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Education Must Regain Prestige to Attract Talent

A GOOD TEACHER can produce a better student, but the better students are not becoming teachers.

This evidence was disclosed recently in the annual report of the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, N.J. It reported that men who are preparing to be teachers are, as a group, the poorest students of all those attending colleges and universities.

The report was prepared by the head of the college entrance examination tests service, Dr. Henry Chaney. About a year ago, this board was asked to give draft deferment tests to young men of military age.

About 150 items were included in the test. Half were verbal, requiring an understanding of relations among words, and the other half were quantitative, calling for arithmetical reasoning.

The starting results show the students in education—those men who were preparing to be teachers—did worse on the tests than any group of students.

Many persons claimed the tests were loaded and made up with the intention of giving the engineers the necessary breaks. To determine the validity of the examinations, the tests were halved, producing the all-verbal half and the all-quantitative section.

The all-quantitative tests, designed to favor the scientists, showed these results:

Top — Engineering, physical sciences, mathematics.

"Spoon feeding in the long run teaches us nothing but the shape of the spoon."—E. M. Forster.

More Money Doesn't Help

NO RELIEF to taxpayers was seen with the Department of Commerce's report that Americans earned more in 1952 than ever before.

Reason: The average wage earner's net income for last year was just about the same as in 1951. This was explained by the fact that the 1952 income was spread over a greater population and that higher taxes and higher prices cut considerably off the take-home pay.

Low men on the wage scale were the farmers who made less in 1952 than the previous year.

The report said personal income as a whole rose 5.5 per cent in 1952, reaching 268½ billion dollars, compared to 254 billions in 1951. Wage increases accounted for almost eight billions of the 14½ billion dollar income rise during the year.

The farm proprietors' earnings fell off 3.2 per cent during the year, from 15½ billion dollars in 1951 to 15 billions in 1952.

What all the figures add up to is: The more you earn, the more you burn—via spending or taxes.

Intermediate—Biological sciences, social sciences, humanities, general arts, business, commerce, agriculture.

Bottom—Education. The all-verbal, supposedly designed to favor the liberal arts students, showed these scores:

High fields—Engineering, physical sciences, mathematics, biological sciences, social sciences, humanities, general arts.

Low fields—Business, commerce, agriculture, education.

Needless to say, educators were astonished and greatly disturbed by the results. The reason for the results is obvious.

The graduates with the most promising immediate future are the engineers and scientists. This is evident in the bonuses given an engineering or science graduate. They are: Deferments from military service because of essential industry; the salaries.

On the other hand, the new teacher is faced with a beginning low salary, interruption of advanced education because of military service, fear of government control through investigations, removal of civil liberties, diminishing idea of the position and prestige teachers hold in community life.

It is no mystery to the present student which job may give him the best in life. esteem it once held, it cannot expect to attract college and university students of high caliber.

Although good teachers produce better students, these quality instructors will play out if more of their replacements are not from the head of the class.

"What the schools have failed to teach is that a man has no more right to an opinion for which he cannot account than to a pint of beer for which he cannot pay."—G. M. Young.

A Question

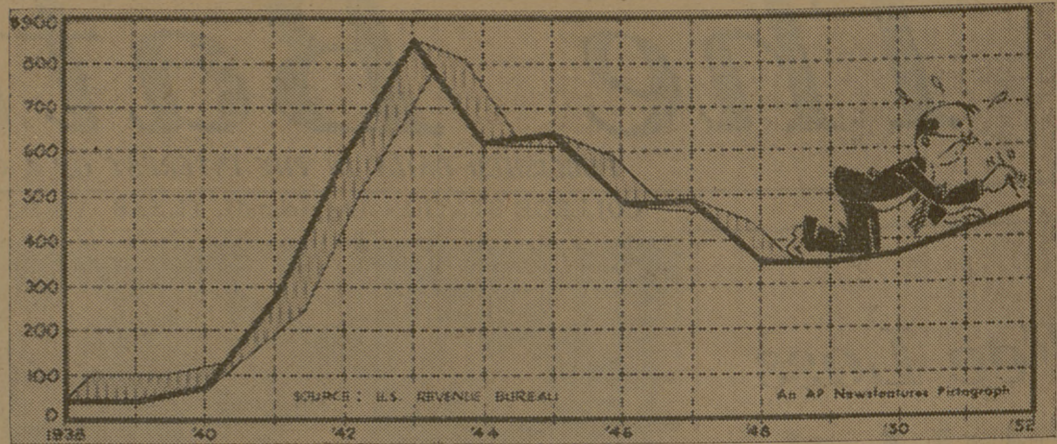
CORRELATION, defined by Webster, is "the reciprocal relation in the occurrence of different structures."

Mildred P. Sherman, dean of college relations at Radcliffe College, recently declared, "There are things to be said for a woman's college—especially if it's near a man's college."

As a dean of the "coordinate college with-in Harvard University" where girls are granted degrees signed both by Radcliffe and Harvard presidents, she emphasized that an atmosphere of coeducation will better equip both men and women for marriage toward working together on a partnership basis. A girl who has been educated at a school with men has fewer illusions to lose about them, she said.

The question: Could Webster's definition of correlation be applied to Miss Sherman's statements?

INCOME TAX CHANGES THROUGH THE YEARS



EVER CLIMBING—Taxes shown are for a man with a \$5,000 a year income and two dependent children. The 1943 peak supposes that the taxpayer chose to pay all the taxes in a lump sum in shifting to the pay-as-you-go method. He might have postponed part of it to the following year.



Manitzas

(This is the fourth in a series of stories about colleges and universities visited by Battalion Co-Editor Frank N. Manitzas while on a recent midwest tour with the A&M debate team.)

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KENT, O. (Delayed)—If an educational institution ever could boast a successful fraternity and sorority system, it indeed must be Kent State University, located in central Ohio at Kent.

Here, 90 per cent of the 6,000 male and female students are members of one type of Greek letter organization, ranging from the social organizations to the professional and honorary societies.

And the results: One of the friendliest campuses in the North and undoubtedly in the U. S.

The de-emphasis placed on the fraternal system is by the students themselves. They consider themselves lucky to be attending a state university such as Kent, where the liberal arts are a major part of everyone's life. They also have kept their fraternities and sororities a small part of the school, not building lavish houses or trying consistently to outdo one another.

Like many other schools in the nation, Kent boasts a ROTC program which is accepted favorably by the student body.

Building Arrangement

One of the outstanding features of the Kent State campus is its buildings' arrangement. Most are constructed on a semicircle drive and others are located on the rolling hills of the campus. A new field house, with a 10,000 seating capacity and indoor pool, is one of the chest-busters for the student body.

Hospital Starts ROTC Camp Shots Thursday

Nine hundred and twenty Army and Air Force advanced contract cadets, scheduled to attend summer camp, will be given immunization shots at the College Hospital, beginning Thursday.

The process will continue through Mar. 5 on Thursday afternoons.

Students who expect deferment from summer camp also must receive the shots, according to the military department. Each unit has been given an alphabetical roster, and the previously announced schedule will be followed, officials said.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Greeks Well Organized, Used at Kent State U

The varied union program and union building itself, located in the center of the campus, provides an activity gathering plus for faculty and students.

As an arts school, Kent State receives favorable student body support in its many theatrical performances presented during the year. Art classes are taught in a new arts building, the likes of which is unknown in Texas.

As compared to the fine arts setup in the MSC, Kent State provides 10 times the facilities. But it is encouraging that nowhere did we see an arts exhibit comparable to those brought to A&M by the MSC Art Gallery Committee.

School Growth

Kent state has grown from 1,000 students in 1940 to its present 6,000 enrollment. By 1960, the school expects more than 10,000 students. The school is preparing by building more classroom facilities, and more dormitory space.

Vital glances: The Kent women are quite similar in personality and dress to the southwest women. Fortunately for the men, the ratio of males to the opposite sex is 3 to 1.

It is not illogical to assume that A&M would be similar to Kent

State, if it had the female advantage, or disadvantage as some might say. Located in a small city (which it built) Kent is about 50 miles from Cleveland and Columbus, (Ohio) and Pittsburg, Pa., giving the KSU students an environment which would be parallel to A&M (with women).

Leave Campus

However like Aggies KSU men leave the campus on weekends and return late Sunday night. But the different campus groups we talked to could not agree on the number of students which leave the campus on weekends.

Some said as high as 80 per cent of the student body was absent on weekends when demonstrative events were not scheduled on the campus.

It is very much like A&M in this respect, but one Kent student explained the difference thusly:

"You say A&M has no gays? I guess that's okay. And even though a lot of us leave on weekends, we don't necessarily leave alone."

Thus the evils of a coeducational school of comparable size to A&M are seen: pleasant companionship and social development while garnering an education.

Point, counterpoint.

★ Bright Spots ★

Cooking Privileges

From Word Study Magazine. Ella Wheeler Wilcox once opened a poem with the following cosmic line, more or less typical of her style:

"My soul is a lighthouse keeper . . ."

But when the printer, apparently a bit of a critic, got through with it, it read, to the author's permanent chagrin:

"My soul is a light housekeeper . . ."

Logic

From Noir et Blanc, Paris. Overheard in a Paris court:

The Judge—How can you swindle people who place confidence in you?

The Accused—But, your honor, if they had no confidence in me, how could I swindle them?

Texas Blowout

From Reader's Digest. As a line of sleepy travelers waited to board the midnight bus in a Texas town, a sharp report suddenly rang out down the street. A startled young woman turned to the boot-clad man behind her.

"What was that?" she asked apprehensively.

"Blowout, probably," the Texan answered.

She still looked worried. "Sound-ed more like a pistol shot to me."

He nodded reassuringly. "What I said. Some fool got his brains blown out."

Footwork

From Philadelphia Inquirer. The Air Force says it has an armless typist at McClellan Air Base, at Sacramento, Calif. She types with her toes, at a rate of 45 words a minute—makes no more mistakes than typists who use their fingers.

Local Pride

From Circle Arrow Retailer. Two vacationists, from neighboring rival states, met at a resort and got into a bragging session about the merits of their respective states. One of them, more worthy than the other, was getting the best of the argument.

Finally, the loser, as a last shot, said: "Well, in my state we have the finest governor and the best legislature that money can buy."

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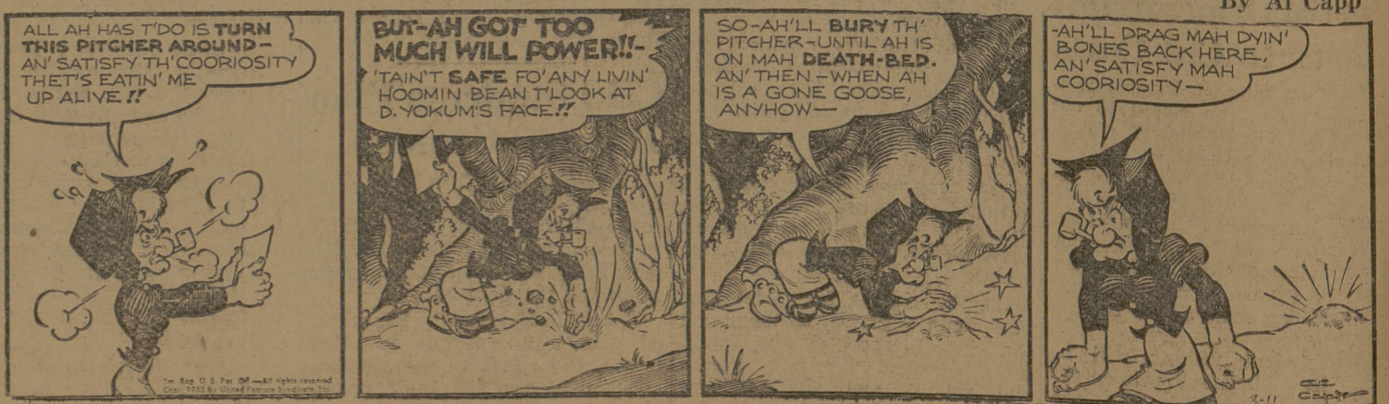
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