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"What Is a University Education?"

(from the Dalhousie Gazette)

The surest mark of a University education is a proper understanding of what is meant by a University and by education. The ability to acquire and remember facts, and the store of information thus acquired, are not in themselves education; but they are a necessary foundation for it. This foundation should be laid in the schools; but on this continent the first two years are too often devoted to work which can be done better by the high schools, and which hinders and obscures the true function of university training.

The English universities can specialize from the beginning. Those of North America, trying to ensure an adequate general foundation, are obliged in the first two years to cover too much territory. Many of them, even in so-called Honour courses, try to cover too much in the later years, forgetting that scattering has more than a rhyming connection with smattering. It has been said that "If a man knows something about everything, he knows nothing about anything; but if he knows everything about something, he knows something about everything." The "something about everything" belongs chiefly to the schools; the "everything about something" for those who have the desire and ability to get it, should be the concern of the University.

Some of our "students" think that they are conferring a favour if they appear willing to be taught; they should have the will to learn. A university should be a closer corporation restricted to those who want it for what it is, and who would not, for the time being, change it for any other way of life.

There should be an association of free and active minds, with the give and take of intellectual debate and of social converse, teaching young men and women to match and modify their beliefs and opinions against those of others without animosity and without subservience. There should be agreeable surroundings, and opportunity for pleasant and healthful sports and pastimes, with less attention to money, show and competition. There should be leisure for talk, and the countryside for walking; but if this last requires an alteration of the University almanac or of our northeastern climate, I will accept a compromise at Dalhousie with indoor swimming pools and skating rinks.

Arts and science, law and medicine, athletics and debate, commerce and engineering; the modern university is equipped to enable many men to learn many things. Its variety makes

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Looking Around

C. U. P.

The Engineering Freshmen at the U. of Manitoba were initiated last Friday during a ceremony which lasted the whole day. The following were a few of the freshman "musts":

1. Have a beer bottle around their necks.
2. Apply a plentiful amount of rouge to the whole nose.
3. Powder the visible parts of the face with talcum powder.
4. Must wear a sweater and skirt.
5. Must not wear socks.
6. Have a C.O.T.C. boot on one foot and some other type of shoe on the other—neither containing laces.
7. Hold any conversation outside of classes in falsetto voices.
8. Must not shave after Wed. parade.

New Courses:

A Geography Dept. has been formed at McGill. This faculty answers the need for the understanding of the manner in which geographic factors affect the economic and social life of a race and the relationship of nations.

A new course in tropical medicine, unique in that it combines study at the university with clinical work in the tropics, has recently been inaugurated at McGill University.

Principal F. Cyril James said that it is the first time in the history of medicine that a diploma in tropical medicine has been instituted which requires clinical training on the spot, and no other university in the British Commonwealth or the United States is known to be offering a course of similar nature.

Because of increased cultural and social relations between Canada and the British West Indies due to development in trade and air transportation facilities in the post-war period, the possibility of tropical diseases becoming more important has greatly increased.

The Provincial Firemen's Training School is now being conducted in Toronto by the U. of Toronto under the auspices of the Dominion Association of Fire Chiefs and the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office.

Demonstrations of fire-fighting equipment with the new high pressure fog will be another feature of this refresher course.

LOVE

She stands
And all the beauties you get in a
Woman
Stimulate the neurones in my retina

She speaks
The thrilling oscillation of her vocal
folds
Agitates
My auditory fibres — me ecstatic
holds.

We gaze
Into the pupils of each other's eyes.
We breathe
--Vibrate the epiglottis with our
sighs.

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War has immensely increased the consumption of coal while decreasing the manpower and facilities for mining, transport and delivery. Save all the fuel you can!

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Correspondence

October 30, 1944.

The Editor,
The Brunswickan
Dear Sir,

This is a letter about birds, birds which some people on the campus would have to be ducks, all of them.

The bird museum at U.N.B. has been grossly neglected and totally unappreciated by our students. Yet there are some interested. Now we hear that our birds are to be moved from their present haunt in the Arts Building, to a watery cellar in the Forestry Building. Is this necessary? Surely for the sake of our treasure some drier place can be found.

I understand that our collection loaned to the University, is valueless. This is not true. It is worthless to the few who have studied birds in detail and are interested now in the data behind each bird's capture. But it is very precious to the rest of us, who enjoy it from pure ascetic appreciation, and

also for educational reasons—for how can we better learn to recognize our birds than by looking at them?

Yours truly,
D. B. GAMMON '46

October 31, 1944.

The Editor,
The Brunswickan
Dear Sir:

The only building where we should be able to hear ourselves think, that is, the library, is the most noisy building on the campus. It is impossible to go to the library, particularly in the mornings, and expect to do any work.

To the tune of one hundred students' voices and banging typewriters, we'll all surely flunk our mid-terms.

Most college libraries allow absolutely no noise from the students, or the office. Why can't we have the same here?

D. J. SIENIEWICZ

WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO BE

A WRITER?



TIME was when writers (particularly poets) starved gracefully in attics. There's no longer any need for that... if you know your job.

Even writers feed today... some on Caviar... The reason is that modern writers, journalists, ad men, fiction writers and such, look on their "art" as a business... give some attention to their personal affairs... build up cash reserves for emergencies by saving some of their earnings. Get the habit now, while still a student, even though your savings may be small indeed. It's a habit that will serve you well no matter what your future calling may be.

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FRI.—SAT.
"TWO GIRLS AND A SAILOR"
VAN JOHNSON
JUNE ALLYSON
GLORIA DEHAVEN