

LET'S PROGRESS

Today The Battalion makes its last appeal for Dead Week before the Christmas holidays begin.

Vice-President Bolton has laid that the question of Dead Week will in all probability be settled at a faculty meeting to be held immediately after the holidays are over.

In asking the faculty to consider re-instituting Dead Week, we have asked for no more than a period during which efforts to get a clearer grasp of courses of study can be made.

Dead Week as we believe it should be instituted here would be a week during which no major quizzes, no term reports and no other similar institutions would be employed by the instructors.

At the same time, we are not promoting a wholesale "coaching" period. Reviews, of course, might become that; but of instructors will do so, they can make the week the most important one of the term.

The primary purpose of Dead Week, as we see it, is to place the proper perspective on courses. Let the students see the course as a whole and let him see it in connection with other similar courses.

Whether or not students will take advantage of the period is the major stumbling block. But may we point out that more than 1,000 students said they would take advantage of the period in a survey conducted recently by The Battalion.

In addition to this, there is no reason why compulsory class attendance should not be required during the week. These two factors, we think, will make Dead Week operate efficiently and serve the student body and the faculty.

Again we urge the faculty to pass regulations bringing about conditions similar to the ones we have advocated during its meeting after the holidays.

EDUCATION

For many years the political plan in the United States has been for the voters to elect the man who gave the best show. Modern education is bringing about a change for the better in this system.

Men who have had long years of public service and understand people who have elected them can serve best. Educators and business men who understand the problems which affect the public most can solve those problems more quickly and with more successful results.

There are many requirements for a person to be a candidate for an office, but no seems to have thought of including a high intelligence rating as one of them.

Examinations could be given aspirants to all political offices. And a candidate would have to make a certain average before he would be allowed to place his name on the ballot.

—THE PRAIRIE

A REAL NEED

A facility greatly needed by many organizations on the A. & M. campus is a good 16-millimeter sound moving picture projector, of the latest make and of high quality, with all the accessory apparatus necessary, so that the various clubs may use it to present the many fine new educational pictures available.

It would be a fine thing indeed if all the clubs had something like this to use. Only two or three of the clubs now have projectors, and these are generally small and not readily available for use by the other organizations.

If all the clubs on the campus would only lend their moral and financial support to the move the Biology Club is now fostering, to secure a good machine for all clubs, we certainly should be able to get this much-needed facility very soon.

—B. M.

On National Affairs

PEACE AND GOOD WILL

Merry Christmas! "On earth peace, good will toward men."

Christmas of 1938 will see little peace, and little good will among men. A ferocious civil war has been going on in Spain for a year and a half, and Japan has been fighting a bloody war for the conquest of China for a year.

At home, peace and good will are not the most prominent characteristics of society. We are in the tenth year of business depression, and many signs indicate that our economy is a declining and contracting one.

There are some happy signs in America. An opposition party exists, and even shows prospects of flourishing. The President can appoint his defeated rival to an important diplomatic mission.

Merry Christmas!

Latest returns indicate '89 Creighton campus-mates have autographed the plaster cast on Tom Murphy's injured leg. . . . And Tom is worn out after 89 observations that he's "pretty well plastered."

Disregarding a survey report at Harvard that reveals three members of the freshman class are nudists and that one professes "anachronism" as his religion, we listen to the psychologist who says the American home is just a little demeracy. . . . Yes, and when mother starts for the medicine cabinet, Willie knows just what's coming—another purge.

The referee called a penalty on Putman U.'s gridders and started pacing it off. "What's he doing now," growled a Furman roofer, "penalizing us for telling a dirty joke in the huddle?"

A record correspondence enrollment of 676 is reported by the University of Syracuse. . . . Pudge Frank Harris Hiscock of Syracuse, N. Y., has resigned as chairman of Cornell University's board of trustees after 22 years.

Complete consolidation under one roof of all plant and animal sciences except dairy husbandry at the University of New Hampshire will be possible in June with completion of two 90-foot wings to Nesmith hall.

A volume of rural Michigan songs and ballads has been completed by Wayne's Prof. Emelyn E. Gardner and Alumna Geraldine J. Chickering.

Grinnell College has opened a dating bureau. Case School of Applied Science has a new 100,000-volt radiographic machine for the detection of flaws in metals.

More than 60,000 students in 38 U. S. colleges and universities are members of the Independent Men's association.

More than 1,700 trees on the Connecticut State College campus were destroyed in the recent east coast hurricane.

For the first six months of 1938, gifts to educational institutions declined \$38,568,188 from the total of a similar period of last year.

The Student Workers Federation has been refused a meeting place on the University of California campus.

"DOWN" PAYMENT

GUESS I'LL HAVE TO GIVE UP THE IDEA OF EVER BEING ABLE TO RAISE A MUSTACHE!



KNOW YOUR COLLEGE

BY BILL MURRAY

Some day in your leisure time, why don't you go through our year-old College Museum? It's chick-full of interesting exhibits.

As you enter the museum, you see first of all a profite of "Pro-synthetoceras Francis Frick" skull, the only one of its kind ever found anywhere, of a peculiar Ice-age antelope with four horns.

Next as you look about you see looking down on you the admirably-sculptured busts of a member of the world's greatest thinkers and most famous men. But in striking contrast with these is the remarkable display you see in the next room you enter—a complete collection of lifelike casts of faces, one for each tribe, of all the primitive, ignorant, savage tribes of Australasia.

And lastly there are fine displays of the mounted bodies of present-day birds and animals of the more unusual varieties, and a practically complete collection of the present-day plant life of Texas as well as plant collections from elsewhere.

Science has come to the aid of fashion-conscious students—and those who are not so clothes-minded, too. At least it has at Skidmore College where home economics students have organized the Skidmore Clothing Service to aid undergraduates and faculty members to select clothes to fit the personality of the individual.

This new extra-curricular service will advise its clients on textures, styles and the proper accessories to make a complete ensemble which will express the personality of the wearer. Style advice is given free, but standardized rates are charged for alterations and repairs.

Smart though today's wise-cracking collegian may be, he's not as inventive as he thinks he is if you believe the researches of University of Buffalo librarians. Among the modern wise cracks that are not so modern, according to their discoveries, are the following:

"I'll tell the world" was first used by Shakespeare 315 years ago. "Not so hot" is from the same author's "Winter's Tale." "Beauty but skin deep" was Philip James Bailey's description of a woman in 1861.

"I'm no angel" was coined by Thackeray about 1848. So, before you cliché inventors lay claim to a new word combination, you'd better check the classics first.

DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Four terms of eleven weeks are given each year. These may be taken consecutively (graduation in three and one-quarter years) or three terms may be taken each year (graduation in four years).

COLLEGIATE REVIEW

Throughout the world, U. S. collegians are famed for fun and football. Even though we refuse to join the ranks of those who believe colleges are as the talkies picture them, we just can't resist passing on to you some of the good-timing stories we've heard during the past week:

Up in the hill and snow country of New Hampshire, where Dartmouth College rules the roost, 1,200-odd students drew \$38,000 from savings accounts in one bank so they could truck on down to the Harvard game and the post-game doings.

Tied up with all of this spend-and-dance program is the problem thing from the Earlham College campus. The student newspaper there recently asked the students for their opinions on a new share-the-bills program which proposed that on the third Friday in each month the women make and stake the dates and that every third date with the same man should be "Dutch treat."

But the payoff in date-making comes from Michigan State College. Some time ago the Collegiate Digest featured a picture of a group of State's beauties. Some days after the section made its appearance one of the campus leaders received this letter: "We, the undersigned, being two undergraduates of Indiana University, and, we believe, as all males do, in their dogmatic ability to recognize true pulchritude, have had our fancy caught and held by the face of a certain young lady. So, just for the heck of it, who's the girl circled in red?"

But just the same, claims one of the members of the Anglo-Irish college debate team touring the U. S.: "American students are much more serious than are English students."

"Our educational system has been functioning on the principle that everyone who can afford a college education should get one, and as a result has 'watered' its academic scholarship to enter college."

Miami University medical authorities report a decrease of more than 50 per cent in the number, severity and duration of colds contracted by students as a result of cold vaccine injections.

The University of New Mexico has painted with words the picture of the ideal co-ed. Their publication says she should possess good manners, conversational ability, and tactfulness.

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the future—she should know how to cook if necessary, but if she's smart enough to get by without it—then O. K.

Louisiana State University has received a gift of 5,000 French books from the French government.

A professorship of democracy to combat fascism, communism, and similar trends has recently been established at the Florida Southern College.

Do you know that you can read 50 books a year by devoting one hour a day to them, and that the average college student is only required to read or refer to about 50 books during his entire four years of study?

Many of the avenues and streets of the New York World's Fair 1939 have been named, it is announced by Grover A. Whalen, President of the Fair, "Petticoat Lane" runs between the Textile Building and the one devoted to woman's apparel.

"Steve Brodie" is to jump not once but six times every day from a representation of the Brooklyn Bridge—from which the real "Steve" made a legendary leap decades ago—in George Jessel's "Old New York" in the Amusement Area of the New York World's Fair 1939.

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