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WHAT OF JUDGEMENT?

The success of the recent Military Ball is a credit to the application of the committee to the task with which it was entrusted. The entire evening was marked with a serious dignity and good fellowship that gave it great favor in the eyes of those who attended. But it is unfortunate that it failed financially.

Due to the fact that the Ball was of the nature of a private venture, sponsored and run by the R. O. T. C. for the promotion of military life at the institution, no agency is justified in directing criticism against the Ball because it was a financial failure. But it is within the right of the student body to censure the apparent lack of judgement that caused this failure.

It is rumored that the sale of four hundred tickets would be necessary to meet the expenses of the affair, of which the cost of music was the largest item. A New York Orchestra was secured, at an excessive price probably, to play for the evening and no better attendance was secured than if a town or nearby organization had been hired. In fact it has been heard on many corners of the campus that a town orchestra could have been secured which would have given just as good a quality of music as did the one from Broadway.

Since the beginning of the school term, Economy has been discussed considerably at Penn State and at other institutions. Various measures have been inaugurated to cut down the expense of collegiate social life. Why did the promoters of the Ball fail to take this into account? It is believed that they erred in judgement. Perhaps, they have learned a lesson in that the student body is not particularly impressed with the reputation of a group. It is production that counts. It would have been more just and far better for all concerned if a good town orchestra had been hired. At least, the management would have been spared the trouble of transportation conditions, and the chances are great that the attendance would have been just as large.

Let other organizations on the campus and of the college take heed less they be found guilty of the same. Extravagance is a thing to be frowned upon, and to be relegated to the past. More and more, people are demanding a greater return for the dollar, whether in business or society. Economy is a word of the day and it is slowly and surely claiming the observance of all. Colleges and universities have hesitated to recognize it but the new era is inevitable.

NEWSPAPER EDUCATION

Somewhat over three thousand students are at Penn State for the purpose of acquiring an education, going through a mechanical process by which they are turned out at the end of the transformation with a diploma in their hands and the idea of getting something to do in their heads.

An education has been roughly defined as a change or adjustment of an individual by means of his experiences. It is to furnish such experiences as will fit one for his life in the world that colleges and universities exist today. A student spends four years at college following a prescribed course of study for the development of his mind preparatory to the occupancy of some responsible position afterwards as a leader; as the world is turning more than ever to college men for their leaders. That, then, is the reason that colleges are filled.

The colleges have prescribed definite courses of study, which are well planned for the short time which exists for their perusal by the student. They can make an engineer, a farmer, or a lawyer but do they prepare him to be a leader of the people and a sponsor of the needs of the government? Is his education broad enough to permit his acting in the capacity of a leader for the betterment of his community?

Many of those who delight in the sport of attacking present day education, aim their weapons viciously because the newspaper plays such an unimportant role in present day curricula. Gleefully, they mention the fact that some college students do not even know the name of him who is governor of their respective state, that some do not even know the manner in which the state and federal government functions. Yet such men will be graduated with a degree and set out to build better bridges or raise better cows. These same critics then question the possibility of acquiring an education with out noting the gigantic changes that are constantly going on and which may have no little influence on later life.

The unfortunate part of the matter is that they are right to a certain extent. Discounting the unfair views of Mr. Edison, thoughtful educators of the day do not hesitate to admit the truth contained in the belief of the critics. A college man with a degree can not go out into the world and become a leader unless he is acquainted with the trend of events. He can not hope to cope with conditions if he knows nothing about them. He will never be able to formulate far sighted policies and solve the problems of a busy career unless he is the master of the world, a position analogous to the possessor of a broad knowledge, not limited to the contents of out-of-date books and treatises.

Book knowledge is essential, but it is not the passport to Success. It needs other credentials to make it of use. Newspaper knowledge is one of these and he who devotes but a few minutes of the day to a study of the newspaper, will not have wasted his time.

SCHOOL OF MINES WILL SHOW WEEKLY FILM TO FRESHMEN

The School of Mines has recently purchased a portable moving picture machine and has made arrangements with the United States Bureau of Mines for a weekly film showing subjects of mining, metallurgical, and geological interest. These pictures are for the freshmen of the Mining School, but are also exhibited to other students, whenever the subjects are of interest to them. This method of instruction is expected to be very helpful to the first-year men.

COMMUNITY RECREATION IS URGED AS LIFE WORK

Tiger, U. S. Commissioner of Education, Says One-Third of Life is Leisure Time

The following article on Community Service, a national civic organization, was written by Dr. John J. Tiger, the United States Commissioner of Education, for the purpose of presenting to students of the country a life work opportunity in organizing community recreation.

After college, what business or profession? In these days of specialization, the college man or woman who has not yet decided upon a career may choose from vocations more varied than ever before. Fresh channels of work are constantly opening because of our rapid social and industrial transformation. One of the newest and most appealing of them has been brought about by a combination of fundamental changes in the character of American life. It is the profession of organizing the leisure time of towns and cities.

Today approximately one third of life is leisure. Through time and energy saving devices, through the division of labor through legislation the eight hour day in industry is very generally an accomplished fact. Add eight hours for sleep to the work hours and there remain eight hours for recreation and diversion each day. The use to which this spare time is put has a tremendous influence upon the character of our civilization.

Leisure is a powerful force, which may work either for growth or deterioration. Community Service, a post-war movement, exists to make spare time constructive and rich. It provides leadership and combines the resources of community agencies in work for vigorous citizenship and healthful recreation. It helps communities and individuals to express through playgrounds, athletics, dramatics, music, and the various forms of art latent talents which cannot find an outlet through their daily work.

Community Service as a vocation offers a broad field to the socially-minded man or woman of intelligence. With the growth of the movement, the demand for directors of community leisure time life increases. Providing proper recreation is today considered as much a civic responsibility as providing sanitation and education. Communities are analyzing the word "recreation" back to its essential meaning—"re-creation". They are realizing how much of the soundness of community life depends upon the cultivation of the margin of time outside work and rest.

Although commercial amusements—theatres, baseball, amusement parks, and many other such things extort a large profit, they are often good enough in their way. The chief danger is in letting them provide exclusively for the nation's leisure time. For commercial recreation concerns itself merely with supplying entertaining ways to occupy time. It does not give much encouragement to spontaneity and self expression in recreation.

There is truth in the warning that we are in danger of becoming a nation of "bleachers". Eighteen men play on a diamond while thousands sit and watch them, gaining their only exercise by occasional arm-waving. We have too many "sportsmen" who are content to confine their athletic proclivities to watching others perform and reading the sports pages of the newspapers.

To be an interested spectator is commendable, but true recreation means participation. People, and communities as well, grow only by doing. They are glad to exchange looking on for doing if they have a chance. But they do not as a rule know how to proceed on their own initiative. Facilities are lacking and organized leadership is lacking.

The task of Community Service is to give leadership to the community's efforts in supplying these recreation needs. Local leaders of athletics, dramatics, and music are trained. Unused vacant lots are cleared for playgrounds, neighborhood associations are formed, programs of year-round activities, both outdoor and indoor, are initiated. But Community service is not superimposed upon a community. It is a structure built within and by the community itself.

The man or woman who follows the profession of Community Service acts in the capacity of consultant or advisor to a town or city which wishes to use its leisure time to the best advantage. He (or she) correlates the efforts of various groups or individuals, eliminating wasteful moves and furnishing direction. What a city manager is to the civic life of a community and a school superintendent is to its education life, the Community Service director is to its leisure time. His workdays are busily diverse. One day he may be helping to organize an athletic league or a community forum, the next arranging publicity for Music Week or a pageant, and the next drawing up plans for financing summer playgrounds. Always he finds in his profession scope for every talent and capability he may possess.

Young men and women who are interested in entering this new field can receive information and advice from Community Service, 315 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

Thoughts of Others

COURTESY (Toronto Varsity)

Now-a-days when a magazine writer wants to keep the wolf from the door, or buy a new Ford, or give his wife some earrings, he sits down and writes a lurid tale of the faults of modern youth. And he pleases the public too. Witness the popularity of current magazines featuring this sort of thing.

From such literature one gets the impression that the civilization of America will not last much longer, that "the good old days" were the good old days, that the annual expenditure for rouge and perfumes and cigarettes is overwhelming,—in short, that everything is all wrong. Courtesy and politeness, say these writers are things of the past. Instead of such virtues, we have "Books of Etiquette" on the

instalment plan. It may not be the fashion to say it, but we think the picture is unduly dark. Courtesy has not altogether vanished from the land. It will still appear occasionally. In the interests of science we take pleasure in recording one of the appearances which occurred but yesterday. One of the most revered and best known professors of our universities lectures to a large class of arts students in a large, a very large room. At the conclusion of his lecture it has been the practice for the class to rise and rush with one accord for the door, often with scant regard for the professor making his way out as best he can. Yesterday, courtesy and consideration altered this mode of procedure. The class, probably much to the professor's surprise, remained seated until he had left the room. We would suggest a bouquet for the person who prompted this courtesy.

Campus Gossip

At last we are satisfied! Our sample tube of shaving cream has arrived.

We've delayed buying a tube for many weeks, awaiting its arrival. Of course, our roommate objected to this economy.

He asked us if we were going to use the tube as a trial. But we think that we shall use it as a shaving cream.

In our career, we have received other mail about which we have not been so enthusiastic.

We have passed by all glowing opportunities via the one-cent-stamp route to become salesmen of horse doctor books. We don't care for money.

As we sit here another one from a teacher's agency, giving us the privilege of enrolling with them, arrives. We are undecided as to whether we shall grasp the opportunity or not.

We hope that they will not let their education go to their heads. In our case, it never has.

SPECIAL

We are offering No. 10 Apples at \$4.90 per doz.

ON

Saturday

AT

GENTZEL'S

We hope that the Glee Club outings all other songsters at the Intercollegiate tomorrow.

And when they go to Boston, we suggest that they bring home a quota of beans to be used as a sample for the State College beaneries.

How To Eat

(Feeling that it should be a part of the education of every college student to know "What is wrong with this picture", we present the following rules of etiquette gleaned from works of the most eminent authorities who have dined at the "Greasy Spoon", "The Hole in the Wall", etc., etc.)

Always put both elbows on the table and never one. The latter gives a mentally unbalanced appearance.

Never play with the silverware as it makes the host uneasy and suspicious.

To use the napkin as a shoe cloth is unforgivable.

None but the vulgarian tucks his napkin in the top of his waistcoat. A pin is used for this purpose.

In the absence of napkins, the versatile diner uses the edge of the tablecloth.

When the meat is tough and the knife is dull, avoid causing the host embarrassment by jovially commenting on one's own lack of strength because

of recent illness. In eating fish, swallow the bones lengthwise and not diagonally or horizontally.

Do not allow a spoon to stand in the coffeecup. Otherwise casualties to the eye may result.

The thoughtful host always furnishes music in the fortissimo during the soup course.

When food flies from the plate to the floor, do not try to recover the fumble. That is what the cat's fur.

If by accident you overturn a glass of water, avert the attention of others from your clumsiness to your wit by commenting on its wetness.

Always fill the plate to capacity on the first round. The sky is the limit and there may not be a second serving.

Do not insist that a guest take a second serving. He may believe that you mean it.

To eat chicken correctly it is first necessary to have the chicken. This rule is a very broad one and can be applied to all food.

Do not be bashful about eating peas with a knife. It is a rare accomplishment.

In using toothpicks be careful not to swallow the splinters. Save them for lighting fires.

Do not leave the table before the others, but fight it out to the finish.

CHENEY CRAVATS advertisement featuring a portrait of a man in a suit and tie, and text promoting 'Good Taste in Long-Wearing Ties!' and 'UNUSUALLY attractive are the new Cheney Cravats for Spring.' Includes name HARRY W. SAUERS and address Allen Street State College.

Gordon ARROWSHIRT advertisement. Includes illustration of a man in a suit, text 'MADE of a better oxford, in a fine, tailor-like way.' and price '\$3.00'. Manufacturer: CLUETT, PEABODY & CO. INC. MAKERS.

NOTICE---NOTICE Exhibit Announcement Of our New Spring Line of Frocks, Suits, Coats and Capes. It is to the utmost advantage that you plan now your wardrobe for the coming season. Exhibit will be shown at the Rountree Club, 119 Burrows Street, beginning Monday, 8 P. M., and will continue until Thursday. 'Stylish Stouts' and 'Youthful Models' a Specialty. Respectfully, H. LEVIN.

Western Electric Company advertisement. Includes illustration of a man in a suit, text 'Movie directors, please copy' and 'IN-fiction and the movies all college men naturally fall into two groups. Those who pass their days and nights "Rah! Rah!"-ing and snake-dancing; and those who never appear except with evening clothes—and cane.' Includes Western Electric Company logo and address.