

UNDEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS?

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Christmas recess of this collegiate year the International Student Conference at Hartsdale, New York was held. This was the first united move on the part of the students of America to change their place from that of the audience to that of the actor. There is too much of the sidelines in our education. One man lectures, and a hundred listen, twenty-two play football and twenty thousand cheer. This old regime has produced a restlessness that is felt in every university and college in America.

This conference makes us aware of the things that are going to take place in the near future. The old regime will be overthrown and our institutions of higher learning will be more democratic. At this conference the function of the college was said to be, "In general, to give the student a truthful and comprehensive idea of the society in which he lives, so that he may go into that society with the vision and ability to enrich it and to develop it in justice and peace. This function of the college has not been realized. This conference suggested seven things that are wrong.

First of all, lack of academic freedom is hindering the progress of our institutions. We are allowed to hear only those things which the college administration approves. Money holds us down and does not allow us to express our views. With the periodic endowment drives we are continually under capitalistic control. There are drives being made for more money and more students and this is being done at the cost of purpose, function, and character. An athletic team is a big advertisement to the college and we need it whether we find any greater truth or not.

The third thing that this conference mentioned was the un-democratic and un-American control of the colleges. The Board of trustees have absolute control and the students and faculty are given no voice in the government of the institution. We are forced to pay for the maintenance of the schools and the taxes for support of state institutions comes from our pockets. It is a case of taxation without representation. The students should have representation on the Board and have equal voice with the others.

College is dull. Academic freedom is suppressed and the college career is so many hours of boredom. The curriculum is filled with unrelated and quaint requirements. Students should have a voice in the requirements. There should be more practical work. Now it is a dehumanized and devitalized intellectual banquet causing intellectual dispepsy. The student is put thru mental gymnastics of measuring off his points for four years and receiving an

The Youth Movement is bringing these things to the attention of the public today. It is time that we gave them careful consideration and those things that are worth while should be appropriated. The goal is Truth and we must go forward unhindered and unhampered by customs and traditions of the ages long since past. If Democracy is the thing we should democratize our institutions and let the people be heard.

DRIP

Woman (hiring plumber): "Are you a Union man?"

Plumber: "Gosh no! I'm Hawvard."

"May I kiss your forehead?"

"Not unless you want a bang in the mouth."

"What's the charge?" inquired the judge.

"Burglary, yer honor," declared the night cop. "This boid was found lifting a watch from a pawnshop."

"Well, what have you to say?" rapped hizzoner.

"Please, sir," said the prisoner, "I was only trying to find out what time it was. That guy had my watch."

"He's a seasoned story teller all right"

"How's that?"

"Every time he Springs a joke Summer sure to Fall for it."

"Concentration," said the stude in answer to the Prof's question, "is sitting down at your desk with an open book before you, placing an eyeshade on your brow and trying to think where you can get a date for tomorrow night."

"It's the little things in life that tell," said the girl as she dragged her kid brother from underneath the sofa.

"Why does a chicken lay an egg?"

"Because if she dropped it it might break."

"Do you like moving pictures?"

"Absolutely not. I almost broke my neck hanging the darn things."

A DIFFERENT KIND

She: "What do you think of my new coat? Is it too thick?"

He (looking at her face): "I like the color, dear; but I'm afraid you really have got it on a little thick."

If S-I-O-U-X spells "soo,"

And E-Y-E spells "I,"

And S-I-G-H-E-D spells "side,"

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