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Changes in Curriculum

There is one insurmountable criticism to the administrative changes now under consideration of the faculty.

As we see from the story on the Minnesota plan printed in this issue, the General College of that university is an organization separate from the other colleges. In other words, a student is not compelled to enter this college and pursue the type of course it offers; he may enter any one of the other colleges, provided he can pass their requirements.

But according to the yet nebulous proposals being considered by this faculty for administrative reorganization, a sort of general two-year curriculum is to be set up through which every student that enters this University must pass.

This idea is as fundamentally unsound as the idea of the general college is sound. We realize that its originators have made mention of exemptions, in the case of some students, from the requirement of a uniform two-year curriculum. But on the whole the proposal, as it now stands, will require every student entering the University to take the same general course.

If such a plan is inaugurated, it will result in aggravating the very conditions which it is designed to correct. Only 16 per cent of entering students now graduate at the appointed time. The proposal for reorganization, among other things, is meant to increase this percentage as well as prepare those students who will not graduate to assume an intelligent place in society.

But will it not lower this percentage? A good many of the students who now drop out of school do so because of financial difficulties. But a large part of them, if not the larger part of them, drop out because they are forced into taking required subjects, in which they have no interest, for which they are not adapted, and which they ultimately fail.

The University of Minnesota, on the contrary requires no such uniform curriculum. We hope that possible administrative changes will follow this saner plan.—A.T.D.

Duke Hullabaloo

For a long time we have been hearing statements about the indifference of student bodies. From the campus world and outside world have come criticisms of this allegedly careless attitude of the students. Not only have we had criticisms but we have had almost tearful exhortations for the student to awake from this lethargy of a four-year vacation. Now, in Durham, at Duke University, we have a startling example of an awakening.

Just what the trouble there seems to be is hard to determine. The most logical conclusion seems to be that it is a final culmination of little disagreements accumulated for several years. The student body is in a state of mental dissatisfaction. The original issue which started the whole controversy has become almost a minor point. The controversy now covers all the ground from loss of student morale to dissatisfaction with the rates and fare of the student dining room. This spread of grievances does not show a scatter-brained, quarrelsome attitude

on the part of the students of Duke University; rather it shows what an amount of grievances have been piling up with no means of being expressed.

Co-operation between the administration, faculty, and the students is the keystone to hold a great university together. If the proper means of expressing little dissatisfactions had been available there would not be now this large agitation. The students must have a say in the running of a school. The school and the students are interdependent.

It will be interesting to watch the final issue of this show of student interest in their welfare. It is quite likely that this trouble will be smoothed over with nothing much accomplished. We will see a little diplomatic suppression, and then pseudo-quietness and acquiescence on the part of the students. Then again will come those stern exhortations for students to exert themselves and awake to the needs of their surroundings. Perhaps this will be the outcome and perhaps it will not. This will depend more on the administration than on the students. If the administration really wants to correct this trouble this will not be the end, but if the administration would prefer to drive a blind horse than not to drive at all this will be the end of the whole business.—J.M.V.H.

Compliments And Criticisms

Those who take gym and like to follow it immediately with a shower will join in a vote of thanks to Secretary Chandler or the Buildings department or whoever is responsible for the new shower sprays that have been installed in Bynum gymnasium.

There is still plenty of room for improvement. We still need a new building. But while the present gym is not by any means satisfactory, it could be made more so than it is now by the students themselves who use it. Spitting on the floor and strewing papers around the shower room are, to put it mildly, undesirable. Somewhere out of the dim, dim past, when war was being waged against tuberculosis and other contagious diseases, we learned that spitting was unsanitary.

It seems especially anomalous for those upper-classmen who take the work voluntarily in the interest of their own bodies to violate at the same time one of the most fundamental health rules. It seems especially dangerous in a congested community, such as a college campus. And it should be pointed out that it works to the advantage of those who spit as well as those who don't.—D.B.

Deserving Of Merit

The Carolina Playmakers have for a long time been one of the extra-curricular activities least representative of the student body, but in spite of this, the Playmakers have attained a nationwide reputation, which culminated yesterday in the donation of a \$7,500 fund from the Rockefeller Foundation in recognition of their excellent work in American drama.

The Playmakers, since their founding, have made notable advances in the field of American drama. The reception of this grant should prove of great value in the furthering of this work by permitting the Playmakers to replace worn-out equipment, recondition the theatre, and to increase the quality of their performances by not having to curtail expenses as much as they have formerly had to do.

For sometime this group has been forced to labor under adverse conditions because of lack of funds, and in spite of this handicap, they have still been able to progress greatly in the field of drama depicting typically American folk-life in the mountains and in other places usually left untouched by the majority of playwrights. In the field of folk drama of American life the Playmakers stand practically alone, but regardless of this they have done much toward contributing to the realization that real American drama does not lie alone in the treatment of Negro life and social atmosphere, but that the study of the illiterate and uncultured "poor white folks" offers a vast field to dramatists.

They have been long recognized nationally for their advances in this type of play, and this grant by the Rockefeller Foundation should at least show to the scoffers on the campus who think that the Playmakers are not worthwhile that the University has gained much of its outside fame through them.—F.P.G.

The University of North Dakota finds an interesting way to help students who have more ambition than wealth. Half a dozen old railway cabooses have been turned into a dormitory unit; and some thirty students are comfortably, if unconventionally, housed at a weekly rental of four hours' work each on the campus. One may imagine that the good-nature humor of the campus calls them "the young conductors."—Christian Science Monitor (NSFA).

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STRAWS IN THE WIND

By Virgil Lee

Future Needs

It seems to this writer that one of the most important ideas back of the faculty plan for the reorganization of the curriculum is that of making the student a responsible, socially alert individual.

The tendency is only too prevalent to allow courses to become restricted and encompassed within the scope of the immediate interests of the class-room. There is little or no broadening out into practical applications. Courses in economics should present typical problems of the economic order and get the student to think about them intelligently. History and government departments should attempt to interest the student in applying his knowledge to problems of government and the body politic which are of immediate significance.

It is foolish to maintain that the institution of Democracy can ever become perfected. However by training the rising generations to an interest in their own social and economic welfare a selective process of weeding out inefficient, antiquated political and cultural traits and customs may be accomplished. A broadly educated and socially conscious individual will, at least, be able to better estimate the true worth of a political statement, an economic program, or a social taboo.

Accent Grave

It may be of interest to the student of ethics to recount an occurrence of some months back involving a city of eastern North Carolina. It seems that there was a certain advertising sign-board on one of the principal streets of the place which—in preparation for a coming show—displayed a young lady in scanty attire smiling in a provocative fashion at all who looked in her direction. The picture could hardly be called immoral, since hundreds of pictures in newsstand magazines were of a much bolder nature. However the board of aldermen saw fit to meet and place a ban on such forms of advertising. But that was only the beginning. The advertiser, suspecting that something of the sort would be done, ordered that a large sheet of white paper be placed over the entire body of the young lady with the exception of the head. With the humor of the situation apparent to everyone, we may well imagine that the show was extremely well attended upon its arrival in town.

kaleidoscopia

by b c proctor

FRANCE REALLY MAKES news as daladier is forced to resign after two votes of confidence by the chamber (stop) stavisky's pawnshop scandal caused lack of confidence in daladier (stop) rioting broke forth as a result of public indignation of scandal but was led by royalist who want duc d' guise to become king of france (stop) leftist fearing fascistic or royalist coup called a general strike while communist joined them in the rioting against the royalist (stop) the wide streets of paris which were designed to thwart barricading proved ineffective against modern mob (stop) rioting and strike ceased as doumergue took the helm to form a coalition cabinet (stop)

AUSTRIA WITHOUT ITS GOD-mother la belle france lending a

hand proceeded to give puppet dollfuss more trouble than he could manage even under martial law (stop) prince starhemberg led the heimwehr to the capture of tyrol government (stop) this frightened french communist into rioting against royalist for they feared the same move in france (stop) dollfuss referred the problem to the league which is the next thing to giving up (stop)

NAUGHTY LITTLE ADOLF refused to take a back seat he squirmed into the press by expurgating the psalms of all those lengthy hebe names (stop) this was overshadowed by france so he countered with getting italy's approval to rearm (stop) finding this inadequate to gain the headlines over france he stated that he and poland would probably be able to get together over the polish corridor (stop) no doubt (stop)

STRAYS FROM EUROPE included a definite majority of the cortes backing the present spanish government in spite of student rioting (stop) italy now largest corporation in world (stop) pays five per cent to capital (stop) what per cent goes to wages has never been announced (stop)

ON THE PEACE BATTLE-front we find that japan sent a large dispatch of infantry very near the border of siberia to quell bandits (stop) ussr suggested that someone keep their 'snout' out of 'russia's potatoe patch' (stop) lord Cecil and ten thousand ask that arms be taken out of the realm of private manufacture (stop) what the hell's the point in having a war then unless it is for other profits (stop) our own senate found that on several contracts more than ninety per cent profit was made (stop) do you recall the last geneva conference protested the war cry raised by munition-makers' subsidized press (stop) at that rate advertisement really pays (stop)

CUBA RESTS UNEASY UNDER the new american approved mendeita who visited the american fleet as rioting broke forth after another strike was called last week (stop) the least we could do is to get our war tur-

ties out of havana (stop) **AMERICAN WORKERS ARE** to be further subjugated as a farm-factory plan is contemplated in which the farms supplement inadequate wages (stop) the last of new york slums are to go as 25,000,000 is allotted to building livable tenements (stop) the first socialistic move of the new administration was on feb 7 when tupelo mississippi got power from muscle shoals at 50 per cent former price (stop) the senate is paging former postmaster brown for some rather wild-eyed expenditures (stop) whoever heard of that from a republican (stop)

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Man's Individuality

YES, it covers the most important phases of one's entire life. Let us deal primarily with the first expression of individuality. In the strictest sense of the word, one's personal appearance distinguishes either individuality or the lack of same. The first impression created is invariably the deepest rooted, and the most difficult to change. Now, apply these facts to the point of first acquaintance.

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