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**Higher Education Moves Toward Mass Production**

An important tendency that is reaching into American education just as it has already reached into business has been brought temporarily into the spot light.

The President of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, Dr. Frederick P. Keppel, in his annual report has said this:

"There are in the United States far more universities, colleges, and other operating institutions, and far more worthy organizations for voluntary purposes than the nation can possibly afford. In the year to come many of these are bound to disappear, and one of the most difficult duties that face the foundation is that of so directing its grants that its influence will be directed toward the survival of the fittest."

There is much more of importance that Dr. Keppel said about the conduct of the foundation but it is on these points that much future thinking in regard to education will turn:

That there are now more educational institutions than the nation can afford; and the conclusion that, therefore, efforts must be directed toward effecting the survival of the fittest.

This long run tendency seems to be the necessary result of free competition in industry that government has felt it necessary to intercede. It is the same tendency that in business has brought mass production, cheap production, and an American standard of living that is the highest in the world.

Centers at which learning is concentrated not for the few but for the many are not undesirable. The falling off in the number of colleges and universities that Dr. Keppel foresees does not mean that fewer Americans are going to be educated.

We have learned the lesson of industry and have long been concentrating our education with most satisfactory results. Our 20 or so biggest universities can offer each student better facilities at less cost than any unendowed small college can hope to do.

The change is not painless. It hurts to trade the ivy tower for the skyscraper, and the class fight for a radio debate, but we are doing it already. Few are the campuses on which anyone can now match Teddy Roosevelt's proud boast that he knew every student at Harvard by his first name. Not many of us give more than a passing tear for the loss.

What we lose in personal contact and so-called school spirit we have more than made up. We have facilities only dreamed of in Teddy Roosevelt's day. Where once only a few students could meet the leading thinkers of the day, there are thousands in their place.

The saving grace of all is that through the medium of schools, departments, and divisions we have learned how to individualize the mass production system to suit the needs of education.

**The College Cracks Down?**

It has been suggested that the College, rather than fine all of the 500 or so violators of the cut fine rule, should single out only a few and make examples of them. The Collegian cannot understand this. It cannot understand why the College, which apparently considers cuts before and after vacations a serious rupture in its program, should balk at enforcing a rule it has finally given teeth.



**LION TALES**

**Week-end Review**

Here we go again rehashing what most of you know already but just in case you were too engrossed in your date to look around, we'll go over the notes we took this week-end.

Harvest Ball: Had to go in the back door to the Armory and climb over a log or something to get in. There were corn stalks all around and most of the costumes smacked of hayseeds. We were looking for Helen Cramer but learned that her date, Kim Grimm, phi sig, dropped a weight on his foot and couldn't dance. Saw Pat Behney, kappa, with Bill Charles, KDR; Peggy Colvin and George Borden, phi gam, (incidentally he gave her a sweet heart pin); Mary Lou Keith and Jim Irwin, phi gam, too; Winnie Bischoff, kappa, and Bill Christman, DTD; Kay Albert, DG, and Bud Smyser, phi sig; Whif Crossman, alfachio, and Don Russell, sigma nu; Virginia Smith, chio, and Del Hughes; Ann Ruth Flory, also chio, and Al Boileau, AZ; Johnnie Johnson, alfachio, and Shorty Moore, lambda chi; Anna Mae Rockenstein, TPA, and Red Rumsey; and Louise Fuoss, alfachio, and Jay Ellenberger, phi tau. He pinned her Sunday night.

Can't decide whether or not I liked the idea of a blackout before the queen was presented but it was certainly something different. Peggy Sherman, alfachio, regally arrayed in blue overalls, a white shirt and a straw hat, made a fine farmers' queen. She came with Dick Stebbins, kappa sig.

The PiKA's, not to be outdone by the boys on Ag Hill, had their own queen at their pledge dance Friday night. Patty Patton, chio, was presented with a little golden cup and named "Dream Girl of PiKA."

**With The Younger Generation**

Beanie Siebert and Bob Jeffreys, beta; Joan Herzer and Bill Clemens, phi kappa sig; Shirley Hayes and Andy Graham, phi delt; Janie Minnich and Dick Sweigert, SAE; Betty Lou Schaeffer and Larry Faries, sigma pi; Lois Dosch and Bill Alcorn; Joyce Strobe and Dud Rutherford, sigma pi; Mary Jo Powell and Bob Eckenroth, delta sig; Jane Murphy and Tommy Wilcox; D. J. Jennings and Dave Diehl; and Mary Lee Ullom and Sam Flenner, sigma pi.

Just to prove we're on the job every minute, here are a few more couples we saw this week-end. Russ Smith back in town to see Becky Rupp, kappa, and Jack Allen back dating Kay Schott, theta; Ann Borton, DG, and Bill Mayer, kappa sig; Jackie Schaeffer, chio, and Jim Balentyne, beta; and Ginny Kerkhouse, kappa, and Pinky Humphrey Hibbart, phi tau.

**Seamans To Speak At PSCA Meeting**

Harry Seamans, general secretary of the PSCA, will discuss "Leadership" before the bi-weekly meeting of the PSCA Freshman Council at 8:15 p. m. today in Room 304 Old Main.

Included in the discussion will be the definition of a good leader, the qualities desired in a good leader, and the techniques of managing groups.

Herbert K. Graybill '44 and Gerald B. Stein '44, members of the executive committee of the council, have announced that items of business to be discussed include plans for the Christmas dance and means of helping the Christmas Carol Sing Committee.

**Talk On American Schools**

Miss Ruth Wanger, regional vice president of the American Federation of Teachers, will speak on "American Schools in the Present World Crisis" in Room 10, Liberal Arts, at 8:15 p. m. today under the auspices of the State College Teachers Association.

**Kaulfuss Returns**

Prof. Julius E. Kaulfuss of the department of civil engineering has returned from the annual meeting of the Highway Research Board of the National Research Council at Washington, D. C. last week.

**At The Movies**

CATHAUM—  
"You'll Find Out"  
STATE—  
"The Bank Dick"  
NITTANY—  
"The Great McGinty"

Delta Sigma Phi fraternity will entertain the Delta Gammass at an informal dinner at 6 p. m. tonight.

**CAMPUS CALENDAR**

TODAY:  
Circulo Espanol, meeting Grange playroom, 7 p. m. Everyone welcome.  
Students desiring special train rates for Christmas sign up at Student Union before tomorrow noon.  
All-College Cabinet, 305 Old Main, 9 p. m.  
Tribunal Meeting, 318 Old Main, 7 p. m.  
'43 Campus party, 405 Old Main, 7 p. m.  
Forty Forum, 304 Old Main, 7 p. m.  
PSCA Freshmen men, 304 Old Main, 8:15 p. m.  
Alpha Phi Omega, 418 Old Main, 7 p. m.  
House of Representatives, 305 Old Main, 5 p. m.  
Candidates for business staff of Portfolio, 416 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.  
Freshman ice hockey, Armory, 8:30 p. m.  
Talk "America's School in the Present World Crisis," 10 Liberal Arts, 8:15 p. m.  
Installation of officers and members of the Christian Association's Freshman Forum, New Beaver Room, Old Main, 7 p. m.  
Alpha Phi Omega, 418 Old Main, 7 p. m.

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