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EDUCATION AND IMAGINATION

With the closing of the penultimate semester of his college career, the prospective graduate pauses long enough in his scramble for a liberal, social or perhaps athletic education to review his past three years of undergraduate life, to survey his studies in a general manner and to determine, possibly, how practically his studies have benefitted him He may even make a more microscopic analysis of his educational training with the hope of discovering whether or not a college education is necessary for future success or, whether the obvious advantages derived have been worth the time, money and effort spent.

If his training has been highly specialized, he will probably feel that he has acquired his money's worth of formulas and technical equipment together with much knowledge which is hardly attained in an incidental manner or without the proper scholastic and parental pressure Yet, he is at a loss to understand why so many students who have been graduated as engineers are now selling grass seed or peddling books to Liberal Arts students. Perhaps the life of an engineer was not agreeable or ideal to these sheep who have strayed from the flock There must be some reason. But the technical sutdent is content to leave that question suspended or pending further investigation, for he himself will not deviate from his prescribed and prepared course. At least, so his enthusiasm for the future would lead him to believe.

But the student of Liberal Arts obtains a different point-of-view in regard to the practicability of his course He must feel that he has not acquired any tangible thing from his four years of costly apprenticeship. There is the general knowledge, he has heard, and the possibility of adapting himself to a half dozen or more vocations. He may even profit from an avocation. But there is no definite project in view for him. Why, he would be embarrassed, he imagines, if some one were to ask him what definite thing he learned at college

His courses of study have been comparatively easy He has learned that after his first year. Little outside preparation was required and seldom made, he knows, except by the more conscientious group of students. In fact, more than once he had scored a perfect recitation in the classroom by depending solely upon his imagination for the answer to a question, and it may have pleased him to know that he had received credit for guessing—correctly. Or it may have amused him. Yet with all his imaginative powers, he did not imgaine that there was probably some reason to his response, some method to his madness At least, his course in Liberal Arts was developing his power of imagination. And that is something.

Liberal Arts. The name itself implies a lack of technical or specialized study and indicates emphasis upon the broad, expansive, liberal point-of-view A course in Liberal Arts prepares a student to meet almost any situation intelligently and to face an emergency with an enlightened mind and a developed reason. His mind is the slide-rule for solving problems.

Certainly the world needs engineers to resurrect fallen arches, doctors to rebuild fallen health and lawyers to bolster fallen morals, but it also needs liberal minds to broaden life's whole outlook and to make the world safe for specialists.

CLASS MEETINGS

Class meetings are held for the primary purpose of transacting business and dealing with problems that continually face each class. The meetings are in the charge of class presidents whose duty it is to call the members together when important issues arise that cannot be settled satisfactorily without the co-operation of the entire group Class meetings, then are an important and essential function of the student body.

Regardless of their importance, however, class meetings in recent years have experienced a tremendous decline in attendance. It is now quite rare to see more than one hundred students at any of these gatherings while often the number does not exceed thirty or forty. The burden of class administration, therefore, lies upon the shoulders of the few loyalists who are always present at the meetings. To them falls the responsibility of making important decisions and of carrying out all class policies. They are the very backbone of their class

Every student was compelled to attend the meetings of his class during the first year of his existence at Penn State. He joined the ranks of his classmates, rather reluctantly at first perhaps, but was usually favorably impressed with the outcome of each gathering. He listened to interesting and helpful talks by deans, professors and men prominent about the campus and was impressed by the class and College spirit that grew out of these meetings. When this same student was relieved from freshman customs, however, he assumed a far different attitude concerning the College. The sudden relief from bondage instilled within him a carefree spirit. This feeling of personal liberty caused him to loathe anything of a compulsory nature He had been compelled to attend class meetings, which in themselves had proved interesting and enlightening, but now the thought that such a practice had once been compulsory brought forth a revolt within him In this manner the underclassman becomes alienated from his class and usually continues in this same path throughout the remainder of his college life.

Those students who fail to attend class meetings should realize that they are inconveniencing their class in more ways than one by their absence. In the first place, their judgment and opinion is essential in the settlement of questions and in the effective execution of class policies. They are often too eager to offer adverse criticism of certain conditions when, had they been present at the meetings, they might have suggested a change. And, finally, they owe it to themselves to attend all class functions Class spirit, which is none other than the spirit of initiative and co-operation, indirectly paves the way to success in the business world Why, then, should not this knowledge be acquired early here at Penn State?

C. A. M.

COLLEGIATE?

For the past few years the American public has been saturated with gay stories depicting modern college life as one of drinking and necking. A dapper youth is pictured who, devoid whatsoever of conscience and morals, thinks nothing of including wild petting parties and drunken escapades in his regular scholastic routine And besides causing scandalous affairs, the college man is popularly advertised as the creator of such fantastic nuisances as garter-less socks, red neckties and 'collegiate' suits.

People naturally become alarmed when they read of the dangers to society wrought by 'flaming youth.' Deans and presidents receive heated letters, investigations are started, articles on the subject are written in magazines and periodicals and fiery reformers flay student life comparing it even with Sodom and Gemorrah Amid all this confusion the majority of the college men sit tight and wonder if there really is a great deal of truth to these stories.

During a recent investigation, Henry Grattan Doyle, dean of George Washington university, sent questionnaires to officials of four hundred colleges in an effort to 'get at the bottom of this talk about necking, drinking and frivolity among college men' The result of these inquiries showed that the greater part of these flaming youth stories were entirely proofless and untrue. Presumably, the authors of such trashy falsehoods were forced to exaggerate their theme, college life, in order to have their books listed as 'best sellers!'

In reply to one of Dean Doyle's questionnaires, Dean Howard R. Omwake, of Franklin and Marshall college, said 'There is a very small percentage, not more than one-half of one per cent, of the students in any college that is made up of the loud rah, rah type known as collegiate His manner, style of dress and usually his character are condemned by the majority of students.' The great majority of college students are earnest, serious and hardworking young men and women, according to Dean Omwake, who do not differ radically from other people.

Self-respecting college men grow weary of constantly being referred to as dunken good-for-nothings. They grow immensely tired of the fact that the public in general knows them only as young men who spend four years at an eternal party and learn nothing more than how to strut the latest dance and mix the tastiest cocktails. They do not care for the impression which stamps them as carelessly-dressed youngsters Instead they demand the recognition which they rightly deserve—that of being hardworking, serious-minded Americans.

H. T.

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To the Editor-in chief
The COLLEGIAN
Dear Sir:

In answer to the letter which appeared in your issue of Tuesday, January 22, we first must say that we are most sorry to learn that any one of our supposedly intelligent students has been so misinformed concerning the disaster of several of our girls and are also sorry that any one should question the duty of the Women's Student Government Association in attempting to raise the standards of our women

The incident, in the first place, was called to our attention by a Senior member of the group which had chartered a bus, not a train, especially for the purpose of conducting Penn State students to their homes The matter was thoroughly investigated when reported, and, needless to say, most careful consideration was given it before the governing body of the women students took their final step of penalty.

It is not our aim to limit the girls' pleasures during their holidays and we assure you that had the incident occurred in a girl's home or in company of their home friends, nothing would have been done about it. In others words, her freedom is her own. However, when the reputation of our Penn State women is at stake in a circle of Penn State people, when our traditions and customs are being tried, then we feel under obligation to the girls and men of Penn State who have shown their willingness to disregard their selfish desires for the good of our Alma Mater, we feel under obligation to the girls who choose use to help keep their reputations "right," hence, we intervene And allow me to say, as is surely understood, they are in the majority.

It is most pathetic, in fact the college education is practically a total loss, when one cannot realize that the art of being educated is the art of "getting along" It is too bad that we cannot live unto ourselves, make our own laws, do just as we please, but in our day and age, it isn't done. We choose leaders, and they make rules which are for the best interests of the group, and we obey—except rebels

What you say is true, your "expression" will do no good The Women's Student Government will continue in their attempts to raise the standards of the Penn State Women

President, W. S G A.
Secretary, W. S. G A.

Twenty Years Ago

The cover of the 1910 *La Vie* will be of ooze-sheep leather, brown with edges overhanging one-half inch on three sides with the name of the book hot-pressed'; Every copy will be in this leather and will cost the same as previously charged for cloth, that is two dollars There will be 350 pages exclusive of advertising, covering every phase of student life at State

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Collegian-a

The town is going to have talking movies early in March. But of course they won't be a novelty here.

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We've had *talking* movies ever since cinema houses first opened.

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And some shouting movies, too!

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But now the old order changeth, we say without attempting to lisp, and subtitles will be supplied by the Vitaphone mechanism.

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Substituting for the audience.

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Written subtitles are going the way of bicycles, Model-T Fords and companionate marriages.

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But nobody will miss them. The word "subtitle" was merely a play on the adjective "subtle," (the word that nobody knows)

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With a little bit of "u" added.

Just like the word "applause."

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Which is merely a contraction of the good old collegiate noun, "applesauce."

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This talkie business will be a disastrous blow, to those who derive great enjoyment and pleasure at the expense of other people's agony.

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By reading the titles aloud.

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Now the best they can do is to listen aloud.

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If that's possible.

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But it is all for the best, for the readers aloud will now be able to chew their gum, uninterrupted through the entire eight reels

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Instead of between titles!

Skating is claiming the attention of a large number of Penn State students and residents of the village. An embankment has been built around Beaver Field which has been flooded and allowed to freeze.

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The regular meeting of the senior class held last week brought about that the seniors wear caps and gowns at the Sunday chapel services after May 1.

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Application from the Fire company at State College was made to the Executive Committee for the heating of the fire house by the College plant, but it was voted to be inadvisable to make such arrangement.

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Dr. W. R. Crane, dean of the School of Mines and Metallurgy, was honored with a request to read a paper before the Coal Mining Institute of America which is convening at Pittsburgh

DE JUHASZ READS PAPER AT ENGINEERING PARLEY

Mr. K. J. De Juhasz, of the staff of the Engineering Experimental station, presented a paper concerning the De Juhasz high speed engine indicator at the annual meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers in Detroit last week

The indicator, which is capable of registering six thousand revolutions a minute on high-speed gas engines, was demonstrated to the society in the laboratories of the Chrysler Motors corporation, and accepted as a great step towards registering the terrific speed which the new types of gas engines are attaining.

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FRIDAY—Cathaum—
Matinee at 2.00
Dolores Del Rio, Rod La Rocque in
"RESURRECTION"

SATURDAY—Cathaum—
Matinee at 2·00
Norma Shearer, Johnny Mack Brown
in
"A LADY OF CHANCE"

FRIDAY and SATURDAY—Nittany
(Special matinee for children on Saturday at 2·00. Admission: 15c)
Wallace Beery, Esther Ralston,
Charles Farrell, George Bancroft in
"OLD IRONSIDES"
"Our Gang" Comedy

MONDAY and TUESDAY—
Matinee Monday at 2:00
Ramon Novarro; Anita Page in
"THE FLYING FLEET"

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