

Why Not Be A Conformist?

(Our) hallowed halls have long been ringing with the cries of nonconformity. Nonconformity of thought, nonconformity of mind—nonconformity of anything.

Being a confirmed conformist this distresses me greatly. If this popular myth gains momentum there is no telling what may happen.

Already many of our larger colleges and universities are filled to the brim with seedy looking, beat generation type nonconformists who dedicate their lives to writing ridiculous poems and philosophy, rebelling against anything accepted, living with extravagant absurdity.

Now I would like to turn my thoughts . . . to the other 99 44/100 per cent of the world. The world of the conformist. He goes through life unhappy. He is unhappy because he is part of a vast group of people who are also unhappy.

They are supposedly unhappy because they are not recognized. They are supposedly unhappy because they mouth the thoughts of others. The fact that they think basically what others think has nothing to do with it. Well, I think basically the same things other people think, I conform, and I am blissfully happy.

Now let us turn our attention to that oft-desecrated American institution, Suburbia. The typical fellow marries the girl next door and moves to Suburbia. The picture is complete—the ranch house, two-car garage, wife in shorts, and (the nonconformity advocate shudders to think of it) a barbecue pit.

What is wrong with the ranch house, two-car garage, wife in shorts and sturdy, well-constructed brick barbecue pit? Yet the advocate of nonconformity believes

this to be a bad influence—it conforms people. Well, if all people conformed in that manner it would be a hell of a happy world.

Yet I suppose I must concede that nonconformity is necessary in this world for a certain degree of change. Yet I wonder if Hegel, Freud and Pasteur were going to our school whether or not they would have a belt in the back.

—Pete Baptiste
THE COLUMNS
Westminster College
Fulton, Missouri

UNICEF Reports On Drive Results

Last week there was a drive to raise money for UNICEF—the UNITED NATIONS CHILDRENS FUND. Boxes were put in each dorm hoping that every girl would sacrifice a few pennies to help the children of the world. For their size Biting, Babcock, and Lehman contributed well. Why didn't other girls find time to drop in a few pennies, hear the announcements, care about the welfare of the world, or go by the sign out sheets? Everyone should have contributed something. See how your dorm compared to others:

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Enter the Science Building, walk up three flights of stairs and you will find yourself in the midst of sewing machines and ranges, refrigerators and formica-topped work areas . . . the Home Economics Department at Salem College.

Headed by Mrs. Margaret Snow, the department offers a variety of courses with majors available in nutrition, home economics education and general home economics. Contrary to general thought, these majors cover more than Water Boiling 101, Skirt Hemming 204 and Dish Washing 306.

The Home Economics Department has two instructors, Mrs. Snow and Mrs. L. E. Stewart. Areas of study include clothing selection and construction for both beginners and advanced students, costume design, tailoring and textiles.

In the study of foods and nutrition, the Home Economics Department offers courses in cookery, selection, preparation and preservation of foods. A chemical study of foods and the fundamental nutri-

tive requirements for human nutrition, under various social and economic conditions is offered in the nutrition course. Institutional marketing and management, quantity cookery and diet therapy are also in the curriculum.

No Home Economics major is complete just with foods and fabrics so the girls in the department also take child development and home nursing. They study the elements of art as applied to interior decoration and find out how to plan and furnish a home. Finally, in the senior year, the majors take problems in home management and apply their over-all knowledge during six weeks of home management house residence.

Not all of the Home Economics majors work is just on campus however. Cars filled with lab groups may be seen any day taking trips to local dairies and meat companies. Home planning groups inspect local furniture stores and visit manufacturing centers such as Tomlinsons in High Point. Interior Designers are consulted in their shops

and china, crystal and silver examined and explained by experts in their stores. The clothing group visit knitting mills and dye works while child development classes actually observe kindergarten children during lab periods.

After seeing the lot of Home Economics majors running back and forth from the Science Building for labs and lectures; signing in and out for field trips, the favorite campus question is, "just where is all of that going to get you?"

A major in dietetics prepares the student for appointment as student dietitian in hospital schools approved by the American Dietetic Association. After a period of internship, the student will be registered dietitian.

Home Economics education prepares the student to teach home economics in secondary schools and a general home economics major provides the basic training necessary for careers as commercial demonstrators, costume designers, interior decorators, home demonstration agents, home makers and research workers.

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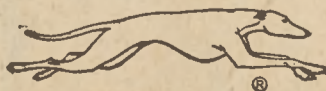
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