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HOW MUCH or HOW LITTLE FOR YOUR COLLEGE COURSE?

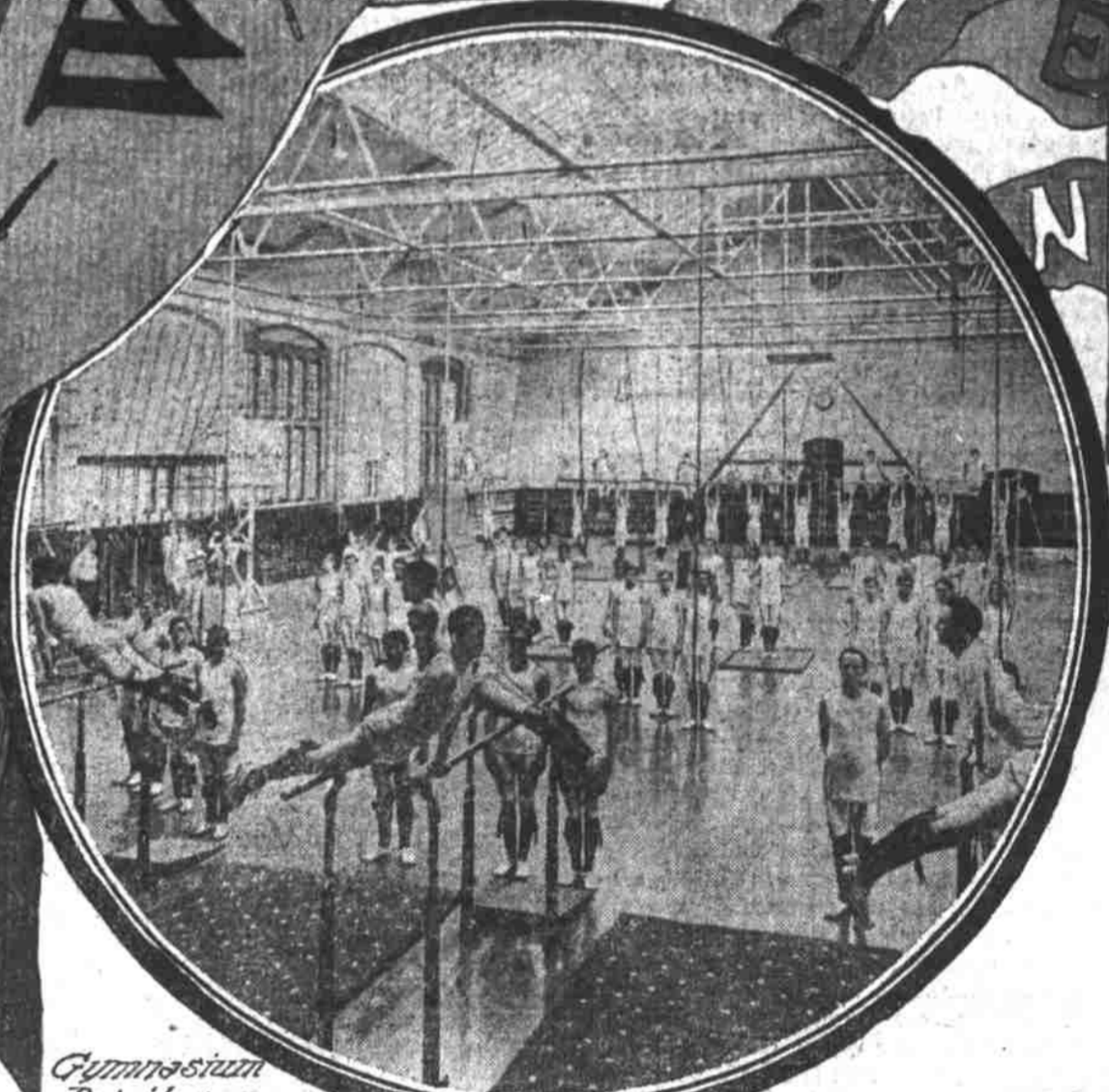
The Cost of Higher Education as It Ranges Today

FOR study or pleasure? To master a profession or to have a good time?

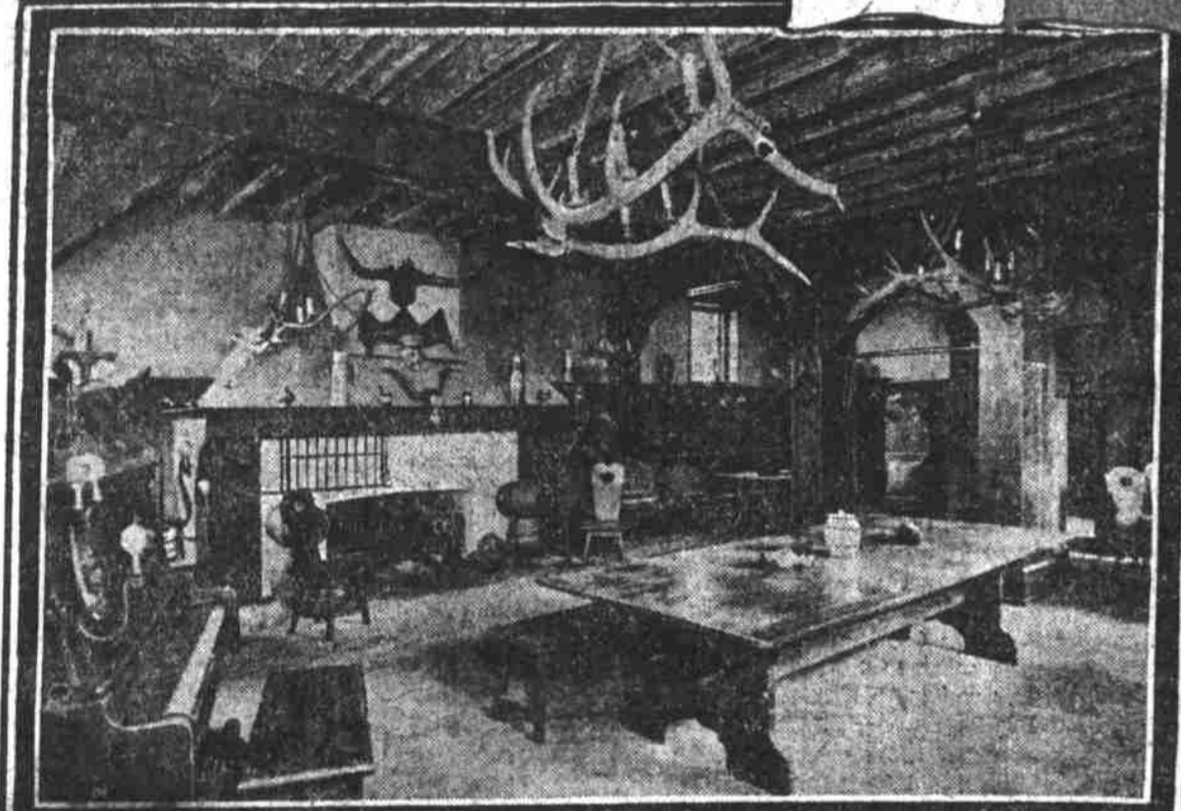
What is the purpose of the young men, numbered by the thousands, who have started their college life this fall? Have they begun a career of hard work or of good times? Of hard work, undoubtedly, the majority have; of good times a small minority. Whether college life is to be of work or pleasure, a factor of paramount importance is its cost.

For how little money, and for how much, can a young man go through a term at a college or university? How can the poor student, with little except ambition, make his way? How can he earn his living? By what means of economy can he make both ends meet?

This is the question with hundreds—and, college professors say, they are the hundreds who make out the best. With the others, whose success may be gauged by their extravagance, how much money



Gymnasium Privileges, University of Pennsylvania, at \$10 a Year.



Meeting Room of a College Club that Supports Itself by Giving Entertainments.



A Room in Princeton's Ivy Club.



Private Suite in a Yale Dormitory.

costly curios, expensive books, etc., he may have to occupy a hall bedroom at \$1 or \$1.25 a week.

Instead of dining at swell hotels or clubs on \$5 dinners, he may get along on \$3 a week, earning his board at that. Instead of belonging to a swell "frat," he may be compelled to get all the social recreation possible from a college club, with gymnasium privileges, at \$10 a year.

But this student, declare college men, is the one who usually makes good. Professor C. L. Kitchel, who has charge of the Bureau of Self-Help at Yale, says:

"Students from frugal homes and of scanty means are a most desirable element in the university community. Unspoiled by luxury and earnest in purpose, they give character and tons to the whole place.

"In spite of the great handicaps to which they are subject in having to expend so much time and strength on extraneous work, they get what they come for. They carry off far more than their share of scholastic honors.

"In a recent class fifteen out of the nineteen highest appointments at graduation fell to men who had received tuition scholarships; in another class, eighteen out of thirty-three. In

because of the number of self-supporting students.

How cheaply, then, can a young man get through a college course?

One case is typical. A young man went through one of the biggest of New England colleges. During the first year he received from his parents \$136.52, paying \$319.76 for expenses; the second year, from parents, \$127.75; expenses, \$320.63; third year, from parents, \$67.75; expenses, \$340.50; fourth year, nothing from parents; expenses, \$380. And besides earning the difference between the amount received from his parents and his expenses, he had \$100 to his credit at the end of the course. During the summer he repaid his parents by work on their farm.

When he was secretary of Harvard, the late Frank Bolles, telling of how students earned their way, spoke of a student who came to college \$116 in debt. During his first year he earned \$346 and expended \$381.31; the second year, earned \$345.58 and expended \$361.54; third year, earned \$689.53 and expended \$395.14, and fourth year, earned \$1021.31, spending \$462.80.

He was a diligent, ambitious, energetic young man. And diligence, energy and ambition will carry any man through college. He performed whatever tasks were offered, one of his specialties being to secure brains from sheep's skulls for Professor William James, to be used in experiments. He also engaged in publishing books and college pamphlets.

MANY LIVE ON \$400

His expenses ranged from \$380 to \$460 a term. Many students get through on \$400. To live comfortably about \$600 is required each year. With an income of \$1200 a young "chappie" can sport some and with \$3000 live quite luxuriously.

Do many young men earn their way, and how?

Illuminating information has been given by Professor Kitchel, of the Self-Help Department of Yale. Of the entire number of students, an average of 200 earn their entire expenses, while 200 more are partially dependent upon their efforts. The Department of Self-Help awards tuition scholarships to needy and worthy young men, and a student of the first rank who depends upon himself may get a scholarship equivalent to \$155, the entire annual charge for tuition.

A less needy and less brilliant student may get one amounting to \$115, while those still less dependent receive scholarships equal to \$75. This bureau aims to find work for men and find men for work. From the bureau, cards, circulars, postals and letters are sent out, and it is generally understood that from this institution can be obtained men of the highest character and ability for almost any kind of work requiring two to three hours a day.

Clerical work must be done in many departments of the college; this is given to students. Many wait on the tables, and an average number of 150 earn their meals by this service. One student may conduct a small laundry business. Many, indeed, go out and earn money on their own initiative, without the assistance of the college. (CONTINUED ON INSIDE PAGE.)

can actually be spent?

What sort of apartments can be secured? What luxuries? What kind of suppers? What varieties of wines? What make of automobile? What fraternities? These are questions of momentous interest to the sons of Messrs. Multi-Rich, who, college professors say, are among the minority of students and who generally go through with the lowest averages. Are you a poor boy, making your way

through college? You may get through the term for \$200, perhaps less, and you may earn every cent and save money besides. If you have money to squander, and the indulgent father gives unstinted rolls of yellowbacks, you may spend \$20,000 or so quite easily. College expenditures average from \$200 to \$3000 a year. "Every dollar above \$1200," declared Professor Palmer, of Harvard, "is a dollar of danger."

range its standards and its examinations that the college will not be an attractive place for either class. This was a declaration made some time ago by President Arthur T. Hadley, of Yale Uni-

versity. It was at Yale several years ago that a rich man's son was reported to have spent \$25,000 during one college term. At the same university during the same year, there is no doubt, many students were going along on a pittance.

Few things vary so much in cost as college life. Naturally, college life varies in its rounds of pleasure. The student who earns his way through college by waiting on the dining room table cannot attend theater parties or engage in "joy rides" or other extravaganzas.

Instead of a sumptuously furnished suite of rooms, fitted with great leather chairs, ottomans,

every class something like this occurs.

"What is more, the fact that a man is working his own way does not debar him from social recognition and success."

Although college authorities usually advise a young man to count on \$400 for his first year's expenses, it is generally conceded that any energetic young man can earn his expenses as he goes along. Mr. Poor Man's son can cut down his expenses to a minimum. Fees in many state universities are nominal, and in the bigger colleges scholarships are given which more than pay the costs of tuition. Indeed, Harvard and Columbia are often called "poor men's colleges"

"THE idle rich are a curse to a college, just as they are to a community. So are the idle rich. It is a question of efficiency rather than wealth. It is possible for the faculty to so ar-