A VERITABLE STATE OF BONDAGE

THAT American college men are in a veritable state of bondage was the theme of a recent address by Dr. Leroy Burton, presiding officer of the American Association of University Professors. The impossibility of any self-determination in the matter of curricula prevents the student with initiative and capability from reaching the goals of his own ambitions. In short, he is given free reign. Dr. Burton would give the upper-classmen freedom from the group course restrictions and would allow them to follow the line of his own enthusiasm.

Up to a certain point such discussion does not apply to the Tech student; for his is a specific training toward a very definite end. From the standpoint of the general student, however, this group is a veritable university college and the development of a more splendid educational opportunity is here the solution of a problem.


does not mean merely showing evidences of capacity and leadership during the first two years of college, but the ability to browse through the curriculum pastures without restriction. To students ambitious and independent minded this would be a desirable offshoot of the present educational opportunities.

The fact that educators of such eminence as Dr. Burton are becoming favorable to this plan is of moment, and should serve as an impetus to the Tech student's leadership and their interest in the application of such a plan might prove feasible.

THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTION

THE government has two officers touring New England making inspections of all the colleges and universities where Military Science courses are being taught. These men will say whether or not the various institutions are to be rated as "Distinguished Military Colleges," or "Military Colleges," which is a distinctly Military College. The Secretary of War is seeking to raise the educational standards of Military Colleges to the level of the present educational standards.

It is certain that the proper organizations will give the privilege of breaking out of an inflexible course to follow the line of his own interests. This plan is much simpler than the Brown system, but should prove to be a great success.

The Tech student is very fortunate in having the Silver Bay Conference, is an important event in his development. The opportunities extended to a man who is undergraduate and graduate life, and cannot help but be interested in the greatest authorities in their respective fields. It is estimated in dollars and cents that the trip is of very little value. In fact, the student is definitely helped by the interest of the faculty. The Silver Bay Conference is held to give those who attend a unique and in many ways a most valuable opportunity.