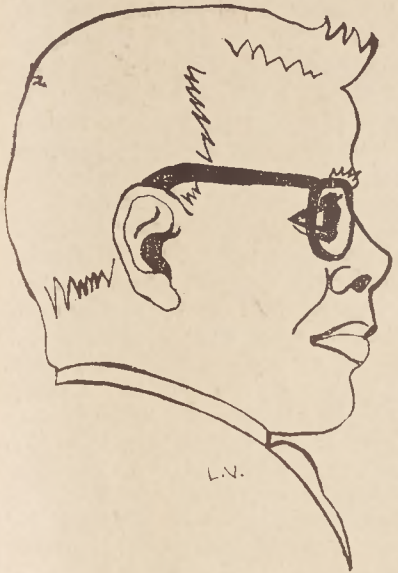


# Todd Lived In Freedom; Then Began Lehigh Career



Todd by Vaught

by Dr. Todd as told to Lee Rosenbloom

We moved to a farm in Maine when I was 13, and the next year five farmers put electrically charged fences around their property.

However, it was at Freedom Academy that I realized that my life was to be dedicated to the field of English. Our school library consisted of a few copies of Horatio Alger, cook books, and four volumes of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. In the years that I attended the Academy, from the material available in the four volumes, I deduced that there were twelve other volumes and what material might be found in these missing volumes. The chart which I used in this research has aided me immeasurably in such courses as Shakespeare, Chaucer, Novel, and American Literature.

It was after I entered Lehigh that I realized my early decision had been the correct one. With the idea of following in my father's footsteps, I intended to major in Chemical Engineering. However, due to various psychological tests which showed that I had one chance in 300 of ever passing a science or mathematics course, I changed my major to English. The influence of these tests was minor of course as compared to my early interest in the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Some years and various escapades later, I began teaching at Lehigh. At that time the grading system at this institution had been revolutionized by an unusual event. A senior after flunking freshman

English for three years, was conditioned after his final exam. He took a re-exam, but upon going back to see his teacher about his grade, found that he had failed. Upon hearing this cheery news, the young man said, "That's too damn much", pulled out a gun and shot his professor. After this shocking affair, it became a policy of the administration to think seriously before giving students an E.

Now came a crisis in my teaching career. I had a student who clearly deserved an E. The administration warned me that they would not be responsible for the consequences. However, true red blooded American that I am, I saw my duty. I gave the boy an E and joined the army.

Some years and five citations later, I returned to my teaching career with renewed courage. It is my intention now to remain at Salem until I have taught all English majors the diagram I used in my research concerning the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

# Of All Things

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Acti shamefacedly read the same page eight times rather than making a disturbance by page turning. Finally she managed to sneak outside, turn the page, and slip back into the library unnoticed.

"The library closes at ten", came the voice of Authority.

(Author's Note: This is a story of universal theme and is gathered from various experiences not necessarily related to this campus.)

# Actress Charms

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