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What Are We Here For?

At this mid-year point at Oregon, it is interesting to stop for a minute, and ask, "What are we here for?" Certainly most of us have no complete and definite conception of what we are here for, even though we may feel we are pretty sure.

Many will disagree, saying simply that we're here for an education (a possible answer). But what's an education?

It's not memorizing the first act of Macbeth, the formula for determining marginal profit, the circumference of the Neanderthal man's skull, the dynasties in the history of China, and the number of members of the English parliament. If it is, then none of us are going to be educated within a few months after our graduation.

It's not absorbing various ideas and trends of history, although that's a start.

It's not taking in what others have to offer, in bull sessions, but that has its contribution to education.

We're not here just for a four-year play, although the lighter side of college also helps to provide an education, in a broad sense of the word.

Well, what is education?

It's not an easy word to define, and there are probably almost as many definitions of it as there are persons wishing to define it. But education, to us, means that a person has seen enough, done enough, and absorbed enough that he has some idea of what he is doing, why he is doing it, and what is generally going on in the world.

Everybody gets an education. Going to college doesn't give it to you; it only helps make one's education a little fuller, a little more complete. And, for all practical purposes, it may not even do that for some.

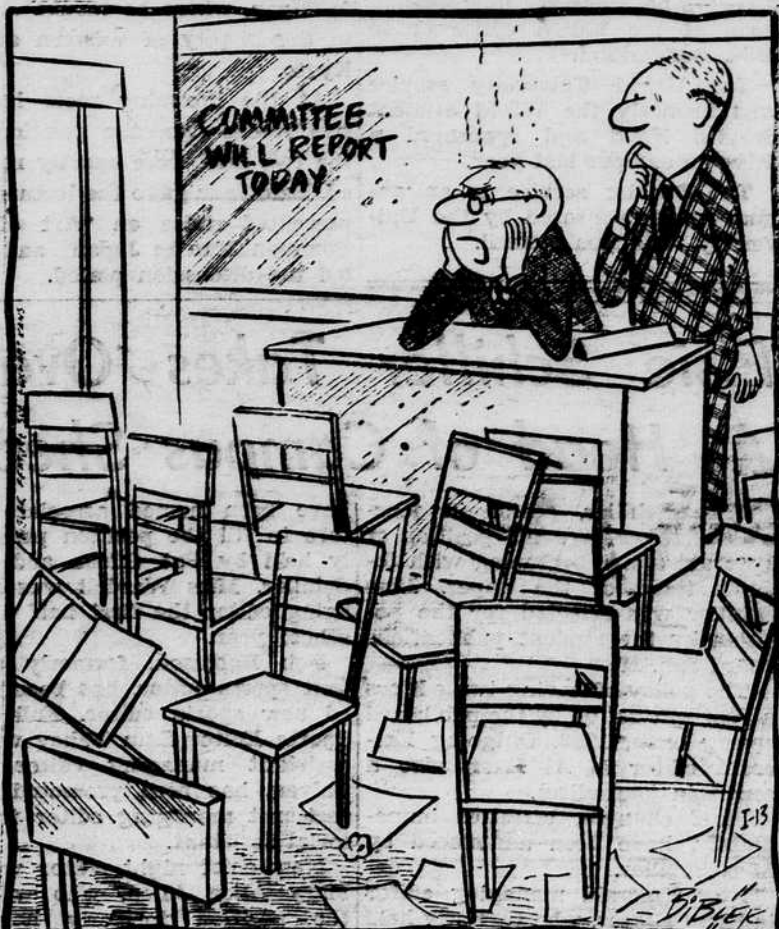
But it can help a person to know something more about what he is doing. Because, although "The great end of life is not knowledge but action," as Thomas Henry Huxley observed, the end isn't action for the sake of action. The educated man acts with a reasoned purpose—he has some idea of what he is doing and why.

There is no such thing as the perfectly educated man. If there were, he would be a deity, and we haven't seen any deities walking around campus. But a person can do his best to become more educated, a process that doesn't end until death.

That doesn't mean getting his head crammed more and more full (which means more and more empty) of facts. As William Cowper wrote, "Knowledge is proud that he has learn'd so much; / Wisdom is humble that he knows no more."

So whether or not we can know for sure what we are really here for, it is possible to benefit from the fact that we are here. The chance for more "education" is worthwhile enough to snap up. In the flowery words of William Ellery Channing, "The hills are reared, the seas are scooped in vain/ If learning's altar vanish from the plain."

The Folger's Generation



"This is the last time I assign committee reports—The one today just dismissed class to have coffee."

CAMPUS BRIEFS

● The Student Union dance-recorded music publicity committee will meet today at 4 p. m. in SU 336, according to Stewart Johnson, chairman.

● Dr. Robin Overstreet, pediatrician, will speak on "Developments in Poliomyelitis" tonight at 7:30 in the Student Union. Dr. Overstreet is being sponsored by the International Council for Exceptional Children.

● Students may apply now for positions on the Emerald advertising staff, according to Valera Viera, advertising manager. Applications may be obtained at the Emerald advertising office in the quonset next to Deady hall.

● Deadline for submitting news for the Campus Merry-go-Round has been set at 5 p. m. Wednesday, Emerald Living Organizations Editor Mary Egan has announced. Living organizations are asked to bring typewritten copies of news for the column to the Emerald shack. News of pinning, engagements and newly-elected house officers may be included in the releases, she said.

● Members of Kwama, sophomore women's service honorary, will meet in the Student Union at 6:30 this evening, Janet Gustafson, president, has announced.

● Leo Harris, director of athletics, commended students Monday for the fine spirit, yelling and sportsmanship at the Oregon-University of Washington games last weekend. He also praised the rally board for its work.

Campus Calendar

11:45 Traffic Ct	110 SU
Noon Theater Exec	112 SU
Deseret Cl	113 SU
Soc Staff	114 SU
Art Gal	313 SU
1:00 Sr Cl Asbly	138 CW
6:00 Traffic Ct Din	110 SU
6:30 Kwama	113 SU
6:45 Yng Repubs	114 SU
7:00 IVCF	334 SU
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Verissimo Stresses Pan-American Unity

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are deteriorating. His people, he said have the old resentment that poor people have toward rich people. The Communists have made many people believe that the United States is trying to keep Brazilian industry from developing, while it exploits the country.

An out of balance monetary exchange which make American goods in Brazil extremely expensive (ex. a low-priced American car costs up to \$15,000) has added bitterness, he said. Verissimo criticized his government, explaining that many American loans never reach the people due to political influence.

Prejudices Hinder Relations

Americans who go to Brazil with a superior attitude, and Brazilians who come to the United States "with a pocket-full of ready made conclusions looking for situations to fit their conclusions" do not help mutual understanding, the speaker cautioned.

Verissimo jibed at money-conscious Americans and their expressions — "Time is money, like a million dollars," and "crime

doesn't pay." "We consider money vile," he said "but don't get me wrong, we like it too."

Americans don't understand our political instability and revolutions he said, explaining that Brazil will never have political stability until it obtains economic stability.

The speaker chided Americans for their tendency to glamorize life. "You call gardeners, tree surgeons; men who kill rats, exterminating engineers; and those who take care of the dead, morticians."

When asked for the Brazilian reaction to Senator McCarthy, Verissimo replied: "Very bad, very unfavorable, we consider him un-American."

Population Still Moving to West

(P)—People still seem to be following Horace Greeley's advice to "Go west, young man."

Greeley gave this advice during the last century—but the people are still coming west, according to a new study by the census bureau.

The pattern of population shifting west during the past three years is much the same as that between 1940 and 1950, the bureau reported. The southern states, the Northeast and the Dakotas are still losing population.

Nevada, said the bureau, shows the biggest percentage gain in the past three years, growing from 160,000 to 199,999. Its percentage gain in population was more than 24 per cent.

Second in gain was Arizona, with more than a 20 per cent increase.

California's percentage, according to the census takers, was over 14 per cent; Oregon, slightly over 7 per cent, and Washington, almost 6 per cent.

Oregon's population as of last July was listed as 1,630,000, while Washington's was 2,520,000.

OSC Invites UO To Post-game Event

Oregon students are invited to attend the Oregon State college AWS carnival Friday night following the Oregon-Oregon State basketball game in Corvallis, according to Jeannette Elle, Oregon State AWS publicity chairman.

The carnival, following the theme "Mother Goose Midway," is scheduled to begin at 9:30 p. m. Friday in the Oregon State armory.

Booths built by various Oregon State women's living organizations will represent such story book characters as "Humpty-Dumpty," "Jack Be Nimble" and "Old Mother Hubbard." Games and prizes will be offered at the booths.

General admission to the event will be 30 cents and tickets may be purchased at the door, Miss Elle said.

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