

Editorial Opinion

University Gears Stress To Academic Excellence

Thousands of alumni will return to the University this weekend and many will be in for a big surprise.

Even those who graduated last spring will be amazed at the tremendous physical progress made on the many construction projects. Older alums will stare with awe or maybe alarm at the six and eight story Pollock housing units.

It is true the University is making many changes through expansion. However, one of the biggest changes is not physical but a rising concept of academic individualism.

With the increasing demand for college education, the University has taken on the responsibility of providing facilities for as many students as possible. This is being done through the 14 Commonwealth Campuses and better use of all campus facilities.

One result of this trend is an increasing atmosphere of impersonality. This means that students are being given more individual responsibility.

President Eric A. Walker has taken a very realistic approach toward stimulating students in these more impersonal surroundings. Prexy has initiated a program of recognition of excellence.

The stress is now on excelling and not on each person to becoming an average guy with average ideas and with average grades. Conform to conformity has been the theme, and a tag of egghead or oddball was given to anyone who didn't conform.

But to be average in this growing University is to be lost. Students must show more vigor and enthusiasm to excel.

This is where the big chance shows itself.

Entrance requirements have been stiffened. About 95 per cent of the present freshman class came from the upper two-fifths of their high school class. The University has toughened its curriculums and individual courses to present a sufficient challenge to these better qualified minds.

One form of recognition which is being given to excellence is the notation on diplomas of graduation with honors. An entire program of honor courses is being established to accommodate the more intelligent students.

Together with the recognition of excellence has come an attempt to provide a more adult atmosphere. One step has been the start of honor systems in some classes. The College of Mineral Industries has been the first to do this.

So, the underlying movement behind all the physical expansion of the University is to provide a more academic atmosphere integrated with a progressive social program.

The result will be a better product, a graduate better prepared to use his individual abilities toward success after graduation.

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U.S. Slows British Push For Summit

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The United States is beginning to put the brakes on Britain's headlong rush toward a summit conference.

There have been repeated expressions in Britain that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev is in a good mood which should be investigated before it has any time to evaporate.

Prime Minister Harold Macmillan appears to believe that the reelection of his party was in good part due to public confidence in its foreign policy and its near approach to the summit, and is anxious to carry on the popular effort.

There are differences in viewpoint which, though they will not ultimately affect concerted effort at the conference, cause the United States to go a little slower.

The British believe that some sort of an agreement on Berlin is possible, removing the uncertainties which have accompanied the ups and downs of Soviet pressure for the past year.

Their chief emphasis is on Berlin. The United States, on the other hand, has for months been pursuing a Berlin policy directed at something it believes to be more attainable—stalemate.

Washington puts its chief emphasis on obtaining even an infinitesimal start on disarmament.

President Eisenhower is talking again about the world economic progress which could be made with the funds now going into military preparations. Khrushchev played this point heavily in his glib appeal before the United Nations.

But being less sanguine than the British about the Berlin issue, and being determined to take the time necessary for thorough preparation on the intricate disarmament subject, the United States is inclined to let the summit conference go over into next year.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"I DON'T CARE HOW BAD YOUR PENMANSHIP IS - YOU'LL HAVE TO LEARN TO TAKE YOUR OWN LECTURE NOTES!"

World at a Glance Berding Challenges Gen. Marshall Dies

WASHINGTON (AP)—The doctrine of peaceful coexistence advocated by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev as offering a way out of the cold war was sharply challenged yesterday by a U.S. spokesman.

The peoples of the world "are entitled to something better," Asst. Secretary of State Andrew H. Berding said.

Berding said the United States cannot accept an arrangement with the Soviet Union that would rule out for the peoples in Communist nations the prospects of obtaining "true freedom, genuine national independence, and whatever form of government and economic and social institutions they wish."

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gen. George Catlett Marshall — who helped lead U.S. arms to victory in World War II and fathered the cold war Marshall Plan — died yesterday after a long illness. He was 78.

Death came to Marshall at Walter Reed Army Hospital where he had been under care since last March 11. There was no immediate word on cause of death, but the soldier-statesman had been seriously ill since suffering a stroke at his winter home in Pinehurst, N.C., last Jan. 15.

President Eisenhower said Marshall's death "is cause for profound grief throughout the United States."

GM Closes Plants

DETROIT (AP) — Steel starvation began closing automobile assemblies by General Motors Corp. yesterday.

And there was speculation that the nation's biggest automaker might be shut down by Nov. 1 or shortly thereafter.

GM itself reported it had 60,000 idled because of a lack of steel occasioned by the nation's 94-day-old strike of steelmakers, and was closing one Chevrolet assembly plant yesterday and two more Tuesday.

Ward's Automotive Reports, a usually reliable industry statistical firm, said 10 of 13 Chevrolet assembly plants will be closed next week. GM declined comment on this.

AF Recovers Weapons

HARDINSBURG, Ky. (AP) — The Air Force yesterday recovered its supersecret nuclear weapons from the wreckage of a B57 bomber that collided with a flying tanker, killing eight of 17 crewmen.

CBS Cuts Quizzes

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — Frank Stanton, president of the Columbia Broadcasting System, announced yesterday that all big-money quiz shows will be eliminated from his television network. He said the quiz show scandal has given all broadcasting a black eye.

Stanton made the announcement at a meeting here at the Radio Television News Directors Assn.

He told a newsmen the shows the network was considering dropping under his edict were "Name That Tune," "Top Dollar" and "The Big Pay Off."

Party Split Sharpens

LONDON (AP) — Right-wingers have urged Britain's Labor party to doff its cloth cap and blue denims, forget about nationalization and become party of all the people.

But the party's militant left-wingers demanded a return to all-out socialism and a reaffirmation of faith in nationalization as "a means to advance Britain's future."

