubtless give comfort to the opponents of intellectuality in the college.

"An educational aristocracy," the news report credits Mr. Biggs with saying, "leads to aristocracy in all its phases." Ergo, if democratic institutions are to be maintained, we must keep education on a democratic basis.

We should like to know the meaning of "aristocracy in all its phases." Assuming that it means snobishness (for that is the collegiate interpretation) we question the accuracy of an assertion that such a spirit, regardless of its qualities, is fostered by intellectual aristocracy, and the implication that "the well-rounded student" is always socially democratic.

But this is all beside the point, except insofar as it tends toward a picture of the student who seeks learning for its own sake as some form of freak who has about as much value to a university as has the so-called student who comes to have a good time.

Mr. Biggs is quoted as having divided students into three classes: First, the intellectual student who comes to develop his intellectual faculties to the exclusion of all else; secondly the "average student" who comes to get as much as he can (well put) and who becomes a well-rounded American by virtue of participation in extra-curricular activities and athletics as well as in matters scholastic; and thirdly, there is the person with no serious purpose who is a hindrance to the university.

Quoting from the news text:

The aims of a university as outlined by the speaker are to develop leadership and character, and to do this an institution divides its work into academic or curriculum and extra-curriculum activities. In the first is the classroom work; in the second are the athletics and committee work to aid in developing the physical,

the course of their four-year contact with our enlightened pedagogical system!

Then, Mr. Editor, picture their disillusionment, their downright consternation and indignation when, in the course of their college career of important house business, bull fests, and blind dates, they manage to find a few precious moments for study at the University library—only to discover the place closed tighter than a meeting of the board of regents. The reason for this course, the authorities doggedly assert, is that students must attend the assemblies. Regardless of whether the program is of universal interest or not, regardless of the possibility that an emergency might arise wherein a student would have to use the library at that hour in order to prepare an assignment, the administration hauls blindly at the reins and refuses to consider a change of course. To say that the bit is galling to the majority of the

mental, and character virtues of a student.

Before going further, we would ask how many students become well-developed according to this formula. How many participate actively in athletics and how many are on committees and what not? All the athletics the majority of students participate in are those mild forms of gymnastics that even "intellectuals" take. And how many have the opportunity to be benefited by so-called leadership-developing committees?

Mr. Biggs may not be working on the assumption that the primary concern of a university is not intellectual, and that those who come to college for education as a worthy end in itself are maladjusted persons who do not belong; but this is the attitude of most persons who say the things attributed to him. Coming to think of it though, isn't it barely possible that we have in our teachers an intellectual aristocracy? And isn't it possible that an aristocrat of brain may live as good a life and be as beneficial to the world as an aristocracy of brawn—aye, and even develop character?

Apostles of middle-class American democracy certainly would not deny these persons the right to prepare for life as they wish to live it.

We are in entire accord with Mr. Biggs' reported stand in opposition to any increases in student fees. Already heavily taxed, the students are contributing far more, financially, to their education than is the state. To add to this heavy burden would be to force out of the university persons altogether deserving.

Administration! Please Take Notice

WE can think of better reasons why the library should not be closed during the assembly hour than are put forth by a correspondent who pleads in behalf of those "registrants" who find time to think of books only at 11 o'clock on Thursday.

One very good reason why there should be no attempt to force attendance is that very few of our assemblies, unfortunately, are worth the time they consume.

Surely those to whom our correspondent refers as "the administration" do not believe that our assembly programs are suited to all tastes and interests?

The idea of coercion also rubs a bit, but fortunately students are not yet herded into one flock and shooed to the assembly hall, and there remain many other places where one may spend an hour.

The unwelcome design has failed miserably, we are happy to report again. This has been evident to the students for some time, and may perhaps have come even to the notice of the administration.

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THIS IS NATIONAL LAUGH WEEK.

The idea is spreading tremendously. Yesterday someone asked me if I was planning to run for editor of the Emerald next spring.

Also, it is only too fitting that the Independent Student Investigation committee should choose this same month to make their report.

BUGHOUSE FABLE
"Money means nothing to me," said Jack Benefiel as he looked around over the small crowd at the game.

What a prize
Is Simon Breeze;
Swam the channel
With axel grease.

FAMOUS HOODS

Mother
Woman
.....Winked
Maiden
Red Riding
Mount

It would be like climbing on the band wagon now to exclaim over the humorous writing of Corey Ford. Nevertheless he has one of the cleverest articles I have read for some time in the late issue of Vanity Fair. It is entitled "Ice Skating For Ladies," and is one of the most enjoyable ways of putting in twenty minutes that I can think of.

No Gretchen, that part in the Oregon Pledge song that goes like this: "Now uncovered, swears thy every son," does not refer to the habit fraternity brothers have of pulling the covers off one another.



Pleas are made to tickle fools like me,
But only God can tickle a flea.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

Here comes a torpedo!

Gems from literature—"Words are the most powerful drugs used by mankind." Some people use them as chloroform.

And he who gives many co-eds a treat,
Is signing a lease on poverty street;
And he who gives his professor some praise,
Builds little palaces for higher grades.

CAMPUS STROLLING

The girl with the coat that looks like an old spotted cow. She is always conscious of it on her back, too. Florence Wilbur still has a holly wreath in her window. Is it a case of sentiment or just plain forgetfulness, Florence? A sophomore with rubbers on. Cakes, and cakes, and cakes in the window of the College Side to talk the co-eds out of their dieting. They go by once and glance longingly, but pass on. The next time they begin to weaken, and after that—Oh what's a pound more or less? Two girls sitting on the senior bench. I think there are warmer seats for a day like this. Professor Howe going home to dinner. I wonder if he whistles his s's.

BRING BACK THE GOOD OLD DAYS OF HAT PINS AND BUG-GY WHIPS.

CO-ED COUNCIL

Dear Auntie—
How can I smoke cigarettes without getting the fingers on my right

students and fails utterly in its avowed purpose of enforcing attendance at assemblies is but stating a truism.

How the old Pioneer must laugh as he strides across the campus and notes what little influence mind has over the matter, gray or otherwise, in the heads of the administrators of the University. How must townspeople feel, those who help support this institution, when they make the trip to the campus to use the library, only to be faced by locked doors and the statement that the library is closed in order to force students to attend the assembly, and that they, the townspeople, must also come some other time.

How delightful it is, Mr. Editor, for the verdant members of the plastic age, freshmen at the University of Oregon, to learn in the shadows of its ivy covered walls that education is an enforced and mechanical process of intellectual spoon feeding whereby anyone possessing the time and money may share in the benefits of the dominion of mind over matter.

William Schulze.

hand all stained with nicotine?
Iva Camel.

Dear Iva—
Try using your left hand.
Auntie.

ABOUT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR IF THE COOK'S CAN-OPENER WOULD BUST WE WOULD ALL STARVE TO DEATH.

President Addresses Alumni at Portland On University Plans

President Arnold Bennett Hall, speaking before the alumni association of Portland last night said it was his dream and hope that the University of Oregon may so contribute to the material development of its resources and the spiritual growth of its people, that its service will repay many fold the sacrifices entailed in its generous support.

"It is through the leadership of the graduates and through their patriotic and efficient service rendered to the people of the state that the University must justify itself," he continued. "I hope that the alumni will share with me this ideal and that we may move resistlessly forward giving generously of what we have and are to the up-building of a better commonwealth."

He discussed further the program of the University and the relation of the alumni to its activity. The dinner given by the alumni in President Hall's honor was followed by bridge and dancing. The alumni were given an opportunity to meet President and Mrs. Hall, after the address.

Critique

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criticisms of the work and much encouragement to the students.

A work shop was the idea of the room containing the work of the students of Victoria Avakian. Looms were draped with hand woven scarves and other pieces of work, several tables were covered with material used in batique work and dainty little silk hankies, and walls were covered with dress designs made by the class in dress designing. Large, glaring signs covered the walls and door which warned the public that they were not to talk to the employees, others warning the employees to keep to their work and not to watch the time.

Exceptional Work Exhibited
In those rooms devoted to the work of Nowland B. Zane's decorative design classes, Mrs. V. H. McGinty's book and poster classes, and Maude I. Kern's classes in normal art, exceptional work was exhibited. So good was most of the work that those judges who criticized the work praised it and remarked about the unusual ability of the students, many of whom are freshmen.

At noon each department entertained its visitors at the Anchorage. The exception was the informal luncheon given by the sculpture group in the sculpture studio in honor of Judge Carey, attended by advanced students in sculpture, Judge Carey, and Mr. and Mrs. Avard Fairbanks.

At the banquet last night interesting talks were given by Judge Carey, Mr. Purcell and Dr. Rudolf H. Ernst. Several musical numbers, a feature by Miss Lillian Stupp's class in dancing, added to the pleasure of the evening. In addition several little features were given by the students of the department.



McDONALD: Second day: "The Whole Town's Talking," a screaming farce comedy adaptation of the John Emerson-Anita Loos' hilarious stage success, with Edward Horton, Virginia Lee Corbin, Otis Harlan, Dolores del Rio and an all-comedian cast, in a rollicking comedy filled to overflowing with laughs and surprises that rocked New York till its sides ached and hailed by the critics as "even funnier than 'Poker Faces';" also: the second of "The Collegians," those delightful comedies of college life; Sharkey Moore and the Merry-Macks in "A Spanish Omelet," featuring "In a Little Spanish Town," tonight at 7:25 and 9:40; Frank Alexander's musical comedy; Webfoot Weekly of state events.

REX: First day: "The Flame of the Yukon," a brand new, 1927 version of the greatest of all dramas of the Canadian North, where primitive passion reigned under the glow of the northern lights, and brawn and grit meant fortune for those who dared—the cast is an all favorite; comedy and International with musical accompaniment by John Clifton Emmel at the organ. Coming—"The Lady of the Har- em," with Greta Nissen, William Collier, Jr., and Ernest Torrence.

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Day Dinner—Interested faculty members and graduate students are invited. Anchorage 6:15, Jan. 22. Telephone 2263R for information.

Girl's basketball. New schedule: Freshman, Tuesday, 4:05-5:15; Thursday, 4:40-5:50; Sophomore, Monday, 4:40-5:50; Wednesday, 4:40-5:50; Junior-senior, Tuesday, 5:15-5:50; Friday, 4:40-5:50; forwards, only, all classes, Thursday, 4:05-4:40.

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