

Editorial Opinion

LA Science Proposal Would Be Step Backward

Change as an end in itself can sometimes lose its progressive purpose and turn out reactionary.

Some ultra-liberal thinkers in the College of The Liberal Arts, trying to make sure students leave the University with a broad education in many fields, have come up with a self-contradictory plan to revise the mathematics-science requirements.

The faculty now has three possible programs before it, all based on a graduation requirement of 12 credits.

Present requirements call for a minimum of six and a maximum of nine credits to be chosen from one of the areas of physical science, biological science or mathematics. Remaining credits may be selected from a wide variety of subjects, provided they include laboratory work

Changes proposed by an ad hoc sub-committee last May would require a 6-hour sequence in a "laboratory science," and specifies those so designated. A student could take all 12 credits in either the physical or biological sciences, but not in mathematics, geology, geophysics or astronomy.

This plan was tabled by the liberal arts faculty for further study.

The entire planning committee, in its zeal to protect students from wasting their college years, then came up with the most recent proposal. It would require every student to take six credits in a specified sequence of physics or chemistry, and at least three credits in the biological sciences. The remaining three could be selected from "a wide choice of options in other areas to provide a latitude of choice for students with special interests."

The basic objection to present requirements is the great variation in laboratory work in different fields. The physical sciences are said to give a true picture of the experimental method, while others are primarily observational and require little analytical thought.

But because the committee is determined to give students "real" laboratory experience, a basic framework of study which allows them great freedom of choice has been twisted by "liberal" thinkers into a rigid set of requirements.

Such a program is out of step with the apparent philosophy of the college.

This is the faculty which recently created the University's first honors program, a plan that frees the self-motivated student from conventional classroom routine and allows him to do independent study in his major field.

This is the faculty that was one of the first to accept a highly progressive Pyramid Plan for guided-independent study. Under the plan students work in small groups with a minimum of faculty direction.

And this is the University whose Division of Academic Research and Services recently reported that educators more than ever should encourage students to define roles and objectives for themselves.

It would seem that the planning committee is taking a giant step backwards by trying to promote a situation where a student is relieved of any responsibility for his own learning and development.

The committee feels existing requirements are not based on a "logical or defensible principle," that they constitute a "ramshackle structure of assorted incongruous elements."

We prefer to think they are based on the highly defensible principle that the student is capable of evaluating and selecting courses for his personal benefit, that they constitute a flexible structure of elements which, fused, form the basic comprehension of the world a liberal arts student seeks.

The rigid mathematics-science requirements, proposed are in direct opposition to the purpose of a liberal arts college. By accepting them the faculty would be undermining the academic advances it has adopted so readily in recent years.

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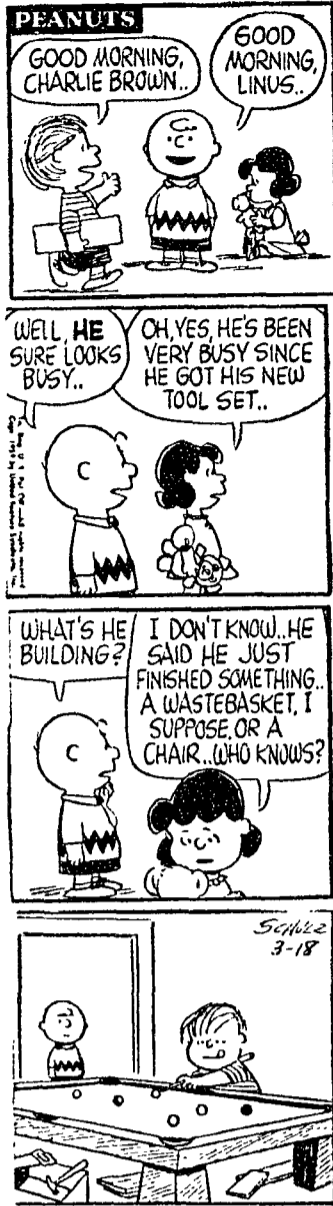
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Gazette

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Job Interviews

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Price Waterhouse & Co.: BS & MS: ACCTG
United States General Accounting Office: BS ACCTG
Arthur Young & Co.: BS: ACCTG.
General Electric Co.: BS: ACCTG, BUS ADM, ECON, MATH, LA.
S. S. Kresge Co.: BS or BA: BUS ADM, LA, ED, PSYCH.
The Travelers Insurance Companies: BS & MS: BUS ADM, SOPHS & JRS, for actuarial work for summer.
Keafott Co., Inc.: BS: EE, ME, SRS: ME free from ROTC for summer.
Standard Steel Works: BS: ME, IE.
Ford Motor Co.: BS: ACCTG, FIN MKTG, AG E, PHYS, METAL, EE, ME, IE.
Boeing Airplane Co.: BS: AERO E, ME, EE, CE, CH E, IE, METAL, CER, MATH, PHYS, CHEM.
McDonnell Aircraft Corp.: BS & GRADS: AERO E, EE, ME, CE.
APRIL 8
North American Aviation (Columbus Div.), BS: AERO E, ME, EE, CE; GRADS: AERO E, ME, EE, CE, MATH, PHYS.
APRIL 6
Weiland Packing Co., Inc.: BS: AG.
International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.: BS & GRADS: EE, ENG SCI.
Curtiss-Wright Corp. (Research Div.), BS: ENG SCI, AERO E, CER, CH E, CHEM, ME, EE, PHYS.
Curtiss-Wright Corp. (Electronics Div.): BS: ENG SCI, AERO E, EE, PHYS.
Curtiss-Wright Corp. (Propeller Div.): BS: AERO E, ME.
Ford Motor Co.: BS: ACCTG, FIN MKTG, AG E, PHYS, METAL, EE, ME, IE.
Boeing Airplane Co.: BS: AERO E, ME, EE, CE, CH E, IE, METAL, CER, MATH, PHYS, CHEM, JRS. & SRS: AERO E, ME, EE, CE, CH E, IE, METAL, CER, MATH, PHYS, CHEM for summer employment.
Haskins & Sells: BS: ACCTG.
The Oliver Corp.: BS: IE, ME, EE, AG E.
Mutual Boiler & Machinery Ins. Co.: BS: LA, MATH, BUS ADM.
W. T. Grant Co.: BS: BUS ADM, BUS MGT, ECON, FIN MKTG.
Monroe Calculating Machine Co., Inc.: BS or BA: LA, BUS ADM, PSYCH.
Lybrand, Ross Brothers & Montgomery: BS: ACCTG.

Camp Interviews

The following camps will interview at the Student Employment Service, 112 Old Main. Appointments must be made in advance.
Camp Quinbeck, Vt. (Women): Mar. 19.
Camp Conrad Weiser, Reading, Pa. (Men): Apr. 13, 14.
Camp Adahi, Reading, Pa. (Women): Apr. 9, 10.

Letters

Leonides Backs New Suite Plan

TO THE EDITOR: Since the appearance of the article concerning the decision of the Department of Housing to limit the size of sorority suites to 25 spaces, independent women have been questioning the merit of such a decision.

Independent women do not want to see such a situation as Housing proposes. If sorority living spaces are reduced from 40 to 25, many living areas with unaffiliated women and sorority women will result.

Segregation, as Housing states it, will not be present in the dormitory. However, Housing is overlooking the fact that the present system of sorority suites and independent blocs does not discriminate unfavorably between independent women and sorority women, but provides the opportunity for all coeds, whether independent or sorority, to be a part of a closely-knit group with similar standards, interests and activities.

Fresh man and sophomore women who are decidedly independent soon find themselves part of a group that desires to live together for the remainder of their college careers. These women deserve a chance to live in a homogeneous grouping where they can exercise the advantages of independent living.

Similarly, sorority women deserve the opportunity to exercise the advantages of sorority life, to live with the women they chose as close friends and sorority sisters.

The only opportunity independent women have to participate in the campus-wide activities is through their living units. Communications from administrative and campus leaders are presented to independent women via the living unit. A situation such as Housing proposes would destroy the skeleton of independent organization within the dormitory.

Panhellenic Council has an alternate plan to present to the Department of Housing that seems to be more satisfactory than both the plan in existence now and the proposed plan announced by Housing last week.

Leonides and Panhel need to join forces to see that the needs and the desires of both independent and sorority women are represented in the Department of Housing offices. Panhel wants 40 spaces per sorority and Leonides wants homogeneous living units. It's as simple as that!

-Rita Salitzer, President of Leonides

Pascal Is Quoted On Ads for LA

TO THE EDITOR: "Any ads for liberal artists?" asks Lynn Ward. Here is one of the best - from Pascal's Pensees:

"No one passes in the world as skilled in verse unless he has put up the sign of a poet, a mathematician, etc. But educated people do not want a sign, and draw little distinction between the trade of a poet and that of an embroiderer.

"People of education are not called poets or mathematicians, etc.; but they are all these, and judges of all these. No one guesses what they are. When they come into society, they talk on matters about which the rest are talking. We do not observe in them one quality rather than another, save when they have to make use of it. But then we remember it, for it is characteristic of such persons that we do not say of them that they are fine speakers, when it is not a question of oratory, and that we say of them that they are fine speakers when it is such a question.

"It is therefore false praise to give a man when we say of him, on his entry, that he is a very clever poet; and it is a bad sign when a man is not asked to give his judgment on some verses."

The "advertisement" speaks for itself, I think, without any facetious asides.

-Martha Morrow, '62

Advantages Seen In Local Taxes

TO THE EDITOR: In regard to State College taxes, town students don't seem to realize that the borough might be innocently doing them the biggest favor in years.

It might do for some intelligent people to get busy with the law books. Doesn't this new ruling mean that in order for the tax to be paid a student should be in residence for a year? And doesn't this mean that with this little tax receipt you can prove your residency and vote in State College?

Couldn't out-of-state students claim residency and prove it? This would save out-of-state students \$200 a semester in tuition (there is an actual instance of a situation of this type). Also, this might mean that you could count yourself as independent State College residents, with your apartments entirely removed from University jurisdiction.

If the University refuses to take a stand with its students against a ruling that seems unfair, perhaps it might be to

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Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"I'd like some of you to think of this term paper due Friday as a "do-it-yourself" project."