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This Collegiate World

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Blanket graduation requirements are a thing of the past at Knox College, where the faculty has adopted a system of all-out individualization in which each student's course of study will be tailor-made to fit his own professional aims and aptitudes. Designed to achieve at last that high degree of personalized attention which has long been the boast of small colleges, the new plan took effect with the summer session.

In abandoning the traditional requirements Knox is thoroughly aware of the new and vital importance it thereby attaches to the adviser system. In fact, the faculty advised, no longer able to write out a student's curriculum simply by consulting the catalogue for a list of required courses, must now make a careful and conscientious analysis of the student's objectives and abilities.

"The student tells us what he wants to do, and then we will tell him what he has to do," explains Charles J. Adamec, dean of the college.

A freshman's program at Knox is determined on a basis of his announced professional aim, on his aptitudes as revealed in vocational guidance tests or in terms of his major departmental interest.

Far from relaxing requirements for the individual student, the new Knox plan in fact intensifies them, Dean Adamec points out, in that once he has decided on a professional or scholarly objective the course of study pursued during his four years may be very rigidly outlined. The only general requirements retained are rhetoric, physical education and the widely discussed survey course in which Knox freshmen approach the problems of living and learning through a study of the Middle West, their own environment.

An experiment in reading tests undertaken this year at Barnard college by Gelolo McHugh of the department of psychology has resulted in introduction of a new course for next year.

The course, "Mental Adjustment Laboratory," will be conducted by Mr. McHugh. It will have no academic credit. Mr. McHugh said it will include conferences for students who wish to improve in their adjustment to problems of mental health, educational achievement, and vocational or avocational guidance.

He added it may include an analysis, by objective tests and standard scales, of the aptitudes, interests, attitudes, methods of study and other traits of each student, with a view to providing information that may be practically useful to each individual.

In cold cash, what is a college education worth to a girl? Not as much as you'd think. In fact, unless she goes on and gets a doctor of philosophy degree, the "investment" of time and money as represented by earnings does not seem to be justified," it was concluded by the American Association of University Women in a recent survey.

"Fifty-five per cent of the women who have doctorates had attained earnings of \$3,000 per year," said Dr. Susan Kingsbury, professor emerita of social economy at Bryn Mawr college, who conducted the poll.

Thirty-three per cent of the Ph.D.'s earned between \$3,000 and \$4,000, and 22 per cent more than \$4,000. Only 17 per cent of those with master's degrees had reached \$3,000. Only 8 per cent of women with bachelor's degrees alone had reached that level.

Breaking a tradition of 138 years, the University of Vermont no longer requires Greek and Latin for its A. B. degree. The change is only one facet in a movement that is liberalizing arts and sciences curricula in this century-and-a-half-old New England institution.

The A. B. degree will be given in 1943 to students completing the present classical, literary-scientific, social science and general science curricula. The curriculum leading to it is designed to insure adequate basic training in language, particularly in English as the mother tongue and the chief tool of thought and expression, and in certain other subjects essential to an understanding of the various fields of human knowledge.

In line with the changing of requirements for the A. B. degree is a modification in the distribution of subjects required of candidates. Sweeping aside many required courses that formerly clogged student schedules, Vermont has now limited its required courses to two years of English, one course in a foreign language of at least intermediate grade, one laboratory course in science, physical education for men and women and military science for men.

With fewer prescribed courses there is to be a tightening up in the field of concentration. Each student is to have an adviser, and in consultation with his adviser he will choose a field in which he will do most of his studying. These fields are language and literature, social science, mathematics and science.

A survey of the employment record of former University of Minnesota athletes discredits a common belief that collegiate stars shine less brightly after graduation.

Clarence Osell, instructor in orthopedics made a study of the extensive file on former Minnesota athletes.

He discovered that 27 per cent of the former athletes now are professional men, 13 per cent salesmen, 9 per cent engineers, 7 per cent executives, and 6 per cent teachers.

"Only five of 722 athletes are now engaged in professional athletics," Osell said.

War is delightful to those who have had no experience in it.

PRIVATE BUCK .: By Clyde Lewis



"Why didn't you tell me you were wearing new-mown hay perfume, dear? We all thought it was phosgene!"

BACKWASH

By Jack Hood

"Backwash: An agitation resulting from some action or occurrence" — Webster

By John Holman

An Omen . . .

. . . perhaps is the fact that the Aggie defeat dealt out by the L. S. U. Tigers is the first opener we have lost since Howard Payne College downed the Aggies in 1922 in the season starter. That doesn't mean much, but significant is the fact that year saw the mighty Longhorns (they are mighty, ask 'em) bow to the Aggies on the turf of Memorial Stadium in Austin. We haven't done it since, but who knows?

Old Timer . . .

. . . On an Arizona ranch is as colorful a character as there is alive. The old man is almost legendary in the West, and fact proves him to be an Aggie enrolled here in the first class. He came here in 1876, and tells proudly of the cadets firing the campus cannon at niggers who used to camp near the campus on their way north. He left Aggie land in 1878 when the School of Agriculture was installed.

TSCW Locals:

. . . Three lonesome TSCW fish inform me that they don't know any Aggies and although they see them around the campus in Denton and have ". . . heard that there are even more at A. & M." Descriptions indicate blonde hair, weights ranging from 100 to 125 pounds—avoidrduois. A post script adds that they do not like teapippers, which undoubtedly shows they are intelligent if not beautiful . . . and I don't know about the looks, yet. They kindly give out with the P. O. box . . . 3232, TSCW, Denton. Names? Red, White, Pinkie, and Goldie. . . at least that's what they said.

Lost . . .

. . . On Saturday September 5, a raincoat in the car of Mrs. R. H. Preuss, of 3104 Georgetown St. Houston, who says that the coat may be had by the owner upon telling where he was picked up and let out of the car. Write the above address.

Movie . . .

. . . Czar Walter Wanger has just come back from Washington where the FBI and War Department okayed the Aggie film. Both Norman Raine, (who is writing the story) and Wanger said there was enough material down here for

The adjoining town houses of President Roosevelt and his mother, the late Sara Delano Roosevelt, have been purchased by a committee of citizens for use as a community house by Hunter college students.

WHAT'S SHOWING

At Guion Hall
 Tuesday, Wednesday—"The Corsican Brothers", with Douglas Fairbanks, Ruth Warrick and Akim Tamiroff.

At the Campus
 Tuesday, Wednesday—"A Hunting We Will Go" with Laurel and Hardy. Also, "She Knew All the Answers" with Joan Bennett and Franchot Tone.

Dairy Show Is Held During County Fair

During previous years the dairy husbandry students through their organization the Kream and Kow Klub have sponsored an annual Dairy Show. This show has been held either in the fall or spring semester at the dairy farm on the campus. This year, due to the co-operation of the Livestock department of the Brazos County Fair, the show will be held in connection with the County Fair at the American Legion grounds in Bryan Oct.

7-9 inclusive.
 At a meeting of the Kream and Kow Klub Tuesday evening, it was decided by those present, to meet at the dairy barn Thursday afternoon September 17 at 5 o'clock and select the animals to be fitted for this show. It is planned to have as many animals as their are dairy students who are interested in fitting an animal for this show. Therefore, any student in dairy husbandry who is interested in this show should meet Professor Darneil of the dairy department at the dairy barn Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock for the purpose of selecting an animal.

MOVIE Guion Hall

3:30 and 7:00 P. M.

Mon. - Tues. - Wed.

Sept. 28, 29, and 30

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