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Mass Education: Encourage Self-Reliance

Ever since the trend has been toward mass education in colleges and universities problems have been arising out of the extreme mechanization that seems to be necessary in order to educate large numbers of students.

Educators have pointed out the necessity of having more instructors and the feasibility of using closed circuit televised lectures. And most of the suggestions to improve the factory method of learning have left a bad taste in the mouths of some students who dislike being addressed by an IBM card number and graded by an IBM machine.

But the New York Times quoted Dr. Lewis Webster Jones, president of Rutgers University, as saying mass education should tend to make students more dependent on their own resources, and less pampered by their instructors. In an address to the Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities of which he is president, Dr. Jones advised teachers to do less intellectual "baby-sitting."

"We tend to over reach, to spoon feed our students, and forget that education is an active process which students must undertake for themselves. We might, for example, economize teaching time by cutting down on the number of class meetings, especially in subjects where reading, writing and digesting are the essence of learning."

Because the nature of land grant colleges and universities dictates that they assume the larger share of the increase in students, the University is in a position to lead the way toward more effective education methods. And if, in adjusting to the hazards of mammoth enrollments, the University should become the proponent of student self-reliance and independence, rather than just remain a coordinator of instruction, mass education would be further up the ladder of academic acceptance and the products of mass education would emerge with more meaningful degrees.

—Jackie Hudgins

Safety Valve...

Places Political Parties...

TO THE EDITOR: In reference to Miss Hudgins' editorial on reorganization of All-University Cabinet, we believe that more consideration should be given to the idea of increasing the representation of the political parties.

At the present time there are 25 members of Cabinet and only seven of these are elected by the students. In keeping with the recommendations of Miss Hudgins to increase the membership to include members who are more representative of the students, we suggest that class vice presidents be added to Cabinet.

This would mean 11 of the proposed 29 members would be elected by the students. This would enable the political parties to have constructive planks and would also give these planks a better chance of obtaining Cabinet approval and backing.

During the recent election campaign a large amount of the students' apathy was accredited to the controversial issue of party planks. Because of the controversy and the resultant doubt of the probability of any measure of success in the attainment of a solution to the problems which the parties considered in forming their platforms, many students took an indifferent attitude toward class elections. This is evidenced by the poor showing at the polls.

If the political parties, which are really representative of the students, were given more power by increased representation on Cabinet, the varied student feelings of apathy, doubt, and indifference which appeared so prevalent in the recent elections would be dispelled and both the University and the students would benefit.

The Cabinet then would be more worthy called "the sounding board of student opinion."

—Ralph Volpe

EDITOR'S NOTE: All members of Cabinet except the chairmen of the Board of Publications and Board of Dramatics and Forensics are elected by at least a portion of the student body who they are then supposed to represent. Student council presidents are elected by the members of their council but they first must be elected to their council by the students in their college.

Froth Ad Staff to Meet

The Froth advertising staff will meet at 6:30 tonight in the Froth office.

The deadline for December ads is 6:30 tonight.

Psychology Club to Meet

The Psychology Club will meet at 8 tonight in 217 Hetzel Union. Dr. Alec J. Slivinski, assistant professor of psychology, will speak on "Current Trends in Psychological Research."

LaVie Sophomore Candidates

The second call for sophomore class candidates has been issued by LaVie.

Interested sophomores will meet at 7 tonight in 105 White Hall.

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"After looking over your grades I'd say you both had several factors working against you—the faculty."

—the rolling stone—

Sow Seeds of Revolt

by dottie stone

I confess to a grievous sin. I eavesdrop. Not on personal acquaintances. My ethics would never permit that, but my shine tarnishes under the temptation of strangers. My justification is the expansion of my worldly knowledge, and knowledge justifies all.

The other day I was enlightened. Two middle-aged women, who from their conversation were neither college graduates or the dating parents of such, let it slip that colleges were hotbeds of radicals, Communists, and Revolutionaries. I listened eagerly, my mind alert, but my eyes cast low with seeming disinterest. My mind struggled to grasp the significance of this new and inspiring thought.

My mind spun. I am a college student. I may propose revolution, initiate a new trend in social thought. But more: this means a new way of life for 12,000 students on campus. Revolution. YOU TOO HAVE THIS RIGHT; THIS DUTY!

Do you have an idea? Plant it, nurture it, and it will grow like bacteria. Revolt from the accepted. Do you have a thought? Any thought will do.

A baby revolution is already present: food service. Should food be improved? Are meal tickets really needed? Think! Revolt!

There's always politics—is revolution needed here? A new system of hierarchy? Control by the masses? What about the untouched field of academic courses? Time for a change in curriculum? More general courses, fewer fundamentals? New teaching methods? More movies and comics, less classics?

Little has been done in the line of regulations. Have a thought on signing in and out? Drinking? Car

bans? It's your duty. Think. Revolt.

Once this gem of knowledge was brought to my attention, other evidences rapidly produced themselves. The very opening lines of a new Y.M.C.A. pamphlet, "Alone in the Crowd," bears this out. It reads: "The fear of being left alone in the dorm Saturday night . . . the furious pace of activities . . . the terrible pressure for success on campus . . . the confusion about morals and where one is going in life; these characterize the modern student of today's campus . . . these characterize the lonely crowd."

This is sad indeed. Revolt from being lonely. Revolt from the conforming crowd. Think independently and be an individualist going about the job of sowing and reaping thought. Plant a tiny seed; it can grow into a dinosaur.

Scrolls to Meet Tonight

Scrolls will meet at 8:30 tonight in 108 Temporary.

Tonight on WDFM

7:16	Sign On
7:20	News and Sports
7:30	Starlight Review
8:00	Jazz Club
8:30	Just Out
9:00	Call Card
9:15	News
9:30	Scenario
10:30	Sign Off



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