

Colleges Hurt Progress By Not Producing Citizen

WHEN WILL C. Crawford said, "people are much more prone to criticize what appears to be wrong than to praise that which is good," he was looking deep within the element we call "human nature."

He also said about public education: "The current criticisms center largely on individual mistakes and shortcomings which, while regrettable and subject to improvement, are bound to occur in any large program involving so much of the human element."

"Too little tribute is paid to the magnificent contribution which public education has made to the development of our American way of life and the highest standard of living in history."

Yet, today, it is common knowledge that although our public education has done a tremendous duty in bettering our living standard, public education is falling.

The National Manpower Council recently informed President Eisenhower that progress is retarded and even national security is weakened by failure to provide proper education and training for a "vast reservoir of highly intelligent young people."

The council disclosed that less than half of those capable of acquiring a college degree enter college and "two-fifths of those who start college — many with superior ability—do not graduate."

A criticism of colleges which they have strived to correct is the unbalanced student life on American campuses. Examples, of pantie-raids, water fights and needless destruction seems to warrant the question:

"Well, General, we have not had many dead cavalymen lying about lately."—Joseph Hooker.

Final Quizzes And YOUR Prof

FINAL MAJOR quizzes and the final examinations are rapidly approaching.

With this thought in mind, we would like to pass on a poem entitled "If." Included with this poem are our apologies to Kipling.

If you can fool your prof without his knowing

That you are shooting him a line of bull. And, while this bull from you is freely flowing,

By degrees you get with him a pull; If you can force yourself by mighty effort To laugh when he dispenses his stale jokes And, when all your fellow students miss a question,

You read the answer calmly from your notes;

If you can fill the unforgiving hour With sixty minutes worth of spoofing done,

Yours is the cause, and three hours credit with it,

And, what is more, you'll make an A, my son.

"Are colleges and universities fulfilling their place in building good citizens while attempting to produce scholars?"

Citizenship preparedness is lacking with the evidence shown that many college students fail to take position seriously. And then, perhaps the colleges are not providing the necessary element which will allow the students to acquire their knowledge of human behavior and citizenship.

Scholastically, the colleges are failing to produce the necessary manpower for professional and scientific areas.

"For every high-school graduate who eventually earns a doctoral degree, there are 25 others who have the intellectual ability to achieve that degree but do not," the council declared.

And the greatest lack of professionals is becoming apparent in the teaching field.

Through the years, the dollar sign has drawn away the professors and instructors. Today with the "guilt by association" tag and treading Congressional investigations in higher education, more of the younger professional instructors are fading into industry. Because it is an apparent impossibility to stockpile such personnel, the education field will be one of the hardest hit with the increasing number of entering college students and the depleting number of instructors.

The solution, the council points out, is to initiate "a purposeful and sustained effort" which can insure the United States that it will have adequate resources of scientific and professional manpower to meet its needs. To do this, the council stresses the need to find an effective utilization of manpower, once the shortages have been found out in their entirety.

The main way to provide these needs is with a continuous flow of students through colleges and universities and expanding the opportunities for capable youngsters to secure higher education.

To do this, however, colleges and universities must prepare, not only in acquiring the best professional help for their academics, but preparing a suitable student life program which will enable the youth of the nation to develop into better citizens.

President M. T. Harrington expressed it effectively in his inaugural address three years ago. He said:

"From the beginning of time, the one unpardonable sin in nature has been to stand still. When a nation or an institution or an organization, or an individual becomes too complacent, the end is not far off; in fact, the seeds of decay are already active.

"When an organization takes more pride in its past than what it is doing today, you may write 'Finis' across its history.

"Let us go forward, then, bearing in mind that no matter what success may crown our efforts we must never be satisfied. The things that are attained as yet are the things most worth attaining. There is only one royal road to success. It is the road ahead."



YEAH, 'DEAD' WEEK—The classically misnamed Dead Week starts Monday. It's supposed to be a week of rest and review before Examination Week, but most of the professors use it to give all the major quizzes they forgot to give during the semester.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Blood Drive Success; Chairman Thanks Ags

Editors, The Battalion: At the completion of the blood-donor drive yesterday (May 13), the general feeling of the Bloodmobile Unit personnel was best expressed by one nurse who commented that it was always a pleasure to come to A&M because they knew they would fill their quota. They also took notice of the friendly spirit and the good manners exhibited by the Aggies.

Since this brings our blood-donor drive to a close for the second year perhaps everyone would be interested to know that 214 pints were collected on the first trip, 240 pints on the second trip, 276 pints the first day of the 3rd trip, 240 pints on the second trip, of the trip. That makes a grand total of 1016 pints and breaks our record for one year.

Texas Ag Station Gets \$3,500 in Aid

Two major grants have been received by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. A grant of \$3,000 has been made available to it by the veterinary research department of Merck and Co., Rahway, N. J.

It will be used in support of studies of the development of chick growth promoting cultures of bacteria isolated from chickens feces.

These studies are being conducted by Dr. J. R. Couch of the department of biochemistry, nutrition and poultry husbandry.

A \$500 grant-in-aid has been made available by the Colloidal Products Corp., San Francisco, Calif. It will be used in support of research in cotton defoliation.

These studies are being conducted by Dr. Wayne C. Hall of the department of plant physiology and pathology.

The people to thank for such a record is, of course each individual who took one hour of his time to give one pint of his blood. Surely the men in Korea and their folks are truly grateful to each of you.

And also deserving thanks are two men who had the tremendous job of collecting all the names of prospective donors, scheduling them, and seeing that they were notified—Mr. Harry Boyer and Mr. Allan Madeley. Without these men our goal could never have been obtained.

Working with them were their office staff who had the job of finding where each donor lived so that he could be notified. They also had to type many notices and announcements.

This comprises our team who made it a great year with the exception of one group—the first sergeants and housemasters who collected the names from the start.

To all of these people go my sincere thanks and best wishes for a bigger and better drive next year.

Lee J. Phillips Jr. Blood-donor Drive Chairman

Fellowship Offer To Grad Students

Search is underway for an outstanding graduate student who would be eligible for a Rotary International Fellowship, said Dr. C. C. Doak, head of the biology department and chairman of the local International Service Committee.

"We found two students who were eligible, but both were already launched on graduate programs under other auspices," said Doak.

Efforts to find a Rotary fellow to send to a foreign country will extend into the next year, he added. The student chosen for this honor, Doak continued, must be from College Station, Bryan or surrounding area.

Fellowships range from \$1,800 to \$3,400.

BA Prof Attends Armor School

R. L. Elkins, associate professor of business administration, left Tuesday for Fort Knox, Ky. to attend a fifteen week advanced associated armor school for officers.

Sexton Quality Foods advertisement featuring an image of a tea box and a teacup. Text includes: 'Choice of the tea connoisseur', 'This is the tea chosen by master chefs of leading clubs, hotels and restaurants— an exquisite blend of Indias, Ceylons and rare Darjeelings. In convenient individual-size bags—each cup may be as strong or mild as desired.'

Advertisement for General Telephone Company of the Southwest. Text includes: 'choosing a CAREER? then, look to the INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE INDUSTRY for opportunity...security advancement..income.' and 'GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY of the Southwest 809 Reserve Loan Life Bldg. • 505 North Ervay Dallas, Texas'

Advertisement for Fiesta Tropical. Text includes: 'Sponsored by Pan American Club Saturday 8 P.M. — MSC Bowling Area TWO COMBOS FOR DANCING Latin American FLOOR SHOW'

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