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A Wholesome Campaign

During the next four days University students will be treated to another vigorous campaign. Until last year political conditions here necessitated much secrecy about the candidates and the parties. But last year a new system came into being and this year we have improvement on that.

Meetings became open last year for the first time and by opening their meetings the parties showed that despite political reformers and such there was nothing about politics in which the average student could participate. Now we have even more not open politics than last year and this shows a healthy improvement in political conditions here.

All signs indicate a vigorous campaign. Such are good for the campus and stimulate greater activity along all lines. But such a campaign may work harm to the University if false issues are allowed to creep in and influence the voters. We must consider first of all the fact that Tuesday we select the men who will direct the activities of the campus for the coming year and who will represent to the collegiate world the student leaders of the University of North Carolina. That comes first; other issues may be considered later.

The sporting event of greatest world interest at this moment is King Alfonso's effort to keep his crown on.—*Springfield Republican*.

We read that Portsmouth, Ohio, supplies more than half of America's spats. And Reno, Nevada, exploits them.—*Weston Leader*.

With Contemporaries

Lethargic Languidity

Undergraduates, according to the testimony culled from the editorial comments of the *Williams Record*, the *Dartmouth*, the *Yale News*, the *Harvard Crimson*, the *Cornell Daily Sun*, the *Princetonian*, and the *Brown Herald* are growing daily more apathetic about what has been the tradition heritage in student interests, sports, extra-curricular activities and class government. The *Princetonian* maintains that this unloosed energy is being turned into channels of informal sport, explaining the rise in the popularity of tennis, squash, and golf. As far as we can see, at Pennsylvania it is being devoted chiefly to the conversational art and to attendance at the cinema.

Cornell editors complain of a dearth of editorial material for comment, stating parenthetically a maximum with which we heartily concur, that when the editor can scrape an item thin enough to find in it a subject for an editorial, he is distinctly boring. We have serious doubts as to our ability to engage and hold the interests of the student body away from the more mundane interests of college life.

If the student body has been satisfied with itself and its attitude throughout the year, we have not. Our two biggest subjects for comment in the past week have been the radical change in the athletic policy of the University which we have hailed with delight, and the rushing season which seems so upset by the divided organization of the various fraternities. We have received only one letter about the former and that from a sarcastic graduate: while no one in particular seems concerned about the patent violations of the code which applies to some and not to others but is executed by no authority.

To develop public opinion among the undergraduates of the University, as in many others at the present time, is like attempting to goad a dead horse. In the end, your editors may be obliged to resort to sensationalism, which of itself should be shunned as an easy cliché. The question resolves itself to a matter of issues. No matter how we may take it upon ourselves to raise, the undergraduate body will fail to react to them.

We have pointed out before how lifeless various organizations are on the campus. We welcome suggestions as to ways and means that flagging zeal may be stimulated.—*The Pennsylvanian*.

Colgate Falls Flat

The Colgate Plan, which is advocated by Dr. George Cutten, president of the university, is to have athletic as well as extra-curricular achievements count for credits in the earning of a Bachelor of Arts degree. By supporting and encouraging this movement, Dr. Cutten joins the ranks of contemporary educational reformers, the most prominent being Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn whose experimental college at Madison, Wisconsin, is causing vigorous comment in educational circles.

If this unique and revolutionary plan is put into operation, the college intellectual of the future will be judged to a sharper degree by the breadth of his shoulders rather than by the height of his forehead. Dr. Cutten holds that an athlete is more deserving of an A.B. than the average student and points out that the undergraduate passes most of his time in laboratories

or poring over books instead of spending a considerable portion of his time in extra-curricular activities.

In short, Dr. Cutten believes that the academic side of college life is highly overemphasized. At least this point of view has the piquancy that goes with novelty.

While we look back upon extra-curricular activity with fond recollections, our actual participation in it is not exactly pleasant. Hard work. Continuous work. But fortunately our aspiration of the ultimate end outweighs the current unpleasantness of the job. If these jobs were prerequisites of an A.B. degree, they would become irksome, specialized, stereotyped. As more students enrolled in this type of activity, rigid standards of work would be set which would stifle the individual and original efforts on the part of the student to come out on top.

The Colgate Plan, which is in direct opposition to the noble movement at the University of Pennsylvania, not only catalyzes commercialism in athletics but also, and to a more displeasing degree, makes the racket of subsidizing certain brawny men more within the law.—*Daily Dartmouth*.

Democracy and Science, Politics vs. Education

By Glenn Frank

(President of University of Wisconsin and Famous Editor.)

As president of a state university, I have the privilege of being stationed at one of the most interesting listening posts in American democracy.

This is a year of economic stringency.

This is a year when State legislative sessions are under way.

And the reaction of State legislatures to State universities will this year be an acid test of American democracy.

It will be interesting and illuminating to watch what happens when the State legislatures, in a year of economic stringency, deal with the State university budgets.

The universities, in a spirit of sportsmanship, should reassess themselves and ask the taxpayer for nothing that is not essential, taking advantage of a stringent time to make a bonfire of anything that smacks of the obsolete in their programs.

This will be a test alike of their sportsmanship and of their statesmanship.

If they meet this test of sportsmanship and statesmanship, then the field will be cleared for a very real test of the social insight of the legislatures.

I have before me, as I write, clippings from a dozen States in which the early reactions of State legislatures to State universities are recorded, and I find such reactions as the following:

Outcries against salaries that seem to some legislators unjustified.

Outcries against research that seems to some legislators as simply the private luxury of professors who should be spending at least eight hours a day in the class room.


Outcries against education in general because the money spent in other years on universities has not prevented the current economic stringency and ushered in Utopia.

The fact is that nowhere in the nation are the salaries of teachers high enough to attract an adequate number of superior men into the teaching profession.

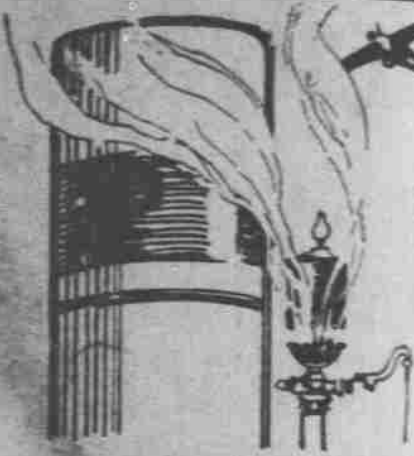
The fact is that hidden away in the research laboratories of one of these State universities may be the man or men who will before long emancipate the race from the scourge of cancer.

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ties are about the most effective forces we have in the warfare against cynicism, materialism, and social indifference.

Nothing will give us a better insight into the capacity of democracy to run the modern world than a careful watching of what State legislatures do with State universities this winter.—*Newark, N. J. Ledger*.

The Argo's Experiment

About four months ago we saw a white-sailed *Argo* coming over the horizon. Because we are but a small port, and because we were already served by a tried old vessel, there were some misgivings at the time. Stimulating as competition may be, it is sometimes equally destructive: and so it is not entirely with regret that we now see the *Argo* veer about and disappear in the blue.

However, our motives for opposing the introduction of another publication were in no sense critical estimates of any particular feature of the new magazine. Nor were we under any false impressions as to the Campus need for a revival of interest in literature in general, and more particularly, in that

produced by the student body. While we looked askance at the new publication on grounds of policy, once it arrived there was no denying the merit of its contents or the singular competence of its editors and contributors.

Theirs was a really praiseworthy contribution to campus life. In their first issue, they renounced prejudice and dogmatism, fads and pseudo-sophistication, and set out to give voice to the spirited enthusiasms of youth. This, however, was obviously no more than *The Nassau Lit*, in its revitalized form, hoped to do. It seemed to us that a division of undergraduate talent could be of no advantage to either group, and only of detriment to both.

Whatever led to the discontinuance of the *Argo*, it was not,

we feel sure, the disinterest of the founders. Accordingly, it is our opinion that the *Lit* is a perfectly suitable vehicle for carrying on the aims and ideals thus far observed in the lately interred review. If such talent as responded to the call of the *Argo* would now interest itself in the *Lit* as a means of furthering the best thought and taste of this rising generation, it would do much to increase the interest of the Campus in its own literary products and to justify the *Argo's* experiment.—*Daily Princetonian*.

A New York minister says that Christianity is the only cure for war, but the trouble is in making the other fellow see that he is the one who should turn the other cheek.—*Miami News*.

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