

MATTHEWS SAYS COLLEGIANS LACK SOCIAL INTEREST

Supposedly Educated Graduates Scored as Being Politically Illiterate and Apathetic.

Middletown, Conn., March 30.—(NSFA)—College training in the use of the institutions of the country is often woefully lacking, according to Assistant Professor Ewart Matthews of Wesleyan University, who believes that ninety per cent of the men who graduate from Wesleyan are "politically illiterate." In an interview, Mr. Matthews explained several reasons for his conclusions, and expressed the opinion that more men should consider government service as their life work.

"Anyone who is politically illiterate," he said, "shows a lack of understanding of the fundamental structure of our government, and exhibits a lack of interest and an ignorance in regard to the routine machinery of the nation. That college men as well as the less educated groups should have this same attitude is due to several causes. For some reason or other they take little interest in this matter; they lose contact with outside affairs, so that when they graduate they step into an almost new world, of which they know little. They are not well acquainted with the workings of the government, nor do they wish to become so, for they get the impression that all politics are corrupt and beneath them.

"People everywhere have this attitude, and only a considerable shock will wake them up to the fact that to free ourselves of the curse of corrupt and unintelligent government we must have an honest interest and understanding of affairs as they are, and an honest desire to put good men in office.

"This desirable outlook is all right for the masses, but I think that even greater responsibilities await the college man. He normally holds a higher position in society, and should assume a larger part of the social burdens. Yet it is he who is the least interested in political affairs, because he gets the idea that nothing can be done about the scandals he sees everywhere. He believes it beyond his ability to cope with graft and crime. Engrossed in his own problem of earning money, he feels no obligations to society, and sees for himself no part in our political scheme of things.

"The outstanding need of college life is, then, to develop a greater sensitiveness for political and social life, a sensitiveness which will make men care to give themselves in service. Some one must give himself up, sacrifice his personal liberty and some of his aims, to help mould the political and social life of his generation. A detached and critical attitude may be philosophical, but it is not the thing for the man on the street."

Starvation Aids Rats

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Urbana, Ill., March 30.—Starvation, to a limited extent, brings about an increased learning power in rats, according to the results of an experiment by Floyd L. Ruch, of the department of psychology at the University of Illinois. The rats were subject to a special diet, or lack of diet, for a period of thirty days and then put through a series of tests.

This experiment does not agree with ones which have been performed on human beings, according to Mr. Ruch. A loss of fifteen per cent in body weight impairs the learning of ordinary persons.

World News Bulletins

Expenses Will Be Cut

Assurance that the ways and means committee could count on reductions in federal expenditures of almost a quarter of a billion dollars was given by members of the House appropriations and expenditures committees yesterday.

Sino-Jap Clash Reported

A skirmish between Japanese and Chinese forces took place at Chiawangmiao yesterday, according to a report from Japanese authorities. Japanese and Chinese authorities both claimed that the other nation was holding up proceedings at the peace conference.

Lindbergh Urges Help

Further efforts to bring about the return of the kidnaped Lindbergh baby were planned yesterday by three Norfolk men, who said they had Colonel Lindbergh's personal request that they carry on. The three men, who are supposed to be acting as intermediaries for Colonel Lindbergh, expressed optimism yesterday as to the ultimate success of their negotiations.

Another Student Expedition

While two busloads of eastern students left Kentucky after protesting to Governor Laffoon their ejection from southeastern Kentucky coal mine fields, another group of students from an Arkansas labor college announced plans to visit the mine area.

COLLEGE DEGREE IS LOSING VALUE

Educator Says Graduates Increasing Faster Than Demand for Them.

New York, N. Y. (NSFA)—The economic importance of a college education is going to decrease in the future, for the number of college graduates is increasing faster than the demand for them, Dr. Harvey N. Davis, president of Stevens Institute of Technology, declared here at the eighth annual luncheon of science teachers and research investigators of the metropolitan district.

"It will no longer be worth \$3,400 a year to a man to have had a college education," Dr. Davis asserted. "But this will not mean it will no longer pay to go to college, because more and more young people will do so merely for the increased enjoyment they will get out of life afterward."

Dr. Davis held that "the modern educationalist underestimates the importance of developing skilled technique before encouraging self-expression," while the inculcation of knowledge is over-emphasized, since more than one-half of the graduates go into business. The development of the ability to think and appreciate, he said, is the primary purpose of higher education. Since this is a scientific age, "it may therefore be true that the most liberal kind of an education is given in what is called an engineering school."

The best all-round preparation for obtaining a living, he said, may be the study of mathematics, physics, and chemistry.

Harvard Paper Imitates Daily Tar Heel Policy

The Harvard Crimson seems to be following the policy of THE DAILY TAR HEEL by running a series of 'articles' on their editorial page which review the history and construction of various houses on the Harvard campus.

GATTIS EXPLAINS TAX SITUATION TO LOCAL KIWANIS

Orange County Representative Thinks 1931 Assembly Accomplished Aims.

Characterizing the period from 1919 to 1931 as "the era of rapidly mounting taxes and more rapidly mounting public debt," Sam M. Gattis, Jr., who represented Orange county in the last general assembly, discussed North Carolina's present tax in detail before the Kiwanis club here Tuesday night and concluded that on the whole the 1931 assembly had "accomplished what it set out to do."

Tax Changes

"Our present tax structure was created in the biennium 1919-1921," he said, explaining how the state had revalued its 1.1 billions of property at 3.1 billions, adopted a general income tax and a gasoline tax, revised the inheritance, corporate and license taxes, and abandoned the taxation of tangible property to the local governments.

Since that time, he explained, the demand on the state funds has increased more rapidly than the demand upon the local units, due to the fact that the state has progressively taken over as state obligations the support of services formerly supported by the local units. As a result, he said, property only paid thirty-five per cent of the total cost of government in 1931, as compared with eighty-five per cent in 1921, and yet the 1931 taxes were higher because of the great increase in cost of government and in payments on interest and public debt.

North Carolina came to the point in 1931, he went on, where forty cents out of every tax dollar had to go to creditors, and pay-day had come. The end was inevitable, he thought, and it was better that it came when it did.

Restrict Borrowing Power

He thought that the state did well to restrict the borrowing power of the local governments, and take over the roads and six months school term, but he believed that the assembly made a great mistake in decreeing that the public schools appropriation could not be diminished, this meaning that the appropriations for state institutions would have to absorb the entire shrinkage in state revenue rather than have the loss distributed equally throughout the entire budget.

STRIPED SHIRTS HOT ON CAMPUS

Of the many patterns that are being offered to university men this season, stripes of various widths and spacings stand out most prominently. Though many of these are of the very fine type, typical of English shirtings and closely associated with the tab collar, not a few are of the narrow variety with the spacing as wide as that of the stripe. This pattern is especially popular in corded madras.

After these "neat" effects in shirtings come the spaced stripes, that are set 3/8 to 1 1/8 inches apart. Stripes spaced well apart are either in colors on white backgrounds or in white or colors on a colored ground. In the case of the latter combination, darker tones are gaining. Dark blue, tan, and gray are seen most frequently, while some greens are noticed. The most popular fabrics in these types of patterns with college men are oxford and chambray.

Japan could rightly contend that she is fighting a war to end this year's civil war in China.—Springfield Union

With Contemporaries

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self,' which I understand is slang, seems to be a fair index of your attitude.

"Be yourself' is good Ibsen and is the doctrine of naturalness and individualism which he tried to express in 'Peer Gynt.' In Germany there is a great gulf between formal-mannered people and those who are individualists. Individualism there expresses itself in extremes like nudism. Here it is a pleasant and normal mean between these two extremes."

Dr. Hauptmann's eulogy (for are there any who could fail to be pleased by such utterances?) must of course be taken with more than one of those proverbial grains of salt. He was a guest leaving after what appeared to be an enjoyable stay with a few American intellectuals connected with three American universities, Columbia, Harvard, and Johns Hopkins.

But we think that Dr. Hauptmann, who so remarkably reveals a true sense of realism in his dramas, has successfully gaged the emotional difference between Europeans and Americans. What Americans may lack in erudition or extreme individuality, they certainly compensate for by their informality and friendliness.—Syracuse Daily Orange.

The Art Of War

The militaristic mind has seldom been shown in a more characteristic light than in the recent refusal of the War Department to furnish a publisher with war pictures stored in its archives. The publisher purposed a book composed of photographs of war in its worst barbarity. Pointing out to the Department that there could be no stronger propaganda against war than the book which he had in mind, he requested the loan of a few pictures to be added to the large unofficial store already on hand. But the War Department was adamant. Gold Star mothers had been shown tidy graveyards in Flanders; they must never be made to suffer the awful pang of realization that war was not the glorious sacrifice it had been represented to them. "Such a policy would not be ethical; it would not be decent."

When the War Department is forced to hide behind the skirts of the Gold Star mothers to prevent propaganda against war, they not only play into the hands of a publisher seeking notoriety, but put themselves in a false light as well. Far more convincing would it have been to explain simply that once men had seen these pictures they could only with great difficulty be induced to fight, that in consequence the possibility of war would be shoved ever more into the background, and, incidentally, that tax payers money would flow elsewhere than into the iron coffers of the War Department.—Harvard Crimson.

Co-eds at Millsaps college in Jackson, Miss., have decided that the ideal college man must be:

- A man who shoots a flattering line—without laughing.
- A man who tells funny jokes—only once.
- A man who won't believe just anything—unless you want him to.
- A man who sings love songs in your ear—and can carry a tune.
- A man who keeps you guessing—for a while.
- A man who is totally indifferent towards girls—except you.
- A man who is so forth and so on—ad infinitum.—Vermont Cynic.

University Of Mexico Summer Session Will Commence June 20

Enrollment of foreign students and teachers for the twelfth annual summer session of the National University of Mexico is now in progress, according to an announcement by Julio Jimenez Rueda, director. The courses this year open June 20 and close August 20.

These classes are so designed as to offer foreigners of proper academic standing opportunity to study the Spanish language and the history, art and social conditions of Mexico and further to this the students' time in lectures is so arranged to offer them opportunity to learn at first hand something of the capital city itself. They are privileged to learn of its cultural affairs, as well as to visit points of educational and esthetic interest in the immediate neighborhood.

An especially selected faculty will instruct the courses this summer, outstanding among whom is Professor Alfonso Caso. Professor Caso's recent discoveries at Monte Alban, the archaeological field near Oaxaca City, startled the world. He will teach a course in "Introduction to Mexican Archeology"; the course includes a concise study of the religion, calendar, the art and the political and social organization of the ancient inhabitants of Mexico. Professor Caso is instructor in the chair of philosophy and letters at the National University of Mexico.

The faculty, with few exceptions, will consist of Mexican, although many classes will be conducted in English. Professor John Hubert Cornyn, of Toronto, Canada, one of the foremost authorities on Aztec language and literature, will be in charge of courses in Aztec literature.

Dependent on Hindenburg

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Urbana, Ill., March 29.—President Paul von Hindenburg of Germany is alone responsible for the political stability of that country, according to the opinion of Professor R. H. Stimson of the department of political science at the University of Illinois.

"His influence has been the main factor in keeping the army loyal to the present government. If he should die within the next year or two, Germany would be in a critical condition," he said.

WISCONSIN DEAN WOULD DO AWAY WITH HELL WEEK

Practice Is Dubbed Childish and Out of Place in Centers Of Culture.

In a letter addressed to the various fraternity presidents of the Wisconsin campus, Scott H. Goodnight, dean of men, quoting President Harry W. Chase of Illinois University, contends that "hell week is scarcely a pleasant thing to see continued in fraternities, as centers of culture, practices which penitentiaries and convict gangs are abandoning."

"Hell week," continues Dean Goodnight, "is hostile to every higher interest of fraternal life at the present time. Faculty members grow resentful when their students fail to appear in class, or if they do come are jaded, sleepy, and unprepared. Parents are angered by what they call outrageous abuse of their sons and it raises new enemies against fraternities when we sorely need friends."

In closing his letter, Dean Goodnight directed this question to the presidents: "May I request you to bring this letter to the attention of your chapter, and, if your group is not one of those that has already abandoned the childish practice of hell week won't you please consider taking immediately, at least this one important, almost imperative, step forward towards a higher plane of fraternity life at Wisconsin?"

DUKE PROFESSOR TO SPEAK ABOUT LEGAL AID CLINIC

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the active participation of the senior class of the law school and a staff of practicing attorneys in Durham, have handled 113 cases, the clients being individuals who were unable financially to employ a practicing lawyer.

It is expected that much interest will be manifested by students, faculty, and townspeople in the discussion of the manner in which this new institution combines legal education with the rendering of legal assistance to the underprivileged of the community.

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