

What Is The Future?
Liberal Arts Versus Specialization

By Dave Holland
The liberal arts college is rapidly being displaced as the center of the American education system. The displacer is specialization.
Specialization is largely the result of the increasing emphasis on science and technology. Since the advent of the space age this emphasis has become even greater. Science and technology tend to break subject fields down into smaller and smaller units, and student concentration is directed toward these units. In this system there is less and less time to devote to the stalwart of a liberal arts education—the humanities.

Graduate Students Aid Trend
The broad liberal arts education is also being undermined by the increasing number of liberal arts graduates headed for graduate school.

According to Dean of the College Irby B. Cauthen, approximately 75 per cent of University students have expressed a desire for some form of higher education. A large number of the prospective graduate students would like more concentration in their chosen field, thus precluding to an extent a broad education.

The trend toward specialization is seen by many as leading our educational system to an antithesis of the purpose of a liberal arts education. This purpose is, compared to the cut and dry reasons for a scientific or an engineering education, hard to define.

Purpose Of Liberal Arts Education
It involves such important but vague words and phrases as culture, awareness of one's self, participation in society, and adjustment to a changing world.

In relation to this, liberal arts adherents are calling attention to the fact that many forms of scientific and engineering training consist of nothing but a trade school education that runs the risk of being obsolete in a few years.

In addition, as many students delve deeper into a specific area of study, whether in a scientific or a liberal arts education, they find that they need more knowledge in a broad spectrum of other subjects.

To meet the problems caused by specialization, liberal arts colleges are experimenting with a variety of ideas. The one that is most prevalent, in a number of forms,

seems to be that a broad education can be obtained by specialization in different subject areas.

An example is Columbia University which has a general education program called Contemporary Civilization. The second-year portion of this program previously consisted of a conglomeration from the works of approximately 50 "great thinkers." Now, however, it offers courses from anthropology to economics, thus generalizing through specializing.

Brown University recently announced a remarkable curriculum. In the past, Brown sought to achieve a general education by limiting students to twelve one-semester courses in their majors. However, next fall Brown will establish a system "based on the idea that early specialization may lead to later generalization," to quote Time magazine.

Brown Establishes Eight Study Areas

Brown has established eight areas of study: linguistics; math or philosophy; physical science; life science; literature; art, music or religion; history, and social science. Each student is required to take a year in all but one of these areas, but he is free to devise his own schedule, thus taking courses when his interest in them is greatest.

Here at the University a variation of generalization through specialization is followed. Although a student in his last two years can take as many courses in his major as he desires, a department can require no more than thirty hours in the major and twelve hours in related fields.

Non-Western Studies Contemplated

Thus a student himself decides how much generalization through specialization he is going to do.

Dean Cauthen also visualizes majors in the future that will cross departmental lines. An example would be a major in non-Western studies.

Today, the liberal arts college faces a grave challenge from specialization. The problem of countering this challenge will probably increase in the future as science and technology assume even greater importance. Generalization through specialization is one suggested solution to the problem and it merits consideration.

King Will Discuss
Integration Future



Martin Luther King
Preacher To Speak Monday

Negro Leader
To Give Talk
In Cabell Hall

Martin Luther King, vocal leader of the NAACP, will speak on "The Future of Integration" at a meeting of the Council of Human Relations, Jefferson Chapter, Monday night at 8:30 in Cabell Hall Auditorium.

Tickets for the integrationist's speech will be given out on the third floor of Newcomb Hall today, tomorrow, and Monday. Only students and members of the faculty and administration will be allowed tickets.

King, who has received numerous awards for his services to his community and fellow Negroes, is, at present, co-pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. He has made many public appearances in defense of the colored position and was cited in 1957 by the Gallup Poll as "one of the most admired religious leaders in the world." Receiving more than 75 citations for his work, King is recognized as leader of the integrationist movement in this country.

King, who has travelled extensively throughout the world, has lectured at more than 100 colleges and universities in this country. While making a tour of several African nations, he was invited by the Prime Minister of Ghana to attend the independence celebration of that country.

In the field of writing King has also been cited for his contributions in race relations. Author of "Stride Toward Freedom," the Atlanta pastor received the Ainsfield-Wolf Award.

Sabin Drug
Available
On Sunday

Permanent immunization against polio may be gained by all University students in an area wide program, "Sabin on Sunday," which is being sponsored by the Albemarle County Medical Society and Student Health.

This is one of a series of community projects featuring a new oral vaccine developed by Dr. Albert Sabin. The method differs from Salk shots as it is completely painless and has no bothersome after effects.

"Students deserve the opportunity to take this vaccine," said Dr. Robert Selden, a member of the publicity committee for the program. "The University is a part of the community and thus students should share the benefits and responsibilities."

He added that since the University is such a large part of the area population the project could not be a success without the cooperation of the students.

As there are three types of viruses which cause polio, each of which can be paralytic, three doses of the vaccine are required. This is because individuals build the best immunity to one virus at a time.

The first dose will be given Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Memorial Gymnasium. The second dosage is scheduled for Sunday, April 21 followed by the third on May 19.

Student Offered
Summer Studies

Edward A. Smith, Jr., a fourth-year architecture student at the University, has been awarded a summer scholarship at the Fountainebleau School of Fine Arts at Fountainebleau, France.

Held at the palace, the school for American students is run by the French Fountainebleau Association and financed by private funds. A field trip through France is included. For the last five years one or two University students have been selected to attend.

Political Expert
Will Speak Here

Dr. Denis W. Brogan, an expert on United States political problems, will speak on "The United States as the Leader of the West" during March at four Virginia institutions.

At 7:30 p.m. Monday he will speak at the University; on March 26, at Madison College; on March 27, at Mary Washington College, and on March 28, at the College of William and Mary.

Dr. Brogan is professor of political science at Cambridge University, England, and was formerly fellow and tutor at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, where he is now an honorary fellow.

The author of 17 books and numerous articles on French and American politics, Dr. Brogan is a member of many international learned societies. He holds master of arts, doctor of letters and honorary doctor of letters degrees. He attended Glasgow University; Balliol College, Oxford, and Harvard University.

Professor Roy Whistler of Purdue University will speak in the next General Chemistry Colloquium on "Recent Developments in Carbohydrate Chemistry" tonight at 8 in room 122 of Cobb Chemical Laboratory.

Vehicle Involved
In Hit And Run
Believed Stolen

Sheriff W. S. Cook said yesterday that the red Triumph convertible which struck and killed former Rock Hill football star James Patrick Akins early Tuesday morning is believed to have been stolen.

Sheriff Cook and Charlottesville Police Chief James E. Adams both agreed that the driver was probably a University student because the car had been both taken from and abandoned on University Grounds.

The police have discovered that the car's ignition wires had been torn loose. Assistant Police Chief C. O. Durham said that the wires were burned, evidence that the car had been "hot wired" so that it could be started without the ignition key.

The owner of the car, University graduate student William Wolkenhauer, was cleared of any suspicion in the hit-run accident following a lie-detector test and 12 hours of interrogation.

Sherif Cook said that the 23-year-old Wolkenhauer was "very cooperative" and answered every question satisfactorily.

ATTENTION ALL DEGREE APPLICANTS
The deadline date for ordering your graduation invitations, announcements and cards has been extended to March 29th. Important - All orders must be placed with the Main Desk, Newcomb Hall no later than March 29th. Thanks!



INDIA'S BOSSA NOVA?—The Baharatiya Kala Kendra Kathak Dancers and Musicians of North India will perform in Newcomb Hall Ballroom Sunday evening at 8:30. The group is appearing in

this country on a special tour representing one of the oldest Asian theatre arts. Tickets, on sale at Mincers' and the Newcomb Hall Main Desk, are \$1 for students and \$1.50 for the general public.

Student Council
Activities Fund Excess Considered

By Mike Collora

"Donate some of the excess money in the Student Activities Fund to the Library," said Councilman John Marshall Coleman as he read a proposal from one of the suggestion boxes. At this moment the library suffers from lack of space, and needs money to expand.

While the Council felt this was a good suggestion, some doubted that the Activities Fee was intended for this purpose.

"The intent of such an action is good," said Councilman Jake Crosley. "But there is a separate fee for the library."

In reply to a query about the

size of the excess funds, President Robert Freeman said the Council might investigate a plan to lower the \$7 fee, charged annually to each student. "There seems to be a very large amount of money (\$28,000) accumulating," he said.

One councilman also suggested that medicine boxes be placed in the first-year dorms. The Council will consider both proposals.

Freeman urged that the schools continue to screen requests from organizations needing money. Few requests have come in, to date.

In other business, the Council invited Chester A. Titus, di-

rector of housing, to meet with the body at the next meeting. Most of the councilmen felt he could clear up many of the misconceptions concerning housing inspections.

There were some complaints concerning the election of officers held eight days ago. One councilman reported that some of the boxes were not watched, and that the lists of candidates for the College and Graduate Arts and Sciences were not separate.

Two constitutions were unanimously approved. One was the Business Forum of the Graduate Business School and the other, the UVA Softball Club.