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Education a Variable

BERTRAND RUSSELL, "cat-sup-faced, white-haired" radical pacifist, says: "The American educational system is not designed to make people know the truth. It is tainted with propaganda and with the money of Big Business. . . . The obvious purpose . . . is to turn out job lots of men and women with brains as standardized as so many gum vending machines."

Granted that education today turns out graduates with 50 ounces of assorted, standardized knowledge. Granted it forces individual differences into the mold of forced similarity.

To assert that the American college student holds such an attitude, wholly to the exclusion of all facts, it is a mistake. Outside of the realm of certain accepted learning, the American college man or woman holds all possible attitudes on any variety of subjects he or she cares to be concerned with.

Let it be said to the detriment of the American educational system, these attitudes are in the majority weak and subject to abrupt alteration. Confronted as they are with a wide variety of ideas in each field, the radical and conservative viewpoint both presented for the student's intellectual approval or disapproval, he goes from one extreme to another. He has no original ideas. He is afflicted by the thought, "I am immature, incompetent to judge." In the classroom he is ranked according to his ability to stand up and relate what someone else has said about such and such a subject.

It is inevitable that the student should feel this way until he has acquired a maturity (should it be "rigidity?") of ideas which will fortify him to stand up and let the world hear of his opinion. Education presents a confusing array of conflicting ideas and theories which force the student to be a pliant weigher of dogmatism—he is the jury and must decide for himself which he will champion. He seldom has any original ideas of his own; he takes up and supports one or the other of the theories he had presented to him in his educational work—whichever seems most noteworthy to him.

Neglecting a Duty

FOOTPRINTS in the snow sometimes tell a story. And this happened to be the footprints of several people who forgot or else have never realized the sacredness of the seal at the entrance to Villard hall. The observance of this little tribute to the seal of our Alma Mater perhaps may always go unheeded as far as you and I are concerned, and then again it might not. The moment of passing around or over the seal as the case may be is not of long enough duration to warrant stopping and looking around to see who may be impressed one way or the other.

But whether noticed or unnoticed there should be a little feeling of pride, an inward satisfaction in guiding one's steps so they will not fall on an emblem of the University. It is a chance to uphold the honor spirit of Oregon. A man does not enter a building without first removing his hat. He does it whether there are others near by or whether the place is entirely without occupants.

Oregon has not abolished all traditions. Those which are a joy and appeal to the pride of its students have been retained and this is one of them. The seal was not so carefully put there by a proud graduating class merely to be trodden under feet, whether covered with snow or otherwise.—R. N.

The Band Divorces Sports

THAT the band is not an auxiliary of sports is shown best by the band itself. Instead of dying a cold, cold death up in the barracks and waiting for periodic basketball games and spasmodic military parades the organization is planning its own way—and marching proudly along it.

Sunday, when the band gives its concert in the music building, there will be no long punts or snappy floorwork, no card stunts or yell-king's bawled commands; in fact, nothing at all to take attention away from the music itself.

And the music will be worth-while if practice and spirit mean anything. The new system of credits and upper-class musicians is still proving beneficial. —R.T.

Now they have driverless automobiles which will start, stop, and back up at the word of command spoken by someone entirely away from it. That's nearly human. Let's hope they do not make them with obstinate ideas of their own.

Washington recently gave students quizzes on their professors to find out just what weaknesses and failings these pedagogs had. Now that the results have been practically compiled schools of the nation are inquiring about them. Washington announced that they would be kept at home where they would do the most good—which is exactly where they belong.

Oregon with more than 3,000 students flunked 51 students out of school fall term. Washington "rolled" 298 from 7,258 in the A. S. U. W. The "mortality" up north was considerably higher in proportion to enrollment, but then it must be remembered everything is higher in cities.

DO YOU REMEMBER when everyone wore sweatshirts to class, all decorated up with collegiate pictures and philosophy? And art students made money drawing them?

Portland churches will not celebrate prohibition anniversary with bell-ringing because few churches have bells. Why go half-way? How much prohibition is there?

Well, anyway, the temperature rose when it began to snow yesterday and we were able to take off two blankets, those bed socks, a sweater and two overcoats.

"Hunt for Chewing Gum Reveals Ancient Ruins"—headline. The explorers must have run their hands under the tables of some well-known eating house.

Charles Chaplin is quoted by his press agent as being interested in hypnotism. Next time you go to see him, you do so at your own risk.

Conversation is a lost art, the cry goes around. And usually those who do the complaining aren't such good talkers themselves.

Oklahoma wants an accurate copy of the Oregon student body constitution. That's nothing, so do we.

Listening in on lectures

Hoover is more of an engineer than an economist since he believes in advancement of canals.—Dean James H. Gilbert.

If the pyramids were natural, we would be thrilled by their regular outline; but because they are made by human beings, we stand in awe of the prodigious amount of work expended.—Gustav Muller.

A baby deserves as much credit the first time it turns over as a student does for making the honor roll.—E. S. Conklin.

One feels inferior to a mountain unless there are other mountains to meditate that feeling.—Gustav Muller.

the Ambler

Yesterday I saw: CLARENCE CRAW and ED MORGAN totin' crutches under their right arms . . . CARSON MATHEWS slithering on skis behind a car . . . VIRGINIA TOMKINS grinning when a snowball bounced off her back . . . the SIGMA CHI pledges wearing numbers like jailbirds . . . ROY SHANEMAN giving his green lid to SCOTT WELLS so that Scott could go to class . . . DON GUILD looking woozy after the first night of initiation . . . Oregon studies getting to class on time, since the snow did not permit delay.

The Collegiate Pulse

DATING VS. FINANCES

This fall when sonny boy came to college he promised his parents he would "cut" the dating and would study, in preparation for his life vocation, and when dad financed his son's education he expected the boy to expand his knowledge and create within himself the desire to be a success.

And at college, son began his study, pledged a fraternity and only too soon, was commanded by his fraternity elders to date and only "at the best sororities." His interest in his scholastic standing has waned with his ever-growing anxiety to become a social success and be present at the majority of Greek financial functions. His joys now become affected by the will of the co-ed, a survey of his pocketbook, and the credit that can be extended to him by the corner drug store or clothing store.

Unlike students at the University of Missouri, the "Cornhusker cake" rents an automobile, if he is not fortunate enough to be dating with a friend who maintains an automobile of his own. Of course, his lady friend could not be expected to walk, even if the party is only four blocks away! Transportation costs, the inevitable supply of food after the dance, whether desired or not desired, brings the price of dating to an exorbitant figure considering the value of three hours' fun.

The precedent has been set, men who desire to date popular co-eds must accede to the demands of Nebraska society, not merely because of the fair sex but because of those collegiate, immaculate men who adopt college as a medium for becoming socially prominent and spending dad's money. Why must scholarship and family finance suffer from this easily remedied atrocity? It's high time a few spirited Nebraska men set the precedent to tread toward the goal of economy and common sense.—Daily Nebraskan.

It's Good-bye, Yes Good-bye



Nancy Thielsen, as Mrs. Cheyney, charming adventuress, says farewell to Karl Kilpelt, who as the Mysterious Charles, gentleman, butler, and burglar, has been her partner in higher crime. A scene taken from the All-Campus play, "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney," which will be shown tomorrow night at the Heilig theater.

You'll never get anything done . . .

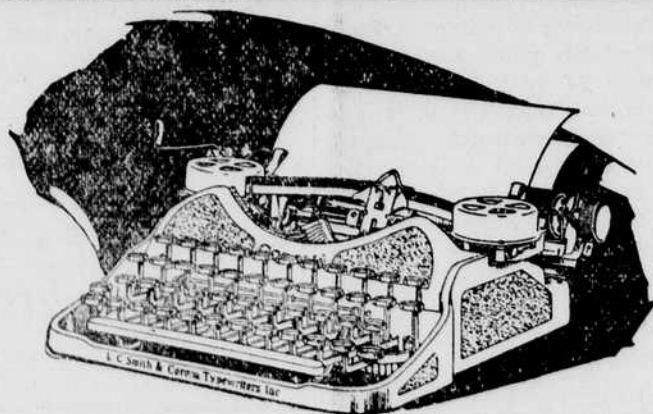
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Thinking

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CAMPUS BULLETIN

German club meets tonight at 7:45 at Y. W. C. A. All who are interested are invited.

First 5 o'clock vespers of the term will be held at the Y. W. bungalow this afternoon.

All Y. W. C. A. chorus members please be at the bungalow at 4 p. m. today for practice, and also for vespers, which will be at 5.

Kwama will meet at Gerlinger building at 8 o'clock tonight. Important.

Women's frosh debate squad will have its Oregon picture taken at 12:45 today in front of the side entrance to Friendly hall. Every member please be there.

Men's frosh debate squad will have its Oregon picture taken at 12:45 tomorrow in front of the side entrance to Friendly hall.

Asklepiads will meet today at 4 p. m. in room 105, Deady hall.

Play Group of Philomatele will meet today at 7 o'clock at 1205 University street.

Teminids will meet at Crafts-men's club immediately following the basketball game tonight. Important.

Kwama, sophomore women's honorary on the campus, will entertain frosh women at a tea to

be given at Alumni hall of Gerlinger building Thursday afternoon, January 16.

Pi Sigma will hold their first meeting of the winter term tomorrow night at 7:30 at the Y. W. hut. The meeting is open to all students interested.

Fraternities or sororities housing delegates during the High School conference will be reimbursed \$1 per delegate by turning back tickets to Eleanor Flanagan at Kappa Alpha Theta.

PLEDGING ANNOUNCEMENT
Sigma Nu announces the pledging of Gifford Sobey of Paso Robles, California, and Raymond R. Reis of Sprague, Washington.

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Alpha Gamma Delta announces the pledging of Marion Clarke of Portland, and Elinor Loneragan of Seaside.

PLEDGING ANNOUNCEMENT
Sigma Kappa announces the pledging of Katherine Van Antwerp of Portland.

FRATERNITIES RULE AGAINST HELL WEEK

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tion, some fraternities now make their freshmen devote this time to a thorough and detailed housecleaning, which involves no hardship beyond some real work. Other fraternities put their freshmen through intensive study courses designed to acquaint them with the fraternity and with the university. A few still compel their initiates to make long trips out in the country, but impose no other physical hardships.

"Hell week" is no longer a

problem of any importance on the campus here, Dean Biggs concludes, and he believes that in the near future it will be abolished entirely.

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