

Mononucleosis: The Causes, Symptoms And Cures

by Dr. Hager

Infectious mononucleosis is an infectious and contagious disease. It does not present as clear cut a picture as most infectious diseases. The symptoms vary greatly although most cases have a sudden onset with fever, sore throat, and swollen glands. Others have symptoms referable only to the digestive system, while still others seem to simulate the "grippe". Some people are ill enough to be in bed and to require considerable nursing care; another certain number might profit by rest in bed or restricted activity. Many, on the other hand, are convalescing before they come to the attention of medical authorities.

HISTORY OF DISEASE

Infectious mononucleosis was first described as a disease entity in the last quarter of the 19th century. Definitely diagnosis, however, was difficult until the discovery of a specific blood test less than twenty years ago.

INCUBATION PERIOD

The incubation period is uncertain—somewhere between 1 and 28 days. Mononucleosis is presumed to be a virus infection and is therefore transmitted as are colds, by personal contact. The duration varies from an illness of a few days to several weeks or months—low grade fever, lassitude, easy fatigability, and low resistance being the symptoms that may persist.

Treatment has so far been directed at the symptoms, rest, sleep, warmth, fluids, etc. As a virus disease it has not responded too well to the sulfonamide drugs nor has it responded to the antibiotics such as penicillin. When aureomycin (which is useful in some virus diseases) or penicillin is used, it is in the more seriously ill cases or where the secondary infection in the throat or glands appears to be present.

FIFTEEN STUDENTS WITH MONONUCLEOSIS

About 15 students here at college have been discovered to have had infectious mononucleosis this fall. I think we are past the peak of the infection now. There are probably others who have had symptoms too mild to report to the Health Service (or so they thought!) But to its ability to simulate other diseases the first few cases are not always diagnosed as promptly as the subsequent ones in an epidemic. Several of our students with the disease were girls who felt "grippy" and had a fever but who stayed in their rooms for 24-48 hours before continued symptoms and friends drove them up to the infirmary.

The difficulties of the disease as I see it here at Bennington are—its frequently non-acute symptoms so the student neglects early attention which may increase the spread of the disease to others in the community, and, also may lengthen the duration in her own case.

Its variability—so that one student thinks she is being psycho-neurotic because of the multiplicity of minor complaints she has, another has digestive disturbances more prolonged than the usual "purple bug" variety, another student has a sore throat which seems no different to her than any sore throat she ever had before, all seem to thwart the quick riddance of the disease.

LACK OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT LENGTH OF ILLNESS

Another of the chief difficulties with the disease here is the question of how long the student is going to be ill. No one can say, and this brings up the associated questions of going home to recover.

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Vermont Church Council Meets

by Janie Lees

The Vermont Council of Churches held its second fall meeting on Friday, December 1, in the Methodist Church on Main Street in Bennington. Ted Goodman and I were the College representatives.

COUNCIL'S AIMS

This county organization is affiliated with the National Council of the Churches of Christ, instituted at Cleveland, Ohio, on November 28. The National Council represents 27 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations, and aims at cooperative Christian action as reflected in benefits to local churches and communities.

The Council deals with such problems as child welfare through religious education, family life, community betterment, overseas relief, missionary work at home and abroad and higher education in public-supported and independent colleges and universities.

BENNINGTON'S PROJECTS

The first issue brought up in last Friday's meeting was the work of the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS which was discussed by its two representatives present, Mrs. Frutrich and Mrs. Colvin, both from Bennington. They explained that the function of the League is to give their community a better understanding of political processes and to make politics everybody's business. Mrs. Colvin said that "Politics is exactly what we make it", and that in order to be a good Christian you must be a good citizen and take an active interest in your community affairs.

The League has published a booklet on current major political issues called "KNOW YOUR TOWN" which is now on sale at the Co-operative Store and in Bennington.

Other issues for which the League is hoping to gain support

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Bennington Dinner Held In Boston

The Boston Regional Committee of Representatives of Bennington College gave a dinner last Tuesday for friends of the College at the Harvard Club in Boston. The purpose of this dinner was to present information concerning the growth and activities of Bennington to those who are interested in the College. The chairman of the committee is Mrs. Frank M. Sawtell, who is a member of the Board of Trustees at Bennington.

Mr. Brockway made the introductory speech and was followed by Mr. John M. Gaus, a Trustee of the College and Professor of Government at Harvard. Mr. Gaus spoke of the establishment of the College, its early days, and the type of institution it was planned to be—the Bennington ideals and concepts of education. Mr. Aaron spoke of the American Values course which is now being given at the College. He explained how the course had been conceived—discussion of plans, choice of topics and speakers, and the final development and inauguration of the course.

Alumni, parents of present students, and other interested friends of the College were present. Mr. and Mrs. Brockway, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron, Miss Rebecca Stickney, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanborough represented the College at the dinner.

Band Concert To Be Given Sunday

A Pop Concert, "so called", says Gunnar Schonbeck, the band's leader, "so we can play anything we want", will be given by the Community Band on Sunday at 8 p. m. in the theatre.

The Community Band was started in the fall of 1950, and includes representatives from the townships surrounding Bennington, such as Hoosick Falls, North Bennington, Old Bennington, South Shaftsbury, and Williamstown, who have joined together for the main purpose of enjoying music through the medium of a band.

The program consists of a wide variety of selections, which are as follows:

Washington Post March by Sousa
Invitation to the Waltz
Take Me Out to the Ball Game
Slipping Around
Dearie

Intermission

Commando March by Samuel Barber
Newsreel by William Schumann
Oklahoma
Circus Marches
Colossus of Colombia
Olympia Hippodrome.

NSA Amendment Passed By Decisive Majority

The Community voted overwhelmingly to accept the NSA amendment to the Constitution Monday, Executive Committee reported.

The new amendment reads: L. Acting as the official body representing the United States National Student Association. 1. The Executive Committee has power to: a. appoint members of the student body to serve as chairman of NSA committee on campus. b. nominate a slate of 6 persons from which 3 will be chosen by the community to serve on the NSA committee. 2. The NSA committee has power to: a. solicit and receive funds in order to carry out duties and objectives of NSA from the campus at large. b. to appoint members of the student body to serve as members (ex-officio) of NSA committee.

Students Invited To Science Conference

Bennington College Students are cordially invited to the big annual Science Conference held at Yale University on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 5, 6, and 7 April, 1951. Delegates from colleges and universities throughout the Eastern United States and Canada are expected to participate in the two and one-half day session.

The conference program will include field trips, lectures by distinguished scientists, student discussion groups, and social activities, as well as exhibits and demonstrations by the various departments in Yale. A highlight of the program will be the presentation of papers based on original work by undergraduates. Undergraduate papers of high merit will be considered for publication in the Yale Scientific Magazine. Seven papers from previous conferences have been published.

The Eastern Colleges Scientific conference was first organized by Vassar College in 1947 and was attended by 105 delegates representing 23 eastern colleges. The conference was such a success that it was placed on a permanent basis with the draft of a constitution.

The executive committee urges all interested students to participate in the conference. Additional information as to expenses and transportation will be provided upon request.

Majority Agree on Student Union For Williams

by Suki Rayner

The Williams College Community seems to have come to some sort of agreement in their recent poll on the measures under consideration in the investigation of the Williams social system—on the advisability of building a "Student Union". To elaborate, the Student Union would be a centrally located meeting place on campus which would provide recreational facilities, snack bar, and lounges, etc., for all students regardless of class or fraternity affiliation. It is hoped that such a facility would weaken the sixteen social units formed by fifteen fraternities and Garfield Club, and encourage campus unity and spirit. A Student Union would only be a minor step in rectifying the current scholastic apathy and selective social set-up that exists at Williams. As it now stands a Williams student goes to D.K.E., not Williams College.

FRESHMAN DORM UNDER CONSIDERATION

Many faculty and students feel that a Freshman dormitory and eating hall would de-emphasize the importance of fraternities to incoming freshman. The freshman, though a member of a fraternity, would utilize it only for house parties and other social functions. He would form a far greater number of relationships, with students in his class as well as with those in his fraternity. Communal living and eating would inevitably produce a class spirit and consciousness which would reduce the consuming importance of fraternities. It is felt that this arrangement would effect a more responsive attitude, on the part of the freshman, towards academic rather than social activities. Though they would eat in their respective fraternities, a

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Dance Group Gives Performance in New York

On Sunday, December 3, 1950, the Bennington College Dance Group gave a program at the Dance Center of the Y.M. and Y.W.H.A. The program, which was the same that was given here, was well received by an extremely enthusiastic audience which included such notables as Louis Horst and Doris Humphreys. Quite a few Bennington alumnae were there and at intermission the lobby looked like "Old Home Week" personified.

Many people, who have seen the Bennington dance programs before, claim that this is one of the best-selected programs that has been done. It was also said, by those of us that saw it up here and at the Y., that Sunday's performance was the most inspired. As one participating observer said: "It was slightly hysterical" But good, and we're all proud of you.

Community Xmas Party Next Thursday Evening

Entertainment scheduled for the annual Christmas party, which will take place December 14 at 8:15 p. m. in the Carriage Barn, promises to make this year's the best party yet.

The Orchestra will open proceedings with a short concert which will include a Mozart Symphony, some short pieces by Bartok, a Mozart Clarinet Concerto, and, accompanied by the Chorus, two Brahms songs for chorus and orchestra.

After this coffee, cookies and the traditional wine punch will be served. Then the bell ringers will play, followed by the Octet.

The whole Community is invited to attend.



MR. HENRY DAVID

Mr. David To Discuss Homestead Strike

Mr. Henry David, professor of history at Queens College, will speak Monday, December 11, in the Carriage Barn at 7:40 for the American Values Series. His subject will be the Homestead Strike. Professor David is a teacher, public consultant and advisor on American Affairs since 1945. He is the author of *The History of Western Civilization*, 2 volumes, *The History of the Haymarket Affair*, and *Labor Problems in America*, editor of *The Path I Trod*, by T. V. Powderly, *The Economic of the United States Series* since 1945; he is a member of the American History Association and the Society of American Historians. Leaders of the local trade unions have been invited to attend Mr. David's lecture. Mr. David's lecture will conclude the series for the term.

Faculty Wife Has Job As Speech Correctionist

by Pat Okoshken

From time to time it is interesting to note what some of the wives of the faculty members are doing. One that is worthy of mention is Mrs. Sperling.

She is doing work as a speech correctionist in conjunction with a program by the Vermont Association for the Crippled. As part of the total program that is being carried out by this organization there is a speech clinic of which Mrs. Sperling is head of the monthly diagnostic group. Parents bring children in who have noticeable difficulties in hearing or speech who are then tested by an intensive program. Mrs. Sperling also participates in the staff conferences and does the follow up work that is entailed.

The centers of this organization are in Rutland and Burlington. Mrs. Sperling usually spends four days out of each month in this highly concentrated work. She spent six weeks this summer doing the same type of therapy.

M. A. AT UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Mrs. Sperling is a graduate of the University of Minnesota where she majored in speech. She also has her M. A. from the University of Michigan in speech correction. Before she was married she worked in the Cleveland Speech Correction Clinic. After she was married she worked in two divisions of the New York Department of Mental Hygiene, Rockland State Hospital and Letchworth Village. She then taught and participated in clinical work at the University of Michigan for two years. Since she has been in Bennington she has done volunteer work for the Red Cross for two years.

When asked to say something about her work, Mrs. Sperling replied: "I find this type of work to be a learning experience and a constant challenge."

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EDITORIAL

Naturally, we of The Bennington Weekly were slightly chagrined to find that in the article reprinted from the *Alumnae Quarterly* and distributed to students to help them "be sure of your facts when you discuss the College this winter at home or with your friends" there was listed under, ARE THERE PUBLICATIONS? "Two. A literary magazine called the SILO... and a newspaper called the BEACON, published twice a month." We always thought our fore-runner in the newspaper field came out every other week. However, there's room for doubt, and so we won't quibble.

There are some things we would like to take issue on though. It is part of a larger article from an issue of the *Quarterly* of undisclosed year and therefore carries outdated information (wrong figures, page references, etc.). It gives a pleasant but idealistic impression of Bennington College. As a publicity job, intended for a prospective student, or others interested in the College, it may present a good, quick view of Bennington. But there are few students here at College who will read this idealistic view and accept it as realistic fact. None of the statements contained in it are actually wrong, but neither are they completely true.

For instance, there is a section entitled "How Are Students Kept From Making Random Choices?". The question, itself, is partially false, not to consider the answer given. Not all students are kept from making random choices.

Under the section "What Is Done About Religion At Bennington?" there appears the sentence. "Religion is a highly important and widespread subject of study in the College." The answer is ambiguous. Yes, the Bible is part of the curriculum; it is studied for its cultural value. But religion is no more and no less important here than at any other college, whether it be of the progressive or traditional sort.

Another section: "Is Bennington A Rich Girls' College? Decidedly no. About one-third of all students are on scholarship (the average percentage is currently given as 30%). Students of every degree of economic privilege are welcomed as applicants and admitted on their merits, not their parent's income." A full scholarship means only tuition, which is \$1,200, and it still costs the student \$750 for room and board. The average scholarship is approximately \$650. Adding this on to living costs, we get \$1,300. This figure is the average amount that parents of girls on scholarship pay for their daughter. And it is only \$100 less than the full cost of such a college as Princeton. These figures admittedly paint a one-sided view. They paint the side not given.

The article was given to students to help them know the facts about college and tell people about them during non-resident term. It obviously is inadequate for this purpose. But the idea is a very good one. Perhaps next year an article, designed for this specific purpose, could be composed. One that would give students a clear view of the college as it now exists.

Letters to Editor

Dear Editor:

Having taken the course "Romance Aeology" given by Professor Brighella, I find the attitudes expressed by The Bennington Weekly and the Executive Committee unbearable! Myself, I have found it a valuable and interesting course, one in which I intend to devote at least the next ten years in trying to find out what it is all about.

There can be nothing more valuable than having the course, "Romance Aeology," at Bennington, inasmuch as it integrates romance with Aeology. I sincerely believe that any course which integrates romance with anything could not be anything less than excellent!

The Professor himself, Mr. Brighella, is indeed a Gallic man, very excitable, erudite and stimulating. He is necessary to the course because it could not exist without him. There would be no romance!

Sincerely
A Serious and
Enthusiastic Student.

Dear Editors:

I am writing this in reference to your article on John Brighella in the December 1 issue of the Bennington Weekly. I have taken Mr. Brighella's course now for almost a term and I question its value as a part of the Bennington curriculum. I have found Mr. Brighella tedious, and the course overly obscure. All in all, it has been a thoroughly traumatic experience.

I speak for myself and, I think, the rest of Mr. Brighella's students when I say that I have no intention of spending ten years trying to discover the very subject. In ten years I expect to be married. I trust then I shall have no need for it.

I am in perfect accord with Judicial Committee in thinking that Mr. Brighella "lacks sportsmanship and respect for Community standards". After all when Mr. Brighella became a member of the Community he automatically took on a responsibility to the students. I think Mr. Brighella's behavior is inexcusable and his course worthless. Good riddance!
An indignant student.

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What's News

By Lorraine Lubart

Jane Neal was interviewed on Howard Malcom's disc jockey program on Station WTRY. The subject she spoke on was the Non-Resident Term. She also selected "Nevertheless" as a Bennington favorite in popular songs for him to play. Jane thinks he has very good patten on and off the air.

If there is anyone who would like more information on Mr. Brigella, he should put a note in box 245 to that effect.

Barbara Ushkow will be married on December 23, in New York, to Maurice Deane. Rhoda Turteltaub and Ann Cohen will be bridesmaids. On December 24, Rhoda Turteltaub will be married to Ed Green, in New York. Anne Cohen will be a bridesmaid and Barbara will postpone her honeymoon for a day so that she can attend. Thus shall the big three become a steady six. The sixth member? Oh, Anne isn't in a stew about that just yet.

Mrs. Moselsio is worried about the boy-girl situations in the Sculpture studio.

Liz Larsen is engaged to Carlton Langley Pierpont of Yale.

Hope Farny is engaged to Frank Czesewinski of Bennington.

This morning, in preparation for next week-end, a student on campus wired home, "Please send up white girdle". This afternoon her mother wired back, "Looked through the public library for "White Girdle" by Vera Caspary and it was out—stop—you read too many detective books anyhow—stop, love Mama.

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Banner Bylines

by Barbara Elliott

The annual candlelight musical program at the Old First Church in Old Bennington is to include our Octet this year. Along with the R.P.I. Glee Club, which has eighty members, they will sing French, Ukranian, and English Christmas Carols.

To begin at 7:30 p. m. this Sunday, with the ushering done by the college students, it promises to be an extremely good performance, as not only has the R.P.I. Glee Club won first prize in a nationwide competition of college choral groups, but was asked to sing at Carnegie Hall.

Did you know—

that the Village of Old Bennington has only one policeman, and North Bennington none at all?

That the town of Bennington, population 12,150, has 46 officials but only one tax collector? Three of these officers are "fence viewers", and another is a "surveyor of wood and shingles".

Mr. Bales Plans For Sabbatical

Mr. Bales has many and varied plans for the coming year's sabbatical. Mr. Bales, Sophie Maslow and Jane Dudley and their New Dance Group will appear again at the City Center Series in New York this April.

The length of Mr. Bales' vacation depends on how long **King Lear**, in which Mrs. Bales plays Regan, will run on Broadway. If possible, Mr. Bales, his wife and son will go to California and Mexico, where he hopes to observe some of the native Indian dances.

During the months of July and August, Mr. Bales will teach at The Connecticut School of The Dance. He will return to Bennington in September, 1951.

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Drama Group Performs At Troy High School

The Bennington College Drama Group, which performed at college the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of November, gave a performance of the five one-acts at the Troy High School Wednesday evening, sponsored by the school's senior class, which last year sponsored the group's production of Pirandello's "RIGHT YOU ARE IF YOU THINK YOU ARE".

Only the acting group and the faculty, none of the crew, made the trip, so all who went doubled as actors and stage hands. THE PICNIC was received as a sympathetic farce by the audience, which laughed at everything. This put the performers more at their ease and resulted in a more controlled performance than that given at the College.

The most important outcome of the performance was that, to quote one of the group, "we learned how to adjust to a different kind of audience, a smaller and different stage, take everything new into stride."

Next performance will be at the General Stark on Tuesday at 2:30 in the afternoon. All the children in schools near here will be let out early if they are going to the plays. The others will be let out at their regular time.

Vermont Church Council Meets

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from the Council and the community are: (1) A Town Manager System in Bennington. (2) The erection of a local area high school, in order to solve the problem of crowded conditions already existing. (3) A separate Juvenile Court which Vermont does not have, as yet.

WELFARE COMMITTEE

A discussion of the Welfare Committee's activities was next on the agenda. Donations for Christmas baskets were decided upon, and a talk concerning a recent men's and youth's banquet was given by the Reverend Dr. Street.

YOUTH CONFERENCE AT COLLEGE

Dr. Spenser, the Council's director of young people's work, closed the meeting with a discussion of the coming Youth Conference to be held at the College on December 27, 28 and 29. It has been arranged for children from grades 7 to 12, and will be composed of a series of religious and educational films and lectures.

GRATITUDE TO THE COLLEGE

Dr. Spenser expressed sincere gratitude to our administration for its cooperation in promoting this project by serving meals and accommodating the students in houses on the West side of campus during the conference. He also stressed appreciation for the College's aid to other Council programs in the past.

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Students who are interested in being camp counselors next summer: Miss Funnell has application blanks for the American Camping Association and Cejwin Camps. She suggests that anyone interested in being a counselor should see her and send in applications before leaving for non-resident term, since the pick of these jobs are gone by the time Spring term opens.

Transmarine Travel Service is starting a program of summer trips to Europe for college-age groups. They would like to find a student or instructor at Bennington who would be their official representative. They will allow a 5% commission for each reservation. Interested students should see Miss Funnell.

Any student willing to take care during the winter of 1 to 4 temporarily homeless cats please call Mrs. Golfing, Swan House.

Who knows? You may need a Benny-Buddy this winter when you find yourself friendless, homeless and maybe even jobless in some strange place. To avoid this dire disaster—sign your name and N.R.T. address on the list that goes on the bulletin board this coming week.

Biel's "Shadow Of A Star" To Have Premiere At AMT

The world premiere production of Nicholas Biel's "Shadow of a Star" will be presented at Adams Memorial Theatre on December 14, 15 and 16.

Set in an upstate New York town during the years immediately preceding the outbreak of the Civil War, the play will feature John Frankenheimer '41 and Miriam Rouse in the lead roles of Anton and Christiane Messerau, a young German couple caught in the strife of their homeland.

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Mrs. Leslie will be glad to talk with students about the use of other libraries during the winter.

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Mononucleosis: The Cause, Symptoms and Cures

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er, inability to complete college work, or to maintain high levels of accomplishment.

Prevention is difficult. Probably any general health measures directed at maintaining good personal health are the best insurance (i. e. adequate sleep). How much personal contact is required for transmission of mononucleosis is unknown. Rarely, if ever, do two people in the same family have the disease simultaneously, though we have seen two roommates with positive blood tests (but with widely varying symptoms).

NOT SERIOUS

A final word as to the seriousness of the infection would seem to be in order. In itself, it is not a serious disease and was never considered to be so even before the advent of the sulfonamides and the antibiotics by which means we can now control the disease.

FACULTY-STUDENTS TAKE NOTE

The Spring issue of The Silo, Bennington's Literary Periodical is still open for contributions from All fields including art. Critical work is especially needed. Dead line December 13.

Just Received

(We reprint this letter at the request of Miss Funnell and the Non-Resident Term Committee.)

November 27, 1950

Miss Bertha H. Funnell
Bennington College
Bennington, Vermont

Dear Miss Funnell:

I trust you will forgive this delayed answer to your letter of October. Just about the time I was ready to write you I was besieged by Bennington students looking for jobs during the Non-Resident Term, and assumed from that you had at least given them the go-ahead signal. Allow me to say at this time that we are happy to cooperate to the fullest extent in placing your students whenever the many governing factors permit.

At the risk of speaking "out of turn" there is a suggestion I would like to make to the school. Each year, as I interview Bennington girls and receive from them letters of application, I am a little appalled at the carelessness of most of the applications. The letters are generally full of misspelled words, typing errors with no attempt at erasures, and even, in many instances, careless grammar.

Somewhere along the line the girls should be told that it is extremely important to have a letter of application be at least neat and a letter which represents the best efforts of the individual writing it. It is true that we have found most of the girls who have worked here in the past completely satisfactory, but I will confess quite honestly that a great many are not given the chance to prove themselves because the initial impression they create is so very poor. I am just a little concerned about this because I wonder what effect it will have when they make that really big effort to establish a career for themselves.

I hope you do not mind my bringing this to your attention. I do it only because I am sincerely interested in Bennington College and in the program they have instituted.

Sincerely yours,

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Personnel Director

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Majority Agree on Student Union For Williams

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sophomore dormitory would achieve the same results in a lesser degree.

SIMILAR SYSTEM TO AMHERST

Another revision under consideration is an eating system similar to Amherst's, a common dining hall for sophomores, juniors and seniors. It is felt that a daily contact with the college as a whole, will develop a feeling in the student of being an integral part of a large body of students rather than just his fifty fraternity brothers. Mass eating facilities would lower the cost of feeding the college, which is extremely high, and the difference would be contributed to the scholarship fund. Amherst students pay \$10.30 for weekly board, whereas the student at Williams pays \$15.00 a week. Those who argue against this system maintain that mass eating will ultimately result in the same situation that exists in fraternity eating—a group of 3 or 4 students will eat together each day. The number of students, they declare, is too large and unwieldy to be congenial, and small cliques are a natural consequence.

These revisions would all help alleviate a serious problem, but skirt and leave untouched the crux of the situation and its most vital issue, which will be discussed next week—deferred and complete rushing.

COLUMBIA INSTITUTES NEW POLICY

The Columbia University School of General Studies (Extension School) has a new system which enables students who have not received a high school diploma to get a B. A. The only requisite is that the student must be twenty years old.

Students who wish to enter the school take an aptitude exam first, and then go through one semester of validation. During this first term, English, history, chemistry or physics, math and a foreign language are taken, and after their successful completion, the entrance requirements are considered fulfilled.

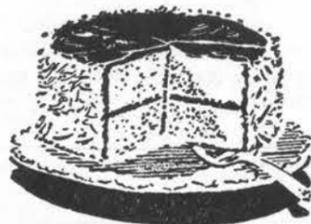
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