

AAUP Conducts Survey; Produces 'Ideal Prof'

ONLY TIME will tell if the recent professor's ratings will bring any changes in the quality of the instructors.

However, the American Colleges and Universities conducted a survey recently asking: "What is the good college professor?"

The professor: Would be a young man and should have thorough knowledge of his subject and should be adequately prepared to teach it.

Should possess a sense of humor and should laugh with the class; he should laugh with the class when they laugh at him.

Must recognize the student as an individual both in and out of the class, rather than merely as a memo on the class list.

Must come to his class fully prepared knowing what he is going to say. He should say it in an interesting manner without extensive reference to notes, and should clarify and illustrate the important material from the readings.

Must express enthusiasm and must like his subject so that his enthusiasm is transferred to his students.

"The art of education is to spend your time profitably."—J. H. B. Browne.

A&M's Big Farce-- 'Dead Week'

GOT a quiz tomorrow? You are not alone on this campus. And if you look over your schedule for this week chances are you will find several more.

The week before final examinations is commonly referred to as Dead Week. The only thing significant of that title is the way students feel after it is over—dead from taking so many major quizzes.

Also scheduled this week, in addition to the deluge of major quizzes, are final examinations in labs and lab courses.

A student took a final exam in a course yesterday and then remarked, "Now to study for three major quizzes I must take Tuesday." How can he expect to adequately prepare himself for these tests after exhausting himself on a three-hour final.

Students can no longer begin reviewing for final examinations until the weekend before they begin.

Rigid regulations have been established in the college concerning schedules for exams. No instructor is permitted to give an exam before the time provided. Why not add a regulation to the college "Blue Book" banning major quizzes the week before exams?

Few students would object to such a regulation and we believe members of the faculty would enjoy additional time to grade papers and figure semester averages.

Attempts to correlate his course with the world of reality and should use up to date examples.

Uses simple, clear language rather than language that attempts to impress the student with his large vocabulary.

Treats the students as his equal and should recognize that occasionally the student too can be right and can express ideas that are sound but different than those of the professor.

Has a friendly class and conducts it in an informal democratic manner.

Does not use a curve system of marking in which eight or 10 per cent of the class must fail. He rates each student individually on effort as well as growth.

School Kids Learn About Tax Returns

HAVING trouble with that annual headache called an Income Tax Return?

Many of your problems would be solved had you received the help senior and junior high school students are about to get.

The Internal Revenue Department has announced plans for providing materials to these students for instruction in filing income tax returns. They claim the plan is justified because it helps them learn how to pay taxes when on regular jobs in the future. Also many are entitled to refunds because of taxes deducted from summer job salaries.

It looks like another "R" has been added to our schools' instruction—reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic and revenue returns.

The young people shouldn't complain about having to add this new subject; they say ignorance is no excuse for nonpayment of taxes.

"You cannot teach a man anything; you can only help him to find it within himself."—Galileo.

You Don't Talk Back To This Guy!

JANUARY Army graduates found out yesterday that a short notice from Department of Army headquarters can change many plans. It takes very little for those people in the Pentagon to say, "Previous Orders Rescinded."

And with those words ringing in their ears A&M's mid-term crop of second lieutenants will march off to their yet to be announced destination within 60 days to serve two (a minimum) years of active duty.

What bliss to have the power to cough back: "Dislike most recent order; other obligations won't permit assuming active duty until July 1."

FRANKLY SPEAKING

'Great Books' Prove Help to Chicago Grads

By FRANK N. MANITZAS Battalion Co-Editor

RESULTS obtained from liberal education with a "Great Books" curriculum have proved successful at the University of Chicago.

At Chicago, Dean F. Champion Ward submitted statistics to show that Robert Maynard Hutchins' 10-year-old curriculum in "Great Books" produce students who are a success in every field. Most students set their own pace in the course, the dean said.

His report said: Nationwide graduate-record exams show that 99 per cent of the Chicago scholars placed in the upper third of the group. In the biological sciences, arts, vocabulary and social studies 98 per cent got better than median grades. About 86 per cent were above the median in physical sciences, literature, general mathematics and effective expression.

Here a "Great Books" course is offered. The results it eventually produces would prove interesting.

Graduating Seniors—First to Register

Earlier in the year, we suggested that a plan might be worked through the registrar's office to allow graduating seniors—those who will receive diplomas at the end of the semester when they register—to register first. This is not because they deserve special privileges, but registration would be quickened and made more effective.

This could be done because these students need only certain courses to finish their degree plan. Many times when they register late, seniors find that certain sections are full. This requires them to enter overloaded classrooms which provides a burden both to the senior and the instructors.

If the graduating seniors were allowed to register early, it also would save time which is wasted in arguing during the latter part of the day to complete a senior's schedule. But what's a couple of hours in registration to a senior—after four years.

Remedial Reading—Three Rs

The modern world is demanding more of education today. Administrators are seeking the light yet have a difficult task in determining the correct distribution of liberal arts to the technical studies.

Even in the public schools progressive education—similar to learning to do by doing technique—has met with criticism from educators and many parents. Both believe, the critics claim, that specialization or strict technological teachings are causing a laxness in the teachings of the historical three Rs.

Defenders of progressive education claim that they merely create a desire for more reading and better understanding with their methods.

The results of remedial reading lessons, as now being given to freshmen at A&M, may prove to be the linking factor which will allow both sides a correct view. Only more time and research by educators will supply the answer.

What's Cooking

7:15 p. m.—Horticulture Society, Room 3C, MSC.

7:30 p. m.—A&M Film Society—"The Lady Vanishes," Ballroom, MSC.

MSC Dance Classes, Assembly Room, MSC.

Camera Club, Room 2A, MSC.

Agricultural Economics Club, Room 2C, MSC.

American Foundryman's Society, Room 2D, MSC.

Society of Automotive Engineers, Room 3B, MSC.

Accounting Society, Social Room, MSC.

Wednesday

9 a. m. to 5 p. m.—Forest Service Staff Conference, Room 2A, MSC.

2 p. m.—Group Miller, Room 2B, MSC.

5 to 6 p. m.—MSC House Committee Coffee, Assembly Room, MSC.

Home Town Clubs May Reserve MSC Tomorrow

Mrs. Ann Hilliard, social director of the MSC announced that beginning tomorrow, applications for room reservations during the spring semester for student clubs and organizations may be filed in the social office of the MSC.

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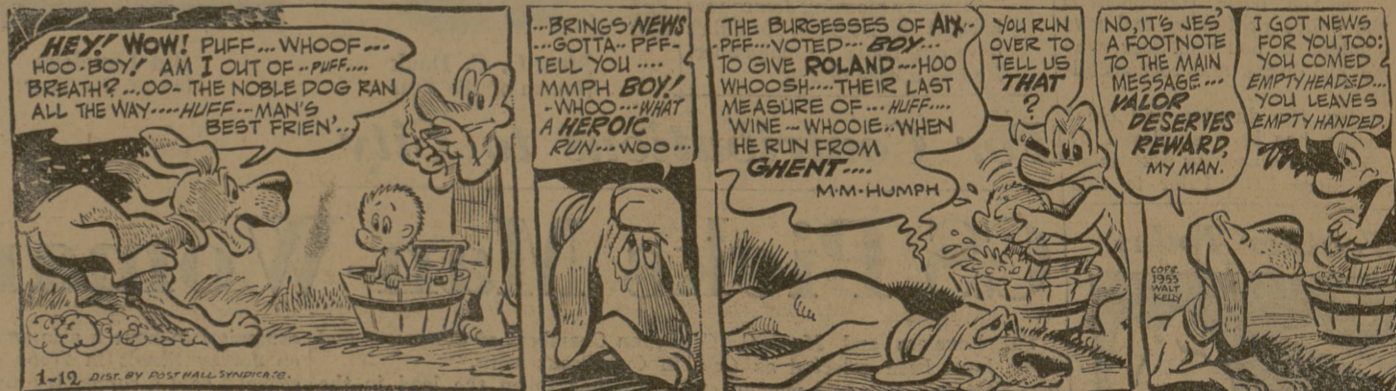
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