

Family Council

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Mrs. K. E. — The college of her choice is said to have a fast crowd.

Eileen E. — Because they treat students like adults, my folk are worried.

Mrs. K. E. — To come right out with it, Eileen has been accepted by a progressive women's college which actually offers its students a course in birth control. Now what sort of school can it be if that's the sort of thing it teaches?

We can't put our foot down on this. Eileen's grandfather left her a trust fund to finance her college education and the purse strings are out of our hands for the next four years, anyway. Of course we can try moral suasion but whenever we offer our shocked opinion, Eileen tells us we're reactionary fuddy-duddies longing for the old Victorian days.

I hope you can straighten her out as to what a college is for.

Eileen E. — My parents have pounced upon this one course and labelled the college I'm selecting "fast", because of it. Naturally it's all a matter of a girl's character and moral standards as to what use she makes of this information.

When a girl's away from home, it seems she's in greater danger from not knowing things than from knowing them. Since the college is her home away from home, it is responsible for her welfare as well as for her education. This school happens to take its responsibility seriously.

I'm hurt that my parents think I must be ignorant to be good. They've raised me to be good. Knowledge will help me stay that way.

The Council: Unbelievable and shocking as it sounds, an associate professor of Pediatrics at a leading medical college revealed, in a recent magazine article, that pediatricians have been receiving increasingly frequent visits from ex-patients, now grown into college girls, who plead with them desperately to treat their latest problem — pregnancy — just as willingly as they used to treat earache and sore throat.

Some of the alert colleges wish to be completely fair to the girls under their wing. While despite close supervision and strict rules they can't supply brakes for a girl whose morals are slippery, they can supply facts. Surprisingly, the most sophisticated young women have only vague, usually mistaken, ideas. The college Eileen refers to not only urges its students to go straight, but feels duty-bound to set them straight on questions which can get muddled over by old wives' tales, inside info and double talk.

Mrs. E., leaping to a rather hysterical conclusion, is mistaken in her fears that wantonness may be encouraged by frank discussion. The course she mentions is one in hygiene. It's been conducted at Barnard since 1948 by Dr. Marjory Nelson whose unflinching policy is to answer all questions.

At Vassar, too, several "sex panels" are offered, at which four officials — the college M. D., psychiatrist, assistant president and zoology professor — reply to any question the freshmen and sophomores present. Other colleges are weighing student demands for a more honest, realistic approach to the natural, intimate problems which trouble them.

Certainly license and free love aren't condoned by these schools. And, Eileen's college merely proposes to supply students with truths to replace the half-truths which ensnare them.

Building Permit Value Increases

The value of building permits in Medford issued during March increased over March last year, the University of Oregon's bureau of business research has reported.

Last month, the value totaled \$1,053,961, compared to \$378,758 during the same month last year.

Of the total, the value of permits issued for dwelling units was \$479,300; for new non-residential, \$344,560; and for additions, alterations and repairs, \$229,901.

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