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Sat. Mourning Classes?

Saturday morning classes have been a thorn in the collective foot here at B.C. for a respectable number of years now, and discussion relates to doing away with them has likewise been an item of perennial debate.

In recent months, however, the five day week has finally left the drawing board and seems to have made the launch pad.

There's a lot to be said for this system. A great many other institutions have been using this program for some years with no small degree of success.

But there seems to be in many (not all) minds the idea that college is a work-a-week job and by putting in X amount of hours per week we justify our existence and expenditures.

The idea that we "earn" or "have coming" a pre-determined amount of free time is generally the product of an undeveloped intellect or a shortsighted philosophy of life. But, by the same token, brought up in a materialistic, wage-hour conscious society, (as we all are) it's only normal.

College is a job, the most serious job most of us will ever undertake, and relaxation is a physical and mental necessity. But the "faucet concept" of education doesn't demonstrate a very mature approach to it. "Education is a life long process" and isn't restricted to lecture and study. The ultimate purpose of education is the betterment of mankind.

Lofty words, but how do they apply at the individual level? Too often genuinely great ideas are ignored because they seem too far removed from us as participants in the everyday grind. One of the real purposes of education is to show how great ideas relate to the individual and how they affect or can be made to affect "everyman's" lot in life.

So education is looking up, stepping outside of our own immediate experiences. In striving for objective perspective, and philosophical proportionateness we come to grips with the means to exploit consciously our own potential, and civilization then really does become the "freezing of men from men."

The idea of a five day week is fine, but the larger problem becomes will it contribute to or detract from the total educational experience. If we take away, a vacuum will not remain—"nature abhors a vacuum" — but what will fill it?

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"Dear Sponsor,"

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Dear Sponsors:

Thank you so very much for your nice letter which made me very happy.

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health. I am most pleased to inform you that I pass the difficult entrance examination for senior high school with flying colors. All of my family and relatives congratulated me on my success, and I was very much happy. The entrance ceremony of the school will be held on March 6th, and I will attend the senior high school regularly from the date on.

I am now learning Hapki-do (a sport for self - defense) to harden my body. As you probably know, Korea is famous for Taekwon-do (a Korean art of self - defense). I heard that the world - wide famous movie star, John Cornel, learned Taekwon-do from Mr. Choi, a Korean resident in Japan.

Thank you so very much for your thoughtful cash benefit which arrived through Korea Field Office of Save the Children Federation in Seoul. It will be spent on my education.

Well, I will write to you again. I wish you continued good health and happiness, and may God shower you and your homes with His blessings and love always!

Sincerely yours,
Yung Hwan

Clio Car Rally Upcoming, April

By Mike Fagan

The Cliosopic Society announces a car rally to be held on Sunday afternoon, April 7, and will start promptly at 1:30 P. M. in front of the Administration Building.

This rally is based on the combined ability of the driver and navigator to follow instructions giving set speeds and course directions. An allotted time is set for the course. Points are awarded to each car for their exactness to this time. This is not a speed event and rough driving will result in disqualification.

The rally will end at North Mills River recreation area and there will be a picnic at 6:00 following the rally. It is open to all participants of the rally, students, and faculty. To get to the North Mills recreation area, head towards Asheville on highway 280 until you come to the intersection of highway 280 and 191. Get on highway 191 heading towards Asheville and turn left one and a half miles down the road at the North Mills recreation area sign.

First prize will be a transistor radio from Mims and Lyday; second prize is a gift certificate from Patterson's; and third prize is a record album from Austin's.

The entry fee will be \$2.00 per car and you can pick up an entry form from Dick Hoffman (Taylor Ball, room 312) or Mike Fagan (Beam Hall, room 308).

A Humane Answer

TO THE EDITORS: One of the most forceful criticism of our involvement in Vitenam concerns the draft. These criticisms are voiced by the young men themselves, their families, their friends, and other persons who hold that it is not a good thing. Those in authority appear to feel that it is necessary, otherwise there would be no one to fight and we couldn't have a war at all. It seems obvious that these two views cannot be reconciled. Consequently, I should like to put forth a modest proposal, after the manner of Mr. Ferry's "Black Colonies" (January), for resolving this disagreement.

The solution is apparent. I suggest that we take every third child from its parents at birth to be trained and conditioned to take his or her place in our military life. We would not stand for having every first-born removed — there might be no children after that; he might be the only male heir; it would be unkind. The same thing applies to the second child. However, having given every couple two chances out of three to produce the sort of offspring it wants, it is only fair to require that the third be taken. If this were done immediately after birth, one would be spared the trauma of losing a child one really knows well. If it were standard policy, people would soon become quite unruffled by it. And, after the third child, they would be perfectly free to bear and to retain any subsequent infants.

Certain benefits will, of course, have to be offered to those who decide to stop after two children — human nature being what it is, there are many who would choose this selfish course. One suggestion that comes to mind would be to permit the third to be claimed as an income-tax exemption, even though not living with the parents. This would be an encouragement to all.

There is a certain element of risk for the government in this. Possibly the child taken would be less than perfect. However, some agency could be created to deal with this situation as it arose. There are many useful war - like tasks which can be performed well by those who are mentally deficient. Physical handicaps do not always prevent one from becoming a useful contributor, provided the proper job is found. Those who are too inadequate for any useful purpose, of course, would have to be dealt with in some manner, which the agency created for this purpose could devise.

But enough of the problems. Let us consider the truly magnificent benefits that would come through this simple solu-

tion. We would have a beautifully trained, properly nourished and conditioned force which had never at any time been exposed to any outside influences. There would be no annoying questions about free will and conscience. Early training would produce fine marksmen, splendid technicians, capable soldiers. Discipline problems would not exist. Discipline would have been part of each one's life from the first breath. Officers would be selected carefully; and most happily, there would always be new recruits coming along.

The advantages to the remainder of the population would be tremendous. No more draft. No more protests. Those of dove-like nature would be far removed from any exacerbating reminders of military activities. No more soldiers complaining to their Congressmen. No more anxious mothers writing to the President. In time of war the nation would remain as placid and unquestioning as in time of peace.

It would, of course, take quite a time to produce our first crop of military personnel, and it may be that there are some nervous souls who feel that we do not have the time to spare. However, what is worth doing is worth doing well, and if we have teetered on the brink for this long, who can say that we cannot continue until this plan is completely put into practice?

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of Music, where he earned both the B.S. and M.S. degrees. His advanced piano training under Ernest Hutcheson, Fred Klosterman, Carl Friedberg, and James Friskin, culminated in a Carnegie Recital Hall concert prior to leaving New York City.

Mr. Withers has a distinguished reputation as performer and teacher. He has given many solo recitals, concerto performances with symphonies, and has conducted workshops for piano teachers in many states from coast to coast. His annual three - day summer piano teacher's workshops held at Duke University consistently attract large enrollments. He holds two patents on a piano teaching aid which will be introduced nationally in 1968.

Mr. Withers is Past-Chairman of the Southern Division Piano Section, national Chairman of Senior Piano, and Vice-President of the Southern Division of the Music Teachers National Association. In 1965 he received the MTNA's "Teacher of the Year" award.

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