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Who Should Go?

(Editor's Note: The following is a reprint in part from the New York Times article by Benjamin Fine. It concerns the recent conference of the American Council of Education which debated the issues of limited or unlimited college enrollments.)

The question of who should go to college is no longer academic. It is beginning to trouble a great many top-level educators and school men.

This is no ordinary crisis, the educators agreed. It simply will not be made to disappear by shrugging shoulders and doing nothing. The delegates were warned that something must be done, and done at once. But what?

Two avenues are open. First, the colleges can limit their enrollments, to keep the number of entering students at its present level. And second, the colleges can plan for the future, increase their facilities, and prepare to accept the tremendous number of men and women.

Here we have a paradox: The colleges are deeply concerned with overcrowded conditions on their campuses on the one hand. And on the other, they are seeking means to get more students to enter. But the paradox is readily explained.

The college officials want to seek out the brilliant, the gifted, the talented students.

They do not say that "everyone" should go to college, but rather, everyone who has talent, who is gifted, who possibly can make a contribution to society because of his education.

The many questions raised here this week by the country's top-ranking school men will not be answered over night. It will take long, hard thinking on the part of educators and informed laymen alike to reach the final conclusions. But it was apparent, through the discussions here, that the educators did feel that the American system of higher education in this country was found in both quality and quantity.

It is possible, the educators agreed, for a democratic system of education to have large numbers on the one hand, and high standards on the other. That won't be any easy task to accomplish. But it will be in keeping with the American way of life.

The unlimited opportunities open to all American boys and girls, from elementary schools through college and university, have made this country the great land that it is. On this score, few will take issue.

Footnotes

We like one history professor's comment about the current Ivy League controversy: "I don't know—there seems to me to be a lot of ivy around here."

Amateur Psychologist



"WATCH YOUR TALK — THAT'S ONE PSYC MAJOR WHO STOPS TO ANALYZE ANYTHING YOU SAY."

WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARS

Prowling Witch, Cat Tobe Deprived of Booty

By Bud Hinkson

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The old witch and her cat will be on the prowl next Monday, but they won't see the many Eugene children who will be finding refuge in the fraternities and sororities at Oregon.

The Halloween party, being held this year for the city's fourth and fifth graders, is not a new idea. The witch was first deprived of her usual booty in 1951, and then she ended up short again a year later.

But because of various reasons the campus has been unable to put on its Halloween mask for the last couple of years.

Congratulations should go to IFC for reviving the idea and to Panhellenic and heads of houses for helping stage it.

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I'm sure that those who helped to plan the event realize full well the many benefits which it could bring.

To begin with the night should be a lot of fun for ourselves. But aside from the kick that we get out of putting on the party, there are other more concrete results.

This kind of activity really means a lot to kids. They look forward to Halloween parties like they do Christmas, or the Fourth of July. To them it's a chance to enjoy a brand new freedom together.

The parties also mean wholesome fun as against careless, unchanneled action.

The Eugene police estimate that vandalism will be cut considerably and their overall job will be made easier.

Finally, we should consider public relations. The University is always interested in maintaining a good name, whether it's for advertising purposes or just to help us get what we want.

Although we should not enter into this for the sake of possible gain, there is perhaps no better way to promote good will than by helping the children of the community.

So regardless of the reason that we go into this, when that old witch flies back next week let's be sure the Oregon Duck is way out ahead.

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

It does little credit to either Mr. Robinson or Mr. Koeppen to criticize any student because he or she cannot or prefers not to gather together \$3000 or more yearly to attend an endowed Eastern university.

Mr. Koeppen's intemperate attack on the enlarged base of higher education and resultant constantly increasing number of students leaves the impression that there are those among us not worthy of, or qualified for, study at the college level. I feel further comment is superfluous on this difference of opinion except to say that probably there are those in greater number at state universities who throw away or misuse this chance.

Regarding culture and refinement—in the last analysis they are an individual matter and it seems idle to attempt to count noses and foredoomed to failure to try to discover criteria any two census takers could agree on. With also a background at an Eastern school and at Stanford, I sincerely feel the University of Oregon and the Eugene civic programs, and student directed intellectual and cultural activities are outstanding and many in number in spite of the relative isolation of the student body from a large center of population. In just these past five days, Mr. Totenberg, Mr. Keeney, Miss Dobbs, the Don Cossacks, Mr. Campbell's talk on the GAW, Mr. Garcia-Giron's talk on Spanish culture, the University Radio Forum, the movie on Paganini, the browsing room lecture, the panel discussion on the Algerian problem, "Romeo and Juliet" and "Hobson's Choice" at local theatres, all of which were free or at a nominal charge to students, suggest Mr. Koeppen remove the mote from his own eye. Furthermore I saw no publications at Princeton's Firestone library that our excellent library does not have or any improvement on our open stack system.

I wonder what Mr. Koeppen's guess would be as to the per-

centage of Princeton men, who upon arriving in New York for the weekend, head directly for Carnegie hall or the Met, as against those desperately trying to get a date in the lobby and bar of the Hotel Lexington.

In conclusion Mr. Koeppen, gold is where you find it, either in dad's checking account or on your own hard won claim.

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Emerald Editor:

A summary of the AGS proposal on 2 o'clock closing hours was printed in Wednesday's Emerald. The proposal was the result of a compromise on the 2 o'clock closing hours advocated last spring for every Saturday night. The compromise plan is as follows:

1. Closing hours for the Homecoming dance and the Junior prom to be extended to 2 a.m.

2. Additional late closing hours to be available to women, according to their academic standing: freshmen, 1; sophomores, 2; juniors, 3, and seniors, 4 per term. These additional late hours could be taken any Saturday or Friday night, provided the woman has signed out for them ahead of time, and that the weekend is not closed.

3. Closing hours on Wednesday evenings to be 11 p.m. for sophomores and upperclassmen.

Reasons listed for the extended closing hours include the difficulty in making it back from a show without leaving early, special events, and trips to Corvallis or Portland for dances, concerts and other events. Students could stay for the whole event if they had the extended closing hours.

The reasons for the Wednesday closing hours include the need for relaxation at mid-week, the desire to go to a show after a dessert, and the difficulty of doing either with closing hours at 10:30 p.m.

It is the desire of AGS to formulate a plan which will suit the largest possible num-

ber of people. The present compromise proposal was drafted with all the objections the committee had heard of in mind. They were:

1. The woman who is closing the house would have to stay up until 2 a.m.

We feel that this is not a valid objection, because it is well known that almost always there are a number of women up long after 2.

2. We do not need late closing hours because our usual places of amusement are not far away.

This objection is answered by a consideration of what constitutes our usual places of amusement. We feel that Corvallis and Portland come within this category. Also, it is often impossible to go down town for a bite to eat and get back to the campus by 1 a.m.

3. A woman does not like to say that she wants to go home at 1 when the house closes at 2. It is felt that a claim of sleepiness will be misinterpreted as an indication of boredom.

This objection is answered in the provision of our proposal for a limited number of late hours and the necessity for signing out for them in advance.

4. With closing hours at 1 for some, and at 2 for others, men would be in the house while some of the women were getting ready for bed.

The proposal is not for an extension of the open hours for women's houses. The plan would operate similarly to the way houses handle 11 o'clock closing hours for seniors spring term.

If anyone has any suggestions or other objections, please phone a member of the committee and let us know so that all may be taken into account in the final draft.

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