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Frontiers Open To College Men

The appeal of the unknown led Marco Polo to the distant shores of rich Cathay; the same spirit of adventure brought Lief Ericson and Columbus to American shores...

The generation preceding the present one possessed some young men whose pioneer spirit expressed itself in terms of "evangelizing the world in one generation."

A far more baffling frontier faces the young man of today—that of remodeling a world. The past two generations have given us a mechanism unbelievably potent.

"Shoulder your responsibility" may mean something. Usually it does not. Responsibility is a vague word with high sounding connotations.

If everyone shouldered their responsibilities everything would be "hunky dory." But responsibilities are vague, it seems, and the average college man merely saying that he feels his responsibility is somehow satisfied that he is fulfilling them.

responsibility to make himself a man hardened by the exercise of intellectual effort, a man trained in seeing the deeper currents of life, a man mellowed by the study of the past...

The Decline And Fall

Not content with abolishing student privileges in regard to optional attendance, the University authorities are now gunning for the self-help student.

It is bad enough to allow outsiders to act as guardians of our gates without turning them over to an armed guard that certainly does not need the extra change picked up for an afternoon's work.

In the Wake Forest and Georgia games students were in charge of the gates and we remember no wholesale rushing of the gates such as took place last Saturday when some three hundred persons successfully crashed the gate behind the field house.

If the present practice is continued, we will not be surprised to see some flatfoot dishing out food in Swain or a plainclothesman inspecting the various dormitories, while a private investigator guards the sacred walks of the Arboretum in place of the usual football player.

Pictured Reciprocity

Around the turn of the century, football was a purely amateurish sport, captained, coached, and supported by the students. Often the players had to pay for their own passage on trips to play the teams of other colleges;

But what a change has come over this sport today. A college or a university uses a football team for economic purposes. A good team will attract the alumni and arouse their old school spirit, probably loosening their pocket-books. Moreover the gate receipts taken in throughout the football season serve to support all other branches of athletics, which could not exist if it were not for such financial aid.

This new phase of football is entirely commendable. If people are willing to pay two dollars and a half to see a game the athletic directors are perfectly justified in charging that much.

perous sports—is both legitimate and admirable. Hardly anyone can object to this paternalistic phase of football. But it does seem rather hard on the students of other colleges who want to see a neighboring game; after all, this great industry did originate with the students, and it seems unjust that they should be kept out of any game because they haven't the price of admission.

An unpleasant spectacle was provided at the Carolina-Tennessee game last Saturday, when a hundred or more students from neighboring institutions rushed the gate and a bloody free-for-all ensued. The defendants of the gate offered a noble resistance to the onslaughts of the outsiders, but in the end superior force won and the mob succeeded in entering, though at the expense of many broken bones, smashed noses, and blackened eyes.

At the present time few students have the ready money to pay the admittance charges at football games elsewhere than at their own college. Nevertheless, their desire to see big inter-sectional games is not abated in the slightest. Consequently they contrive as best they can, by hook or crook, to get past the gates. One can hardly condemn them entirely for this attitude.

Situations like this could be avoided if the athletic directors of educational institutions throughout the state would get together and devise a system by which the students of one college could see the games of another at reduced rates, which would be easily within the reach of all. Of course there would be the problem of students selling their passes; but this, in turn, could be remedied by each student having his picture pasted on his pass-book, as is practiced at State college at present.

The Governorship No. 1

As an expression of public opinion to which the politicians of this country must give heed, the Tar Heel's editorial page is not. Even as an organ voicing the sentiment of an important part of the state's population, this page, strange to say, is not. But what will appear to be much stranger is that the editorial columns are not representative of the majority of the campus.

Thus when we say, and we do say that the University would be leathe to see Mr. Maxwell in the governor's chair, and would be delighted to hail Josephus Daniels as governor, we speak but for a small group, aware of the preposterous utterances of Mr. Maxwell regarding higher education, and conscious of the Raleigh editor's undeniable qualifications for public office.

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paper advocating Mr. Daniels for the governorship will be truly an expression of the mass of campus opinion.—F.J.M.

But Utopias Have Their Uses

Some modern Sir Thomas More, bent on writing a new Utopia to set forth his ideal of a perfect world order, might well choose economics as his theme, since the most burning public questions of today have to do with world industry and commerce. The goal of any economic Utopia unquestionably would be a world so ordered that every individual might work according to his talents and be justly rewarded.

Such a portrait is admittedly Utopian. Utopias, however, have their uses. They are not sheerly chimerical. Seldom fully attained, they none the less spur endeavor to ameliorate practical affairs. They throw a searchlight on existing systems, revealing imperfect cogs and holding up better models.

Necessity for finding ways to put the world's 20,000,000 unemployed to work has already brought forth several proposals which a few years ago would have been considered Utopian. The American Federation of Labor, with its plan for a "congress of industry," has offered one. Another is the Swope plan for self-regulation of industry.

While the response of industry to these proposals is encouraging, it gives little basis for expecting their immediate adoption. This is no cause for disturbance. However, it must be remembered that the rate of change has been greatly accelerated.

In all proposals for ameliorating economic conditions, the emphasis is rightly upon the need for more enlightened management of the world's resources. Will Rogers put it pithily the other day when he said that the United States was the first nation ever to "go to the poorhouse in an automobile."

This is the "nub" of the situation. The challenge is for better management all along the line. Individuals, companies, trade associations, governmental bodies and international agencies have recognized this fact and are thinking as never before on the subject.

When the goal of erecting a world order in which industry fulfills its only legitimate end—to produce and distribute commodities needed by humanity—is kept steadfastly in view, progress toward it is certain.—A.W.MacL.

Modern Hazing

Colleges today are patting themselves on the back because of the fact that they are departing from the antiquated custom

of hazing freshmen. The new men are no longer beat with paddles by the upperclassmen, but instead have come to be looked upon as mere fellow students rather than subjects of many foolish pranks.

Because of the fact that there is this departure from the hazing of the new men, the upperclassmen must appease their desire to "lick" someone by instituting numerous foolish and unnecessary methods of initiation into the many different college clubs and orders. Today it is the initiates of these clubs and orders who must undergo the punishment which was formerly administered to the poor freshmen.

Too many of the organizations which pretend to hold some position of importance on the campus have nothing more to offer to their new members but the chance to initiate the next men who are taken in. Still other clubs which really have some worthy purpose in their existence are willing to use useless and old-fashioned initiation procedure.

After all the main purpose of an initiation is not to see how many times a new member can be hit with a paddle before he hollers, but rather to introduce him to the purposes and ideals of the organization. Paddle initiations not only do the students no good, but also introduce methods similar to hazing, which has long passed out of existence at the modern colleges.—C.G.R.

With Contemporaries

Is It So?

Anita Loos, diminutive feminine philosopher, says that vigor and charm are two rare combinations. Now isn't that disconcerting to the modern maiden who practices the prone fall position every morning to keep fit and still wishes to exert excessive energy on the golf course or perhaps in a business office.

Perhaps the American woman in soaring after her achievements is chucking her feminine charm overboard as useless ballast. It may be true that her development from a parasite into a self-reliant human being is scaring the other sex away.

But, charm is not enough to win for the American woman the distinction she desires. Her happiest hunting ground has found new outlets. She races happily after gold and laurel wreaths and is content to let the heart-breaker from abroad conquest the masculine element.—University Daily Kansan.

A Fraternity Cooperative

A movement of recent years which appears to be gaining impetus on the American college campus is that wherein the fraternities on any particular campus pool their purchasing power under one central administration and reap the benefits of cooperative buying. The cooperative movement, which has come to the foreground in business circles only during the last two decades, is still quite young in college communities. It was only last year that attention was directed to

the formation of such a body at the University of Wisconsin; this year the fraternities at several other colleges have followed suit and are making plans to buy the bulk of their supplies cooperatively.

The idea of co-operation, particularly when goods are to be bought or sold, has penetrated the contolling interests of nearly every business and industry in the country today. Why should the last group of people to take advantage of the plan be college students—those who are supposed to be aggressive and ambitious in both thought and action?

The buying power of some forty-five fraternities and sororities on the Purdue campus, each of them spending approximately fifteen thousand dollars annually, would be enormous if it were pooled under one central agency. Although it is obvious that not all this sum could be expended through such an agency, there are a sufficient number and quantity of articles used in common by the different organizations that there would still be an enormous business for a co-operative.

When one considers that each organization does its buying independently of all the others, and that the one who does the buying is generally a student none too well versed in effective methods of overcoming the salesman's "lingo," there is little reason why merchants and salesmen should voluntarily offer exceptional bargains to fraternities. Competition is the only force working on them, and even that is of a limited nature.

If a single well qualified representative of the fraternity co-operative should receive bids from several merchants for some commodity necessary to all fraternities and sororities, there would result a considerable reduction in price and a consequent saving to the groups doing the purchasing. It is a well known principle that the costs of operating a business varies inversely with the volume of business transacted; hence the co-operative movement would work to the advantage of the merchant as well as the student. Such commodities as coal, potatoes, and canned goods, might well be purchased through such a medium on this campus. Herein lies a problem for the Pan-Hellenic Council.—Purdue Exposition.

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