Upward Trend Seen in Corporate Contributions to Higher Education

In 1962, businesses contributed $200 million to higher education. By 1970 corporations are expected to make contributions in excess of $500 million, that is, if corporation contributions continue to rise at the current rate. At the present time, corporation contributions represent 16 per cent of the more than one billion dollars contributed to colleges and universities from all sources of voluntary support.

These figures and estimates come from the Council for Financial Aid to Education (CFAE) which recently published a brief but important booklet entitled After Ten Years. After Ten Years traces the contributions made by 31 corporations to colleges and universities over a period of 10 years.


Justices, Scholarship, Contests, and Books: Highlights of an Active Association

"Court must be in session," someone quipped, "so many of the Justices are here." So they were. But the Justices were meeting in a dining room not the courtroom and they were suits not legal robes. For three of the seven Justices of the North Carolina Supreme Court were attending the spring dinner meeting of the Wake County Association. At the dinner meeting, Justice Susie Sharp was introduced as a new member of the Association by Dillard Gardner, Marshal-Librarian of the Supreme Court. Justice Sharp was appointed last year to the Supreme Court by Governor Terry Sanford. She is the first woman in North Carolina to be appointed to the State Supreme Court and the fourth woman in the United States to receive that high honor. Welcoming Justice Sharp into the Association were two other Justices, Justice Clifton L. Moore (retiring president of the Association) and Justice William H. Bobbitt.

A unique situation? Certainly, but one that this Association can easily take in stride. The Wake County Association is vigorous and active. Composed of 73 members, the Association has an executive committee and special committees in addition to its regularly elected officers. In the fall, members of the Association met for dinner and heard Dr. Juanita Kreps, professor of economics at Duke University, discuss "The Allocation of Intellecct." At the spring dinner meeting, members listened to Dr. William G. Carleton who spoke on "American Foreign Policy in Perspective." Dr. Carleton appeared under the auspices of the Phi Beta Kappa Associates.

Each year the Association honors the top-ranking senior from each of the high schools in the county. The top-ranking seniors are invited to the spring dinner meeting and presented with certificates. Each senior sits with three members of the Association. This arrangement gives the members an opportunity to talk with the students about their future plans.

The Association also conducts an essay contest for high school students. The winner of the essay contest is invited to the spring dinner meeting and presented with a $25 check. The teacher of the winning student is also invited to the meeting. By chance, the two students receiving first and second honorable mention in the contest this year were present because they were also the top-ranking seniors in different high schools. The coded essays are read by a college professor of English who does not know the names of the students, the schools, or the teachers. Over the years, the awards and honorable mentions have always gone to students of only four of the many teachers of high school English in Wake County.

In addition to these activities, the Association has a book committee which collects books to send to school and university libraries in countries in Asia where there is a need for books in English. This year the book committee received an urgent call from a school in the Philippines that had no books in its library. The books were speedily collected and sent. Three college libraries and one seminary library cooperate by donating books to the book committee.

North Carolina Supreme Court Justices Clifton L. Moore (L) and William J. Bobbitt welcome Justice Susie Sharp into the Phi Beta Kappa Association of Wake County. Photo courtesy of News and Observer, Raleigh, N. C.
Does Phi Beta Kappa Discourage Excellence?

CHARLES D. HOUNSHELL

Phi Beta Kappa has long been thought of as a synonym for excellence in the liberal arts. But as one of its members, I would like to consider some questions that may prove embarrassing. Are we members because we have the ability to conform to the expectations of our professors, because we can recall specific knowledge, and because we are able to solve problems by the mechanical application of accepted formulas? Are there those who are not here because they did not conform to the expectations of their professors, perhaps even because they are creative, inventive students who can visualize a variety of solutions to a given problem or who can see the impossibility of giving any clear-cut answer to the questions as they are stated? Is Phi Beta Kappa a reward for superior performance in the academic goose step?

In education, as in the broader realm of the social order, it is necessary and desirable that there be a balance between authority and freedom and between equality and excellence. Education requires the mastery of specific knowledge and the learning of formulas, as well as—indeed prior to—the ability to visualize a variety of solutions to a given problem. Education involves adherence to the canons of an academic discipline, as well as original, creative, and imaginative thinking. Education involves uniform requirements, a common experience, standardized curricula and tests, as well as electives, a unique experience, individual tutoring and evaluation. In the educational world as in the political world, freedom is meaningful only within a framework of authority or order. The phrase “undisciplined scholar” contains an obvious contradiction.

The more difficult question is whether we can have both equality and liberty, equality and diversity, equality and excellence. In political history, as Professor Gordon Wright has observed, French democrats of the eighteenth century used a slogan containing both liberty and equality; but they did not resolve the question as to whether democrats, once in power, should aim at liberty or equality as the fundamental good. If liberty is to be the main end of government, then by one definition of the term, the central purpose of democrats should be to set limits upon governmental authority—government should pursue a laissez faire policy. But if equality is to be the highest value, then positive governmental action might be essential as a leveling force to keep certain individuals or groups from oppressing other individuals. As you know, this split was reflected in the contradictory doctrines of Montesquieu and Rousseau. For Montesquieu and his followers, liberty could be assured only by dissipating governmental authority through a separation of powers, a system of checks and balances, a considerable grant of local self-government. For the disciples of Rousseau, power could not be dissipated in such fashion but must rest uninhibited in the sovereign majority. The partisans of liberty aimed to “render government as nearly powerless as is compatible with the most urgent dictates of associated activity,” even at the risk of permitting such evils as social inequality or injustice. The partisans of equality aimed to wipe out social (and perhaps economic) inequality, even if they had to ride roughshod over the rights and desires of minority groups.

The equalitarian ideal of Rousseau and Robespierre persisted and found new champions in the Marxists, but the partisans of liberty dominated the democratic current in France during the nineteenth century. One political thinker in the liberal tradition visited America in the early 1830’s and made some penetrating comments on the relationship between equality and liberty. Alexis de Tocqueville observed that “Men desired to be free in order to be able to make themselves equal, and, in proportion as equality established itself with the aid of liberty, it made liberty more difficult of attainment.” And he added, “I think that democratic communities have a natural taste for freedom; left to themselves, they will seek it, cherish it, and view any privation of it with regret. But for equality, their passion is ardent, insatiable, incessant, invincible; they call for equality in freedom; and if they cannot obtain that, they still call for equality in slavery. They will endure poverty, servitude, barbarism, but they will not endure aristocracy.”

In education too we have placed the primary emphasis on equality—on standardization—and on success as measured by formal grades. Permit me to give you a caricature of our penchant for equality and standardization entitled “Fable for Curriculum Makers” written by Ernest Fleischer and published in that remarkable periodical the West Virginia Hillbilly.

Gulliver found himself in Nonanthropoidia as a consultant on curriculum to those who had decided to do something noteworthy to meet the problems of the education of the student in the land.

All the information, facts, and skills involved in running, climbing, swimming, and flying were to be included in the curriculum. This would help every student because the courses could be simply described in the catalogue. This would also, help every faculty member because there would be a circumsference for the curriculum and each course description would be filed in the central office. And best of all, if all the animals took all the subjects, it would help the administrator.

The records of the students for the preceding year were reviewed.

The duck was excellent in swimming but he made only passing grades in flying, and was very poor in running. To compensate for the lack of flexibility in the curriculum and since he could not get advanced placement or independent work in swimming, he was assigned to a remedial laboratory in running. This continued regularly until his webbed feet were badly worn and he was only average in swimming. But average was acceptable and he had received a low passing grade—low, but passing—

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THE KEY REPORTER
The pendulum in higher education is swinging away from an emphasis on standardization and equititarianism and grades. The academic lock step is being broken. Early admissions, advanced placement, exemption by examination are common practices. According to one survey, honors programs for the intellectual elite are in existence in 196 senior colleges. There is great variety among these programs. Some start with entering freshmen, some are confined to the senior year. They may involve special sections and courses, honors seminars and colloquia, research and independent study opportunities, tutorials, theses, oral and written comprehensive examinations. The common denominator among honors programs is that the individual student is able to progress as rapidly as his capabilities permit in areas of interest to him.

In the honors program at the University of Virginia, for example, all of the students’ time in the junior and senior years are devoted to independent study normally involving the writing of a number of papers and culminating in the writing of a thesis. Instead of meeting formal classes and taking periodic examinations, the student reads under the direction of a tutor for a period of two years. At the end of this time he is examined by a committee; a majority of the members are professors from other universities. In the honors program at Emory a senior may devote approximately one-third of his time to independent study.

Certainly it is possible to go too far in this direction. Liberal education requires a common purpose, a common experience, an extensive common body of knowledge, and common standards by which to judge performance. But it is a paradox that honors programs which are designed to encourage excellence and Phi Beta Kappa which is thought of as a recognition of excellence should seem to be working at cross purposes. Honors programs encourage students to probe beyond their depth, to seek understanding, to discount formal grades. Because of its emphasis on grade averages, Phi Beta Kappa encourages some students to play it safe, to plan their programs for the purpose of compiling a good grade average, to shun advanced placement and honors programs.

If Phi Beta Kappa is not to discourage excellence, it must reward the student who strives to set new standards as well as the student who is able to meet existing standards. And those of us who are members of Phi Beta Kappa should not let the glitter of our keys prevent us from becoming men and women of achievement.

News from the Chapters

COLORADO COLLEGE. The Phi Beta Kappa chapter at Colorado College held its annual dinner and initiation on February 14 at the Cheyenne Mountain Country Club. Almost a hundred members, alumni, parents and close friends of the initiates gathered to witness the initiation of the twenty-one new members. After the initiation ceremony, dinner was served at the club. The speaker was Max Power, who was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa as a Junior last year and who was recently chosen Rhodes Scholar.

WHITMAN COLLEGE. On March 6, Whitman College and the Beta of Washington joined in sponsoring an Academic Recognition Banquet. The banquet was established to honor students—Freshmen through Seniors—who had demonstrated outstanding scholarship on the basis of cumulative grade achievement. Over 100 students qualified as guests and nearly 50 faculty and staff members and townspeople attended. The banquet was held at the country club. The idea for the banquet came from the combined efforts of the officials of the college and the chapter to publicly pay tribute to such students. The program for the evening included an opening statement from the president of Whitman College, Louis B. Perry; recognition of the achievement of the students by the dean of the college, Paul J. Jackson; and the presentation of the new Phi Beta Kappa members by the president of the chapter, Richard M. Suinn. Dr. Walter Brattain, physicist, Nobel prizewinner and Whitman graduate, delivered the main address.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY. The annual Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship of $800 offered by the chapter at Boston University was awarded to Linda Marie Audette, a Junior. In April, the chapter held a dinner for the initiates. The major professors of the initiates were invited to attend as were the faculty members whom the initiates felt had been most influential in their academic development.

WHEATON COLLEGE. The Kappa of Massachusetts held its annual banquet and initiation on March 15. The speaker for the evening was Holland Hunter, Professor of Economics at Haverford College, who spoke on “The Control of Unknown Arms.” The public was invited to hear Mr. Hunter. The chapter awarded a $400 scholarship for graduate study to Nancy A. Thompson, class of 1963. The chapter also presented the Freshman Phi Beta Kappa book prize to Pamela Hobart.

AKE FOREST COLLEGE. The Delta of North Carolina held a dinner for outstanding Sophomores. After the dinner, the public was invited to hear the speaker of the evening, C. Vann Woodward, Sterling Professor of History at Yale University.

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Summer reading is supposed to be light and frivolous but for those of you who want to be stimulated, provoked, as well as entertained, you may want to read the following books that have been written by some of the members of the book committee over the past year. JOHN COURNOS, our fine arts critic, has written some poems with the engaging title, *With Hey Ho . . . and The Man with The Spats.* Mr. Cournos, now 82, began writing these poems when he was 79. The publisher is Astra Books and the book will be distributed by Grosset & Dunlap to bookstores starting in September ($3.50). ROY F. NICHOLS, who reviews books in American history, has written *Blueprints for Levitania: American Style*, published by Atheneum ($6.50). In the foreword to his book, Mr. Nichols explains his purpose:

> This book is an effort to explain the problems connected with the invention, the construction, and the adjustment of the American Levitania, particularly those that have been associated with the legislative process in self-government, rather than the usual history of the executive. . . . Periodically, in times of stress, it is well to review the nature and history of the art of producing constitutional documents and laws, of choosing gifted lawmakers and to gain renewed inspiration from a knowledge of the nation’s proficiency in its practice. It is well to keep in mind the essential fact that in the art of government the pen can be mightier than the sword, that in the mind of man rather than in his arm may be found his salvation.*

Mr. Nichols won a Pulitzer Prize in History in 1949 for *The Disruption of American Democracy.* FREDERICK B. ARZT, who is Mr. Nichols’ counterpart in European history, has written a book entitled *From the Renaissance to Romanticism: Trends in Style in Art, Literature, and Music, 1300-1830,* published by the University of Chicago Press. Mr. Arzt traces the changes in style in art, literature, and music from Niccolo Pisano, Petrarch, and Landino to Delacroix, Goethe, and Beethoven. Mr. Arzt approaches the book from the standpoint of a historian rather than as a specialist of ideas. He discusses style in the Early Renaissance and concluding with the styles of Romanticism. Perhaps the most prolific writer on the book committee this past year was NORMAN J. PADERFORD, who reviews books in international relations. Mr. Paderford was co-author with Rupert Emerson of *Africa and World Order,* published by Praeger ($7.50, p. $1.75). Contributors to *Africa and World Order* include John Holmes, Stanley Hoffman, Paul-Marc Henry, John H. Spencer, and Erasmus H. Klomas, Jr. The book examines the impact of the new Africa upon the United Nations and seeks the basis of a sound search for unity. The selected bibliography in *Africa and World Order* is extensive. Mr. Paderford was also co-author with George A. Lincoln of *The Dynamics of International Politics,* published by Macmillan ($7.50). This book is designed to serve as a guide to analyzing some of the contemporary issues of international politics. There are five major sections: The Setting of International Politics; Basic Factors Affecting the Positions and Policies of States; The Formulation and Shaping of Foreign Policy; Instruments and Patterns of Foreign Policy; Organizing the International Community. GEORGE N. SHUSTER, our reviewer in philosophy and religion, has a book coming out in October entitled UNESCO: A Challenge to U.S. Policy. UNESCO is being published by Harper & Row for the Council on Foreign Relations ($2.95, p. $1.45). Mr. Shuster is well qualified to write about UNESCO, as he has often represented the United States in the general conference and on the executive board of UNESCO. Mr. Shuster has also written the first chapter, “The Nature and Development of United States Cultural Relations” to *Cultural Affairs and Foreign Relations,* edited by Robert Blum and published by Prentice-Hall ($3.95, p. $1.95). This book summarizes and analyzes the international activities of the United States. ROBERT H. HEILMAN, who reviews books in English literature, edited Thomas Hardy’s *Mayor of Casterbridge* ($9.50 and George Eliot’s *Silas Marner* ($1.88). Both books are published in the Riverside Edition by Houghton Mifflin. GUY A. CARDWELL, our reviewer in history, has reviewed works in *Discussions of Mark Twain.* The book was published by D. C. Heath ($1.50).

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Political Parties in a New Nation: The American Experience 1776-1809. By William Nisbet Chambers. Oxford. $4.50. The best work that has yet appeared on early party developments under the American Constitution. By presenting fresh historical detail within a systematic conceptual design, the author makes a significant contribution to a badly neglected field.

Forge of Democracy: The House of Representatives. By Neil MacNeil. McKay. $6.75. This readable descriptive-narrative chronicle of the lower house is chiefly valuable for the wealth of anecdote on important legislative struggles in recent years, particularly during the Kennedy Administration.

The Theory of Political Coalitions. By William H. Riker. Yale. $6. Another contribution to the literature of "scientific politics." The application of game theory to the strategy of building workable political coalitions. Not recommended for the reader who does not understand or enjoy mathematical analysis although much of the logical argument can be followed without the mathematics.

The Origins of Scientific Sociology. By John Madge. Free Press. $8.50. The emergence and maturation of empirical sociology during the last half century, presented through a series of highly compressed case studies. Each chapter treats the major work of a particular sociologist who in the author's judgment has made a signal contribution to the development of sociology as a scientific discipline.


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The Eternal Present: The Beginnings of Art. By S. Giedion. Bollingen-Fantham. $12.50. This formidable volume consists of the A. W. Mellon Lectures in the Fine Arts delivered in 1957. It is singularly rich in photographs of paleolithic paintings, engravings, and sculpture, mostly taken in the caverns of France and Spain; in some instances they are compared with examples of modern art. The author stresses symbols in art, and his long, fully illustrated chapter on Fertility Symbols is particularly interesting.

Theatre and Dramatic Theory. By Allardyce Nicoll. Barnes & Noble. $3.75. A knowledgeable English critic calls for a reassessment of modern drama, in his opinion, in a period of decline.

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ten year period. These 31 corporations represent all the major fields of business. The report is especially valuable because it is the only available record of the contributions made by some of the country's largest corporations to education over a long period of time.

The title of the CFAE's publication, After Ten Years, refers to the decision by the Superior Court of New Jersey in 1953 that corporations may legally give unrestricted grants to colleges and universities. (This was also the year in which the CFAE was founded.) Although many corporations had made grants to education before 1953, this decision affirmed the legality of corporation giftgiving. The case was brought to court by several stockholders in the A. P. Smith Company, manufacturers of machinery and equipment for water and gas industries, who initiated a "friendly suit" to test the legality of a decision by the company's directors to give an unrestricted grant of $1,500 to Princeton University. The company argued that it was legally empowered to make the grant under a 1950 New Jersey statute which encouraged corporations organized in the state to make contributions for philanthropic purposes. The stockholders' case argued that the contribution was a misapplication of corporate funds as the statute did not apply to corporations chartered before the statute was passed by the legislature. In upholding the right of the A. P. Smith Company to make the grant, Judge Stein of the Superior Court said:

I am strongly persuaded by the evidence that the only hope for the survival of the privately supported American college and university lies in the willingness of corporate wealth to furnish in moderation some support to institutions which are so essential to public welfare and therefore, of necessity, to corporate welfare. What promotes the general good inescapably advances the corporate weal. I hold that corporate contributions to Princeton and institutions rendering the like public service are, if held within reasonable limitations, a matter of direct benefit to the giving corporations, and this without regard to the extent or sweep of the donors' business ... Such giving may be called an incidental power, but when it is considered in its essential character, it may well be regarded as a major, though unwritten, corporate power. It is even more than that. In the court's view of the case it amounts to a solemn duty.

Since 1953, most states have enacted legislation permitting corporations to make philanthropic grants.

In studying the flow of contributions by the corporations, the CFAE found that once a company started an aid-to-education program, it tended over the years to add to it, both in terms of money and the scope of the program. Twenty of the 31 companies have created foundations or funds through which to channel their contributions. The CFAE also found that companies maintained a sustained level of contribution, in spite of ups and downs in their earnings. For example, the total net income of the 31 corporations dropped by 21.3 per cent from 1957 to 1958, but their total contributions rose 11.3 per cent in the same period. Only two of the 31 companies contributed less in the last year than they did in their first year. One company contributed to education following a year of operating at a deficit.

In 1954, 21 of the 31 companies studied made contributions to education totaling $10,641,529. In 1962, these same 21 companies made total contributions of $29,430,412, an increase of 176.6 per cent. In 1954, nine of the 22 companies contributed $500,000 or more and three of the nine contributed $1 million or more. In 1962, 11 of the 31 corporations gave $1 million or more. Eight other corporations gave $500,000 or more. The average contribution per company to education rose from $506,739 in the first year of reporting to $1,189,224 the last year reports were made. In the overall period, the annual average in contributions was $967,439 per company.

Why do corporations make these contributions? For much the same reasons that prompt the national government to allocate vast sums of money to higher education—basically, a need for the research and the trained technical, administrative, and executive manpower that colleges and universities can provide. While business and industrial corporations appear to be increasingly aware of their responsibilities to higher education and at the same time of the many benefits which colleges and universities offer, the voluntary aid-to-education movement among companies is still mainly a movement of the elite. Many more corporations and businesses will have to follow the examples of the corporations mentioned in the report if our colleges and universities are to receive enough voluntary support to enable them to offer quality education to the students who will be entering the classrooms in the coming years.

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