



COLLEGE REPORT

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changed so much during this present century in particular that one can find instruction in almost any subject.

IN ANY event, American colleges and universities today teach a range of subject matter which would stagger the credulity of the faculty members of a century ago. If some of what is taught today in American colleges and universities would seem to them to be inconsequential to be called higher education, much of it would pass if not surpass their standards of significance and rigor.

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Chace Asks for Review Of County Health Fees

Supervisor Burton W. Chace has called for a study of recent increases in fees for public health license inspections.

"My office has received a tremendous amount of complaints regarding the increases and the fee structure," Chace said. "For that reason, I have asked for a review of the structure."

Chace expressed particular concern with the fees for small restaurants, especially those which dispense ice

cream, candy, and sandwiches.

"THE complaints seem to indicate the fee structure requires such establishments to pay as much as much larger places," Chace said. "On the surface, this would not seem to be equitable."

The public health inspections are performed by the County Health Department to make certain that establishments dealing in consumer goods maintain a

clean shop and healthy practices.

THE INCREASES were necessary to assure that about 98 per cent of the inspection costs were paid for by shop or restaurant owners. Previously only about 67 per cent was underwritten by the establishments, and the balance was paid for by taxpayers.

The Grand Jury urged scupervisors to make the inspections as self-sustaining as possible, and this

step has been taken," Chace said.

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College students in increasing numbers these days, clamor to be given a greater role in designing the curriculum of their institution. For example, the Black Student Union calls for the recognition of the contribution of the black man to our American culture; Students for a Democratic Society demand new approaches to and liberalization of academic procedures.

I recall an irate undergraduate leader asserting in a conversation we were having recently that colleges and universities today weren't as interested in student likes and dislikes as were institutions a hundred years or more ago. In short, he was alluding to the "good old days" of American higher education. Like most "good old days," sentiments the intervening years obscure our view of the way things really were. This enthusiastic student could use some historical enlightenment.

The Old American Literary College that existed before the Civil War had much more interest in teaching its students the attitudes of "the Christian scholar and gentleman" than it did in catering to his personal desires for certain knowledge and skills.

FEW undergraduates behaved like angels, but the faculty did its best to indoctrinate them by requiring their attendance at 16 chapel exercises a week—daily at 5 a.m. in the spring and fall (6 a.m. in the winter), 5 p.m. in the afternoon and four times on Sunday. Faculty members also were expected to attend.

When Cornell opened in 1868 without compulsory attendance at chapel, the clergy denounced President White so roundly and persistently that he defended himself on this and related counts by counter-attacking with a two-volume work, "The History of the Warfare of Science with Theology."

Today, except in some of the institutions controlled by churches, American colleges and universities do not attempt to educate student attitudes. Nor do they give as much direct attention as did the Old American Literary College to training in the skills of writing and speaking. Chiefly they gave their students what William James has called knowledge of acquaintance but which might now graphically be called know-about as distinguished from know-how.

We hear a great deal about how extensively knowledge has expanded since the founding of the nation and how curriculums have had to be periodically reconstructed. To break the monopoly of the classical languages and to admit the sciences, the modern language, including English Literature, the social sciences, and latterly the fine arts and music, educational reformers campaigned after the Civil War under the banner of "The New Education" and employed the unprecedented mechanism of the elective principle, whereby students "elect" to take certain offered courses.

SINCE Thomas Jefferson initiated the elective principle at the University of Virginia, it has been under constant attack, but few things about American higher education seem more certain than that in one form or another the elective system is here to stay.

Perhaps the chief change in course offerings over the past century has been the admission of occupational-training subjects designed to teach "how" to do a specific job. These got their real start in the land-grant institutions. From there they moved into the universities and even into many liberal arts colleges. Contrary to the common belief that the old American Literary Colleges directly trained clergyman and were hence vocational colleges they had no such concep-

tion of themselves. They thought their function to be the training of what Woodrow Wilson later called "the managing minds" of the nation, and they gave all their students the literary education that they ardently believed appropriate for such leaders. The situation has



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