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DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA

In the Collegian of last week, there appeared an article entitled Liberal Artist or Engineer. It seems that the writer of that article feels that the schooling in the engineering curriculum is insufficient and restricted only to engineering subjects. It is obvious that many people have this same impression of engineering, and they should be enlightened on this subject of Liberal arts v Engineering.

If one was to look into the engineering curriculum, he would find that the course is actually two courses rolled into one. The engineer of today specializes in engineering the same as a Liberal Arts student majors in such things as art, or journalism. However, along with his engineering subjects, an engineering student is required to take courses in Liberal Arts including such things as speech, history or political science. This is done, we are told, so as to broaden the education of an engineer instead of restricting him to engineering alone.

To quote from the article of last week, "He is a jack of all trades and a master of none " may apply to the student of Arts and Letters, but to the engineer, we can say that he is a jack of all trades and at least a master of one.

Colleges of today have awakened to this so called "specialization" which leaves the student with only half an education, and have conquered this problem by introducing a generous quantity of Liberal Arts courses into all the other curriculums. It's true that such people as the engineers do not get into such courses as sociology as deep as the Arts and Letters students, but we cannot say that a world of engineers could not survive in our present world for this reason.

Let's face the facts and spread the information, while Liberal Arts gives one a general education with no specific training, the others, such as engineering, are teaching the student a trade as well as preparing him to take his place in society.

PARNASSUS NEWS

The Parnassus Society had its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 20 in Miss Garbrick's office. The organization has completed a revision of the activity point system. It is hoped that this revision will enable more students to become eligible for membership, without lowering the standards of the organization. The Parnassus chart for the foyer is also finished and will soon be returned to its usual place.

The Parnassus spring initiation will be held on Friday evening, May 20, in the main lounge. Faculty club sponsors are asked to have the lists of active members in their organizations completed by next Tuesday, April 26, so that points can be tabulated in time for the initiation.

The elections for the Parnassus awards will be held on Monday, May 16.

ATTENTION:

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY PICKED UP YOUR EIGHT WEEK GRADES FROM YOUR ADVISOR, PLEASE DO SO IMMEDIATELY.