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Charles Rich '26

THE NEW ANTIOCH

IT has been over two years since the directors of the new Antioch College launched their novel plan of co-ordinating a semicultural education with a professional technical one. It will be many more years before we may judge as to the real value of this form of training and be able to compare it with the results of the more common, intensive, theoretical training with which we are familiar.

On the face of this plan there is much to commend it. It is extremely liberal and broad in its scope, and flexible in its requirements as to the student's preparation. It emphasizes the necessity of a careful selection of entering students, but that selection is based as nearly as possible on the prospective student's integrity, character, and personality, rather than on the artificial standards of a syndicated examining board.

The structure of the courses is similar in many respects to course VI-A at the Institute. Students undertake a six year course, with alternating five week periods spent in school and then in industry. This is apparently an effort to obviate the two or three years that most graduates find necessary in order to orient themselves. Whether this will prove decidedly beneficial remains to be demonstrated. Any co-operative plan still seems to be open to widely conflicting opinions and this experiment will probably be no exception. It does, however, make a real attempt to apportion the curriculum to bring about a symmetrical development of the student's faculties and to allow him to pursue with much greater freedom than is customary those paths of knowledge in which his greatest personal interest is to be found.

Of no little consequence are the five weeks as wage earners. It is possible for students to earn enough during working periods to support themselves through the following college period. This may be a contributory solution to the much mooted tuition problem. If tuitions must be raised it is more than probable that the students would rather meet them as they go along by working than by encumbering themselves with obligations which would have to be met in that crucial period immediately following graduation.

The Inter-Fraternity Conference suggests an inter-fraternity crap-shooting league, supported by an assessment of one dollar upon the members of all chapters competing. Having failed to reach any agreement on rushing rules they will no doubt agree to rule out loaded dice and prohibit talking to them.

LECTURES AND THE STUDENT

EVERY now and then a student realizes that his efficiency has decreased to an alarming degree. His concentration has become but a feeble shadow of its former self; his mind hops hither and thither and seems to have completely lost the ability to keep pushing forward in one direction until the project has been accomplished; his memory has faded beyond all semblance of its former power; his ambition has become a nonentity; he is slumping in lectures.

There are many reasons for such a condition; too little sleep, a poorly-aired lecture hall, the memory of an incident of yesterday, the anticipation of something to be done tomorrow,—any of these and a thousand more pernicious distractions may exert their powerful influences and inattention soon becomes a habit, and the habit grows.

Yet we persist in attending our lectures even though we are in such a state that the subject drifts aimlessly by, in a sort of subconscious haze, and leaves but a vague impression after it is all over which merely clutters the mind with unassorted debris and does more harm than good. Perhaps we attend because of the attendance record; perhaps because we want to get our money's worth; perhaps because we haven't anything better to do anyhow; perhaps we think that we shall absorb, in some effortless way, just enough knowledge to get us by. This is untrue. We may absorb something. But that something will be the thoroughly bad habit of unfocused attention and an inaccurate method of thought.

A professor got a spare in the Course VI-A bowling match the other night. We suppose this to mean only one man in the class passed the exam.

The European critic who says America has no idle class has never lectured to Tech men in a dark room. Or a light one either, for that matter.

The present snow at least serves to hide from us the barren tincture of the expanse of pebbles in the Great Court.



"Voo Doo Picks Patients' Pockets as They Roll on Floor for Cure."

The above headline in yesterday's Herald caught the Lounger's scanning eye and he at once sensed scandal. The story came all the way from New York and the first paragraph ran like this:

"Alfred de Silver, seventh son of the seventh king of an African tribe, described by the police as a Voodoo doctor who does weird dances and picks the pockets of rheumatic sufferers while they lie on the floor hoping for cures, was held today for examination on a charge of grand larceny."

Here is an example of slipping one over on the Faculty. There is no cut system at Tech and the members of the pool and synthetic whist teams are not the only ones to go on trips during the term. The Lounger has secretly carried on a deep investigation to find out what one of the Voo Doo organization skipped down to New York last week-end and pulled this ingenious little stunt. His efforts thus far have been in vain, the veil of mysterious secrecy cloaked around the incident by the strategic diplomacy of the management being too opaque to peep behind.

Either this is a deliberate attempt by Voo Doo to secure a large mailing list in New York by a little "trick" advertising, or someone got too near the notorious Jersey mosquito fleet and thought he was Houdini.

Alfred de Silver is a mere nom de plume. The question is, who of the Voo Doo organization is it who can dance, and who is at the same time so adept at wrestling that he can extract watches and pocketbooks from his victim who is rolling on the floor in writhing pain?

It was always like Voo Doo to take advantage of us poor victims, even though most of us are not rheumatic, unless it were in our facial expressions which even Voo Doo's jokes cannot flatter us from the oppressive seriousness so becoming to the nature's mistakes which we are, to a happy example of foolish sensibility, which we are not. Still, it may be a little unfair to put all the blame on Voo Doo when there are men who go around raving because they only got a 99 and not a 105 in an exam in PEE.

Tech men are known not to have sense. This can easily be seen from the bare-headed polarions who like to arouse the interest of prospective female admirers by displaying their courage and warm blood in the face of a typical Boston blizzard by freezing slush in their hair and dangling icicles from their ears. But when someone chains a cute little white snow-hound to a hot radiator in the basement of Walker while he goes up to a smoker and later takes him out into an atmosphere of 10 above zero he shouldn't wonder why the dog develops a sneeze the next day.

WHO SAYS?

The sayings for today are:
1. "Now, Gentlemen, we will discuss."
2. "Now let's see what you know."
3. "Yes, yes, sure you can do it."

The answers to the last three quotations are:

1. Prof. Kurrelmeyer: "I see your finish."
2. Prof. Moore: "This reaction proceeds very smoothly, gentlemen."
3. Dr. Weiner: "Spouse we take a curve of this sort."

Play Directory

ARLINGTON SQUARE: "Mary." Musical comedy by stock company.

BOSTON OPERA HOUSE: "The Bat." Reviewed in this issue.

COLONIAL: "Vanities." Last week.

COPLEY: "Misalliance." Reviewed in this issue.

HOLLIS: "The 1st Year." Good comedy with Frank Craven.

MAJESTIC: "Polly Preferred." Comedy. Last week.

PLYMOUTH: "The Whole Town's Talking." New comedy, with Grant Mitchell.

ST. JAMES: "The Cat and the Canary." Reviewed in this issue.

SELWYN: Jane Cowl in "Anthony and Cleopatra." Last week.

SHUBERT: "The Passing Show." Winter Garden revue, with Ted Lewis and his orchestra.

TREMONT: "The Clinging Vine." Musical comedy.

WILBUR: "Up She Goes." Last week.

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COMMUNICATION

Editor, *The Tech*,
Sir:

May I avail myself of your communication column to correct an impression which one of its recent contributors expresses. I offer Mr. Rhea the following supplement to the previous findings of the class officers.

The petition was presented to the class officers at least a week after final arrangements had been made for a formal dance. A number of tickets had already been given out. Furthermore, a large number of men presumably had made their arrangements and engagements for attending a formal affair. Despite these conditions the class officers entertained the idea embodied in the petition until it became evident that, with one exception, all of the officers believed that the majority of the class wished the dance formal. "Why not let this sentiment be expressed by a vote of the Senior class?" asked Mr. Rhea. For the reason that the class officers were elected to decide matters of this nature, to voice the sentiment of the class of 1924 to the best of their knowledge and ability; not to submit by referendums the decision of details of class functions to the class as a whole, thereby foisting upon its patience a task which its officers were elected to perform.

(Signed) W. H. Manning '24.

FRATERNITIES END RUSHING AGREEMENT

The Interfraternity Council which has been in existence for the last five years at Trinity College at Hartford, Conn., will be abandoned at the end of this year. The rushing agreements have been cancelled by seven of the national fraternity chapters, and in the future there will be no restrictions on rushing.

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Choice of a Career

From the Yale News

THE NINETY-FOUR

Someone, probably an insurance agent, was quoted recently as saying that from the mass of one hundred college graduates one individual only rose to the Polo and butler class, perilously near the top of the financial ladder. Five others became comfortably off and found themselves after twenty years at the small yacht and chauffeur stage. The other ninety-four presumably congregate in the great section of the American people who drive their own Buicks to the golf club. In other words, dreaming about being a rich man is one thing, and making the grade is "something else again."

Yet the ninety-four presumably work just as hard as the sumptuous six. Their business is the axis on which a small and uninteresting world revolves. They have become devotees of the dollar and when that fickle deity deserts, have nowhere else to turn. Jammed in a dull, straight rut of business they can never leave the road and jump the fence into finer fields of life. This, then, is the portion of ninety-four men out of every hundred now on the campus.

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