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DO COLLEGES EDUCATE

A preview of a lengthy report of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in which modes and methods of teaching in American schools comes in for severe criticism is included in Scribner's Magazine, September issue. It reveals some surprising things about the American system of instructing those who seek for higher learning, and the article should be of particular interest to students majoring in education, as well as students in general.

The investigators, using scores of American secondary schools, colleges and universities throughout the country as laboratories, set out to get an answer to the question: Is college worth while? The results were upsetting. It was shown, for instance, that some sheepskin holders actually knew less at their graduation than they did when they entered college as a freshman.

The credit system so much in vogue in this country was blamed for most of the trouble. It was found that as long as a student gathers credits for a degree, much as a carpenter gathers material for a house, he stands to defeat his own purpose. A co-ed student was about to be graduated magna cum laude, by judiciously choosing "crip" courses, and her record on the cooperative examination was so low that she did not warrant being admitted to the freshman class of her particular university.

The article is titled Human Waste in the Colleges, and is by John R. Tunis. It should be read by every student who is coming to Mercer to receive an education, rather than just to pass the time away.

Some are dumb, and others just look dumb so that they can make a good trade.

CAMPUS POETS

Yoo Hoo!!

Alas, I fear, Monotonous
We cannot use your verse
You hide behind a pseudonym
And go from Bad to Worse

We knew the noted Dizzy Dean,
Would creep in late or soon,
For me to use your unsigned stuff
Would be crazy as a loon.

So doff that moustache, brother
Show us who you be
I promise that your secret
Will lie 'twixt you and me.

—JACK AVERY.

Monotonous

Who is this guy, Monotonous,
With high and mighty air,
Who just ignores apologies
As if they were not there?

What right has he to snoot us now
When we abjectly bend,
And ask for pardon, promising
That we, our ways would mend?

We know him not; it's up to you
Dear readers; everywhere,
To find some clue that we can use
To rout him from his lair.

—"DORMOUSE."

A Co-ed's Reply

I asked my grandma which was best—
Fuzzy or clean-shaved lips?
She said that after thorough test,
She could well give me some tips.
Now short mustaches are scratchy
and stiff,
But long ones—they're the
stuff!

'Tween long and short, there's lots
of diff—
These campus mustaches aren't
long enough.
So to be really kissable, and ladies'
man—

These gents must make all haste—
And grow a stache like grandpa
wore.
Then they would show good taste.
—"FOGGY."

A homely girl begins to enjoy
life about the time a pretty girl
is tired of it.

I have always endeavored to acquire
strict business habits; they
are indispensable to every man.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Editor Cluster:

"In football fame we place our
name,

Ahead of all the rest.
In scholarship when put to test,
She is the very best."

But in track our fair school is
not even on the list. Our name
can never be placed ahead of all
the rest, in this sport; because we
have not even so much as a class
track team.

For some unknown reason, track
has never been part of the athletic
schedule. If it is objectionable
because of expense, then this ob-
stacle can quickly be removed. In
track there is a smaller expense
account than any other sport that
can come on the campus. Uni-
forms consist of a pair of brief
shorts, jersey, socks, and a pair
of track shoes. Compare this with
a football uniform. Other equip-
ment consists of a shot put, a dis-
cus, a vaulting pole, and a stop
watch. Can this be compared with
the balls, goals, blocking sled,
tackling dummies, and other minor
equipments of football and basket-
ball?

If you football fans will remem-
ber, there is a quarter-mile cinder
track around the gridiron with a
hundred yard straight track on
both sides. Does not this alone en-
courage a team? At least a month
was spent last spring in building
up this track, and so far only the
high school squad has ever used it.

So far as candidates for such a
team is concerned, the school is
well qualified. There are in the
school: high jumpers, sprinters,
milers, quarter-milers, vaulters,
and weight men. Many of them
wear letters from their high school
to show for their success on the
high school teams.

Will Mercer be accused of throw-
ing away an opportunity, or will
she take advantage of the moment
and come through in the style she
has always shown?

—CHAS. B. ALEXANDER.

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