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OBJECTIVE TESTS POOR INDICATORS OF KNOWLEDGE?

In our reading we came across an excellent article which so well expressed our feelings on multiple choice and objective tests, that we thought it would be worth while to recommend it to our readers. The article to which we refer is "The Tyranny of Multiple-Choice Tests" by Banesh Hoffman in the March Issue of Harper's Magazine.

The author backed up by several other equally well qualified educators and commentators claim that mass-produced multiple-choice tests **are** not really fair and effective measures of a man's intelligence, aptitudes, knowledge or ability to think. They further direct the following criticisms to multiple choice tests.

- 1) The tests deny the candidate opportunity to demonstrate his creativity.
- 2) They penalize the candidate who perceives subtle points unnoticed by less able people.
- 3) They frequently make questions artificially difficult by means of ambiguity because genuinely searching question do not readily fit into the multiple-choice format.
- 4) They tend to degenerate into subjective guessing games in which the candidate picks not the answer he judges the best, but the one he believes the unknown examiner would consider the best.
- 5) They neglect skill in disciplined expression.

We would like to add two criticisms of our own.

- 6) Multiple-Choice and objective tests are mere indexes of how much a person has memorized, and knowledge is not merely the haphazard collecting of disconnected facts, but rather the ability to see and use relationships between those facts. This is an area objective tests cannot measure effectively.
- 7) Objective tests discourage creativeness and original thinging and glorify the accumulation of facts and data to be the essence of an educated person.

Despite all these criticisms, objective tests are not completely without merit:

- 1) they are easy to grade
- 2) grading of objective tests is extremely consistent
- 3) they are good testers of recall

However, if any of you have ever been confronted by objective tests in which you were subjected to poor grammar, ambiguous wording and a lot of poor answers, none of which you felt was entirely correct, we feel that you will be interested in "The Tyranny of Multiple-Choice Tests."

DON'T MISS -

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TONITE & Sunday - 8:15 P.M.

SPORTS SEASON DRAWS TO A CLOSE

Tennis - The tennis squad closed the season on a sour note, dropping thier last three meets with Hanover, Earlham and Wabash by 7-0 counts. That means the netsmen wound up with a 1-6 season record. With the loss of Seniors Vince Henn, Bill Daley, and Tom McHaffey, prospects for next don't look too bright. Geza Howath and Joe Kempf will b e the only returning lettermen.

Baseball - In a doubleheader against Earlham the Knights dropped the opener 10-2, but reared back to cop the cightcap 4-1 behind the strong arm of Rudy Jansen. In the first game, Dan Kallmeyer started but was relieved by Mike Warner.

Against Purdue last Tuesday, we jumped out to a 2-0 lead, but wound up down 11-3 on a couple sostly errors. Rudy started but was relieved by Jerry when the Boilermakers started belting the ball.

Thus far this season, the Knights are 4-12. They wind up the season with a doubleheader at Franklin this Saturday.

Golf - Sorry fellas, but we forgot to consult one of you for the golf scores. We do know, however that the linksmen have played seven matches thus far this year, and to the best of our knowledge, they have won one. The linksmen's final match this year will be tomorrow at Anderson.

SPORTS BANQUET

Tuesday, May 23, 1961 - 6:30

Rib Eye Steak Dinner

Reservation Necessary

Buy tickets before Sunday, May 21 - Available at Business Office

Students \$1.00

Adults \$2.00

CONGRATULATIONS ! ! !

To this years Senior Class . It is the first to give the Alumni Association 100% support.

To Father Kahle and everyone who has been so generous in an effort to beautify the campus

To all the people who pay library fines.

CONDOLLENCES ! ! !

To all the boys who will h-ve to spend money on all the girls who weren't campused.

To Mary Otten on her case of poison ivy

DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER

Saint Vincent's School of Nursing is having a play "The Seven Sisters" "co-starring" Larry Bowman !

We were pleased to learn that the Student Board, has canceled the picnic, and in its place has appropriated funds to buy a 24 inch television for the mixed lounge. No more crowding into the parlor for series games, Inaugural Address, or Miss shots! The plans are to use it on the weekends and for special events.

This week, the CARBON obviously lacks the touch of "Janivac! Where ever have you been Jan ???

"Where the boys are" - Anywhere BUT on the list of fines from Campus Crowning !

Advertisement heard on Radio -

Buy Man Tan today-accept no imitations ! HMMMMMMMM

This comming Wednesday is field day ! (Will the Vet's club succeed