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OUTSIDE WORK OF VALUE TO STUDENT

DEAN DISCUSSES QUESTION

Says Extra-Curricula Activity Has Place; Cannot Return to Old Methods; Cites Examples

Should college or university life be all "grind" or should there be a liberal sprinkling of extra-curricular activities in which there is admitted educational value? Should we hark back to the old days when nothing but study and reciting were the rule and quite liberally reform existing curricular methods and reduce the program to the direct and exclusive matter of "learning from books?"

These are some of the questions which Dean Raymond Asa Kent, head of the College of Liberal Arts of Northwestern university, treated and upon which he expressed definite opinions at the conference of collegiate heads and faculty members sponsored by Illinois Wesleyan university on the eccasion of the celebration of its seventy-fifth anniversary recently Dean Kent, who based his opinion upon investigations made at various American educational institutions durng recent years, finds that extra-curricular activities in the main are of distinct value and do not jeopardize scholarship if there is no overloading. A study of 243 students, superior, average and probation students, at Nortwestern university made by the personnel department, is cited to prove the conclusion.

Outside Workers Highest "The superior group had the largest percent doing outside work but the number of hours spent on such work was the greatest among the probation students and least among the superior students," Dean Kent announced. "It is very significant that in each of the three groups the highest marks are made by those who do outside work. It is also worth saying that it is the overwhelming testimony of students and alumni that these activities have sufficient value to make them worthy of student time and energy and that participation in them does not cause poorer grades but tends to the contrary.

"However, the welfare of the student seems to demand that irrespective of the type of activity he should not be permitted to overload. In Northwestern a man is in the danger zone when he attempts to carry a full class schedule and work for pay more than twenty-four hours a week. The educational value of extra-curricular activities in general cannot be questioned. Whatever our faults at present, it is unquestionably true that the curriculum of the past 'failed to stimulate such moral qualities as cooperation, self-sacrifice, social selfcontrol and civic idealism. Expected to Stay

"Extra-mural activities may be expected to stay. They link together groups of young people with community of interests and ideals. Intrinsically, these activities contain training not given within the curriculum. The fact that they are not compulsory is significant in the experience of the individual who consciously gives his support to them. We need to know more about the relation between success in each type of activity and success in school subjects and in after life. We need to increase the opportunity for a larger number to take part in extra-mural activities and we need to see that these activities are organized and administered to be most productive of the phase of character development which they contribute to the all around development of the whole individual."

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Another test well will be sunk shortly, near Nokomis, Ill., in an effort to locate oil in this neighborhood. The test will be conducted on the George Hardy farm five miles north of Nokomis, and three miles west of Ohlman in Christian county.

Location for the test has been made on territory known as "The Ohlman Dome," several miles in extent, which was mapped out by the Illinois State Geological Survey where the indications are considered favorable for finding both gas and

The well is backed by the Ohlman Dome Oil and Gas Company, a local organization composed of well-known Nokomis and Ohlman business men. Operations are starting on a block of leases consisting of several thou-

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