

Open-Book Exams . . .

(The following editorial is reprinted from the Daily Northwestern of April 9. We feel that it is applicable at many American colleges and universities during these trying times.)

It was encouraging to note that at least some professors in the University last week voiced approval of open-book exams.

Most professors interviewed in a Daily survey gave their OK of such exams—for certain courses, anyway.

Open-book exams can be carried too far. But if they are properly organized and administered, they can be extremely valuable. They will give the student a chance to thoroughly organize the material, draw his conclusions, interpret the facts properly, and write the test in a more coherent manner.

With the open-book exam, facts are not just isolated facts—they become part of a broader picture. The ability to gather all the facts and construct them into a coherent over-all summary is the most important thing the student can get from his courses.

Such exams would eliminate exam week panic that often results in much worry but little sound review or assimilation. Open-book exams would also do away with much of the cheating problem.

Open-book exams do not make the test a snap. In fact, open-book exams are usually more difficult and thoroughgoing than some of the final exams which are given now. It might be necessary to make the exam period three hours instead of two for open-book tests.

Although it is customary for students to gripe about exams in general, very few of them ever complain about tests which actually contribute something to the student's knowledge.

A good exam will teach a student more in two hours than nine weeks of reading. Students will be for any exam which really tests their powers of THINKING.

In other words, they want exams free of trivia, true-and-false questions, and exasperating questions calling for extremely unimportant details.

If properly handled the open-book exam can be a definite step in the right direction. Students and faculty should give it serious consideration.

Must We Wait Forever? . . .

The A. & M. Press Shop will move to Goodwin Hall soon. After many months of hammering, sawing, and cement laying, one important task has been left undone. That is the location and erection of a side for a Goss Press now on order and due to arrive within the next few months.

In our attempt to go beyond the age of the Cro-Magnon man, we felt it necessary to go city-fied and order a Goss, a 12-hour deadline-saver. It will complete a now-8-hour job in 2 hours, including cutting, printing, and folding.

The Goss people believe in big things, so they make big machines. No ordinary room can withstand the tremor of one Goss. Instead a separate, small room with a solid concrete floor will have to be constructed, all of which will take time.

Since the architect was furnished with a blueprint of the requirements, the job could have been consolidated with the other basement-construction work. But it wasn't. . . .

We would like to see construction of the new pressroom underway. Failure to begin such a building may well force us to carry on printing operations from a freight car at the Missouri-Pacific station.

Wake Up, Rip Van Winkle

The social season again has brought to light a need that has existed on the campus throughout the years. This need cannot be traced to one man or one administration. It involves a lack of planning, caused either by a limited perspective or by failure to think.

Every dormitory on this campus needs a combination recreation and reception room, equipped with nice furniture, a radio, coke-vending machine, and perhaps a piano and record player.

In our Utopia such a room would provide a place for guests to wait in comfort. Above all, it would be a "day room" (to pluck phrase from military lingo) for use by dorm occupants during the day or night. In the case of a student trying to study whose roommate is trying to sleep, the recreation room would be the solution.

Overall, the reception-recreation room would be the "phone room", and in the case of ROTC dorms would be the orderly room; a CQ on duty would have at his finger tips a roster of every man in the dorm. In the case of non-military halls, there would be no need for a person on duty at all times.

A coke machine in each dorm would lessen the steps to the North Gate of George's for that very purpose. And a radio would be necessary for the comfort of guests. Might we also suggest periodical subscriptions?

When we mentioned the possibilities of a piano in the day room, we did not mean going to Bryan and purchasing 25 pianos COD. However, one piano for every, say four, halls would help the cause.

In our opinion, here's the easiest way to go about such a not-too-difficult undertaking:

For Dormitories 1 through 17, walls would be knocked out between four rooms—either four in a row or two across from each other. This reception room would be at one end of the hall on the first floor.

For the "ramp dorms", the first floor of a centrally-located ramp could be easily converted.

For all other dormitories, four rooms—near an entrance and on the first floor—would serve the purpose.

On week-ends when you have a date on the campus, it isn't very pleasant for the girl to sit on a bench outside while you run upstairs to change clothes. Second, there aren't enough benches to go around—since there are only, on the average, two benches per dorm. Third, it's a might wet in this neck of the woods.

(Of course it's understood that students living on the floor with the recreation-reception room would have to be careful about running to the shower in a towel.)

Day dreaming is easy, but we advocate taking immediate steps to bring about such a lounge in each dormitory.

WE'LL TAKE TWO!

Under "Articles for Sale" in the Boston Post appeared a display ad reading: "LAWN SWIMMING POOL HOLDS 9,000 GAL'S."

DON'T PUT OFF TILL TOMORROW

The brand new Dixie Cream Do-Nut Shop, Kansas City, Kansas, ran a local newspaper ad last week which was headlined "Open Tomorrow." Then, unable to put off getting started, the advertiser used this punch-line: "Take home a dozen tonight!"

BETWEEN THE BOOKENDS . . .

Masquerading Journalist Sees Anti-Semitism Right

By WILNORA BARTON
Readers' Adviser
GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT,
by Laura Z. Hobson

The story of Miss Hobson's novel is built around the experiences of a journalist, Philip Schuyler Green, who goes to New York to do a series of articles on anti-Semitism. Groping for the "right" angle which will raise the series above the routine, he hits upon the scheme of assuming Jewish identity. No one knows him in New York; his name and physique make the masquerade possible. Green decides to discover if possible from the inside just what anti-Semitism means. What his role means to him socially, and in his business and family life; what it does to his small son and to the woman he hopes to marry, makes an intensely absorbing story.

To quote Christopher Morley, "Perhaps Mrs. Hobson's treatment of this sombre theme is brisk rather than profound, but it is stirringly readable."

TOGETHER, Annals of an American Wife,
by Katherine Tupper Marshall

In 1930 the author married a Lieutenant Colonel who was destined to become one of the greatest military leaders in history and the top ranking officer of the U. S. Army in World War II.

How did he attain this position? How did he discipline his body and mind to perform the most exacting military task of all times? And what part did she play? What were the dominant characters of the people she met—the great and the near great? What amusing mistakes did she make? And above all, what were the human qualities, the moods, likes and dislikes, the real character of the man about whose life so little is known that he seems almost a legendary figure?

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weaves world shaping events and everyday incidents of the home wherein humor contrasts with deep emotions.

"Together" is one of the most heartening books of a dark decade. Also, as General Marshall will not write his own memoirs, it is a most important book.

THIS REALM, THIS ENGLAND, edited by Samuel Chamberlain.

England possesses few more eloquent spokesmen than her etchers who, in these pages, have drawn an unforgettable and heart-rending picture of this staunch citadel of a valiant race. Before the war had scarred the land or destroyed the ancient landmarks this project was begun to collect the famous prints and drawings of the English countryside to preserve for future generations the essence of Old England.

Here are the British Isles, in etching, lithograph and drawing, as the greatest graphic artists have seen them. This composite picture has been drawn by many generations of print makers. Havell, Cotman, Lucas, and Turner give a revealing glimpse of earlier and more peaceful days. Whistler, Haden, Pennell, and Griggs represent the great age of etching at the turn of the century. Bone, Cameron, McBey, and Short, the masters of today, make perhaps the most conspicuous contributions. And the younger generations of British etchers, many of whom have been in the services, bring the picture up to date, aided by a few prints by American etchers.

More than 220 illustrations tell this moving pictorial story. These have been grouped to provide graphic portraits of London, the towns and cities of England, Scotland, England's villages, her countryside, coast, farms, rivers, castles, churches, and cathedrals. This is the England her people fought to preserve. It was worth the fight.

Cemetery Extension Planned by Council

Plans for the extension of the College Station Cemetery were presented and discussed at the last meeting of the City Council of College Station.

The new portion of the cemetery will be divided into 900 lots, but the details for the size, price, and maintenance of these lots still has to be worked out. Duplicate blueprints are to be drawn up and distributed among the townspeople at the next public meeting held at College Station.

G. W. Black, F. B. Brown, Jr., and W. H. Badgett were sworn in as new council members, and assumed their duties at the last meeting.

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In the Future . . .

Ram-Jet Plane Faster Than Sun Predicted

Science Service Wire Report
A ram-jet airplane that will beat the sun by traveling double the speed of sound, taking only fifteen minutes to go from New York to Pittsburgh, was predicted last week by Dr. F. W. Schumacher, associate director of Esso Laboratories at Bayway, New Jersey.

The pilot would be able to see the sun set in New York, rise over the horizon and then set again in Pittsburgh.

Flying in the stratosphere, the ram-jet motor will require only a tenth the fuel needed just above sea-level. This aircraft propulsion unit was proved practical by the Navy's Bumblebee supersonic anti-aircraft weapon designed to counter Japanese suicide planes.

Much simpler in construction than conventional reciprocating engines, the ram-jet in its 1400 miles per hour form develops one horsepower for each half ounce in weight compared with about a pound for ordinary engines. A ram-jet developing 2000 horsepower will be so light that one man can lift it.

New fuels are being research-made for ram-jet use, and military developments underway promise superspeedy mail, express and passenger transport for the future.

Refrigerated as well as pressurized cabins will be needed. Without cooling, passengers would be heated to 300 degrees Fahrenheit at 1400 miles per hour speeds, while the thermometer would rise to 650 degrees at 2000 miles per hour.

Before ram-jet power plants are used, there will be commercial use of the combination of propeller and jet propulsion powered by gas turbine engines.

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Poetry, Prose Contests for Young Writers Opened

The Stephen Vincent Benet Memorial Poetry and the Theodore Dreiser Memorial Prose Awards for Young Writers have officially opened offering cash prizes up to \$25 for the best poems and prose pieces.

All applicants must be under the age of thirty and the work submitted by them must not have been published commercially; that is for money. Such publication in non-paying school and literary magazines is permissible.

No limitations on either the theme selected or the form in which the works are written is set. These awards are presented semi-annually by the Memorial Award Committee of the New Writing Foundation, the National Federation of Colleges High School writing Clubs.

The awards are dedicated to the encouragement and development of young American writers whose work furthers the democratic literary tradition to which Stephen Benet and Theodore Dreiser devoted their lives.

The winning poems and prose pieces will be published in a special Awards Edition of the New Writing Quarterly and sent to the

World Youth Cultural Festival to be held in Prague this summer.

Mrs. Stephen Vincent Benet and Mrs. Theodore Dreiser will be among the judges for the determining of the awards winners. All entries should be sent to Stephen Vincent and Theodore Dreiser Memorial Awards of the New Writing Foundation, 816 E. 61st Street, New York City 21, New York.

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