

Russell Discusses Aid, Accreditation Problem

Although need of a federal scholarship program is definitely established, many problems arise in carrying out the plan John Dale Russell of the United States Office of Education said yesterday.

Mr. Russell spoke to the morning session of the Conference of Education in the Library browsing room on "A National Scholarship Program." Mr. Russell is director of the Department of Higher Education of the United States Office of Education.

PRESENTS QUESTIONS

In a series of questions designed for later panel discussion, Mr. Russell asked:

"Do we have enough evidence of the need for a system of federal grants for student aid?"

"The administrative answer is 'yes'—from the President on down. They have examined the evidence and have said that the program is definitely needed."

Another question regarded a possible oversupply of college graduates flooding the employment market.

"However, my memory goes back to a time when we were worried about secondary education," he said. "We wondered what we were going to do with all the high school graduates."

BETTER PERSONNEL

He added that the program might not result in a larger number of graduates but would mean higher quality personnel because only outstanding students would receive the grants.

According to a 1947 report of the President's Commission on Higher Education, Dr. Russell declared, 20 per cent of the non-veterans would be affected by the plan. Thus, some 400,000 students would receive grants.

Assuming that academic talent is proportionately divided between students of the higher and lower income brackets, Mr. Russell asserted that the program could possibly be installed without a test of financial means.

He said that if a blanket policy covering all scholastically high-standing students were adopted, 80 per cent of those affected would come from the lower income brackets (below \$3,000).

"So probably not more than 20 per cent of the aid would go to those who are capable of financing themselves," he added.

In his afternoon address before the second annual conference on Higher Education, John Dale Russell, director of the Division of Higher Education of the United States Office of Education, discussed "Problems of Accreditation and College and University Level."

Accreditation of schools arose as a result of a popular demand for the best value in educational institutions, Mr. Russell pointed out. A means of evaluation of higher education was needed.

The rise of accrediting institutions resulted in part from inter-institutional relations and stimulation to improve which was given to the schools.

PROVES VALUE

"For this latter reason alone, the accrediting system has justified its existence," Mr. Russell declared.

The accrediting movement is relatively new in the United States, since it has existed for only about 50 years. In 1890 the Methodist church led the field in accreditation by recognizing institutions as qualifying colleges, Mr. Russell noted.

Associations of accreditation, notably the North Central and Southern, were established. For the decade beginning in 1910 there was an intensive movement to strengthen colleges, he said. The North Central Association released the first list of accredited schools in 1912.

GROUPS ACCREDIT

Among the types of accrediting associations which now exist, Mr. Russell mentioned those of professional practitioners, schools, joint councils, regional and state.

"Practically every large University acts as an accrediting agency also," Mr. Russell stated, "as for example in the honoring of other schools' credits."

Various criticisms are leveled at accreditation methods, according to Mr. Russell. Some believe that they impose a cramping uniformity on institutions; standards are called too mechanical and unfair when applied to inspectors, who are after all only human.

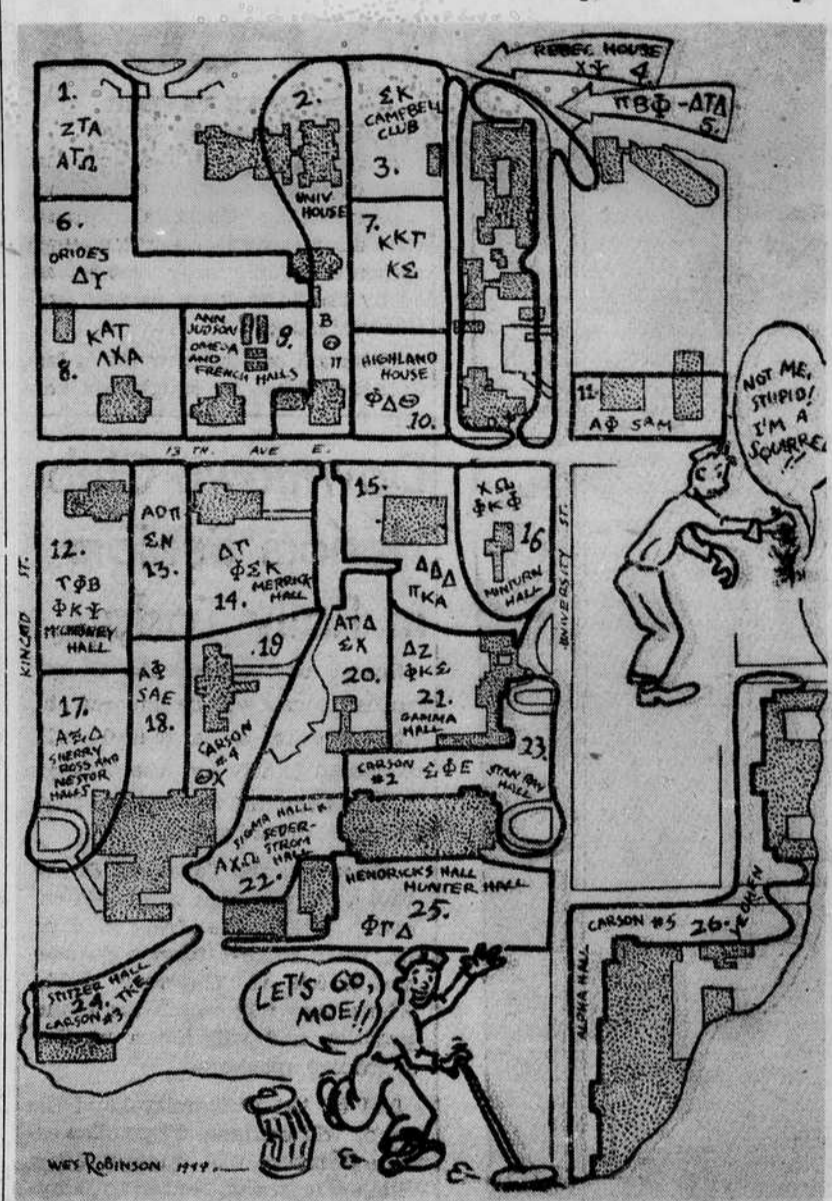
A panel discussion followed his talk. President Harry K. Newburn presented the welcome and summary for the conference.

Fifty-two persons were registered for the one-day conference, held in the Library browsing room. Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, was present, as well as representatives from the state system and 16 out of 19 state higher educational institutions.

Club Slates Luncheon

Plymouth Club will hold its regular luncheon at noon today at the Congregational Church, 13th and Ferry streets.

Compus Clean-Up Map



PAIRINGS AND SECTIONS of the campus each group is to clean is shown in the above map by Wes Robinson. Frosh from each living organization will meet at the appropriate place today at 3:30 to clean the campus for Homecoming Weekend.

Newburn Address Today

President Harry K. Newburn will address the Portland unit of Oregon Mothers at 11 a.m. today. Speaking in the Neighbors of Woodcraft Hall, he will report on University topics.

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