Discrimination America’s need
An address by the Eastman Music school dean

A SKETCH of a Utopia where all the people were schooled in the fine arts was presented by Dr. Howard Hanson, dean of the Eastman School of Music at Rochester, New York, in a chapel held February 14. This picture was the most convincing argument which Doctor Hanson presented in his address on “The Place of Fine Arts in a College Education.”

Such a community would be one in which the inhabitants would live among and enjoy the music from symphony orchestras, would hang their walls in handsome tapestries or paint them with murals; every building would be a splendid piece of architecture and parking spaces would be designed by landscape artists.

The joy which comes from dwelling among such beauty would inevitably produce a philosophy of happiness and would be the greatest cure for the neurasthenia which is enveloping our modern civilization, said Doctor Hanson.

“The philosophy of happiness has been greatly underrated,” said Doctor Hanson. “It is the natural result of the pursuit of beauty and it is because we have neglected the importance of beauty in our daily lives that we have become a nation lacking in taste.

“The American people have not learned to demand the best, they are lacking in discrimination. When we must choose between a Packard and a Ford, of course choose the Packard. Such a choice is an expression of our love for speed and power. We do not need an education to choose a Packard. But when the choice must be made between a Rembrandt and a magazine cover our cultural ignorance is so great that we cannot discriminate. It takes an education to appreciate the Rembrandts and Beethovens.

“The easiest way to acquire such appreciation and taste is to subject yourself to great music, great painting, great drama and great literature. It is not necessary to understand these things in a technical manner. Rather, through association with them we may absorb the spiritual significance of each of them and they will become so important to us that we will wish to create them for ourselves.

“The fine arts in themselves hold a great philosophy of living—a philosophy which teaches us that the only important thing is the pursuit of beauty. It is because of this that the study of fine arts should be encouraged by the college.

College education has been divided into two types—the technical and the non-technical. The former prepares the student for the purpose of earning. The latter prepares him for the purpose of living.

“For those few students who enter a college with a specific purpose in view there is no need to supply courses. But the majority of students come without a definite purpose and it for these that the college should provide an orientation course to provide for them the important things in education.

“The keystone of a university is the college of liberal arts. It has stood as the bulwark against the encroachment of sheerly technical education. Its purpose is to give a background for living fully and in too many instances it has failed to do this.

Sooner persons and personalities
One of the state’s youngest judges a leader in politics—A Sooner judge who was a student under four of the university’s presidents and helped elect the fifth

WAYNE W. BAYLESS

Oklahoma is a young man’s (shall we add, a young woman’s?) country; the appearance in this department from time to time of names of young Sooner who have achieved prominence or who are doing important things, is proof enough of that.

Take Wayne W. Bayless, for example. Scarcely thirty years old, he is listed in Who’s Who in America. He is one of the state’s youngest district judges. He has served in the state legislature of Oklahoma, and is a civic leader in his part of Oklahoma.

Mr Bayless entered the university in the fall of 1913, spent two years on the campus, one in the college of arts and sciences, the other in the law school. Then he left school to teach, taught a year, and then removed to Houston, Texas, where he spent two years in the automobile business and with the Union National bank of Houston.

Shortly after leaving school, he married Miss Blanche Dirickson of Claremore. In 1919, he re-entered the university, completed his law course in the school of law and was graduated in 1920 with the LL. B. degree. He was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Phi Alpha Delta fraternities, and served as president of the senior class and as president of the inter-fraternity council.

Leaving school, this time for good, Mr. Bayless formed a law partnership with L.

OREL BUSBY
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S. Robson under the name of Robson & Bayless at Claremore.

The law school that has nurtured many of Oklahoma's political leaders, had served as the finding-ground for Mr Bayless. He entered the political field in 1923, was elected to the state legislature from Rogers county, and while in the legislature, was a member of the board of managers of the impeachment trial of Charles H. Ruth.

His next political venture was the congressional race in 1925, being nominated as the Democratic candidate for Congress from the first district. That district is notorious in Oklahoma for its political irregularity, and it seems an unvarying rule to alternate between Democratic and Republican parties. This was the off-year, and Mr Bayless lost a great race by only 200 votes. "I happened to select the wrong year to run," Mr Bayless chuckles. (Defeated by Sam Montgomery, Mr Montgomery in turn was defeated by a Democrat, E. B. Howard, who in turn was defeated by Charles O'Connor, a Republican.

In March, 1926, Mr Bayless was appointed district judge of the second judicial district, composed of Rogers and Nowata counties, and at the time of his appointment, was the youngest district judge in the state. In 1926, he was re-elected.

Judge Bayless seems to be at the start of his career only. Already, talk is being heard of choosing him as a candidate for the supreme court from his supreme court district.

Judge Bayless is a keen golfer, being champion of the Claremore country club.
The Baylesses have one son, Winton Wayne, aged five years.

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Orel Busby

It is not every Sooner who can say he was a student under four presidents of the same university and that he helped choose the fifth president.

But that is one of the unusual distinctions of Orel Busby, judge of the seventh judicial district of Oklahoma at Ada—not his only claim to fame, for his career is crowded with accomplishments. But it is unusual.

When he entered the university in 1907, David Ross Boyd was president. The following year the university was under the guidance of President Evans. Then Mr. Busby was out of school until 1911, graduating in the meantime from the Ada Normal school. On returning to the university in 1912, Julien C. Monnet was acting president.

Mr Busby was graduated from the law school in 1914, and then Stratton D. Brooks was president of the university.

In 1925-26, Mr Busby was a member of the university board of regents and helped choose William Bennett Bizzell as president.

"So I have the unique distinction of having been in school under every president the university has had, except the last one, and I helped place him where he is," Mr Busby declares.

While in the university, Mr Busby was a member of Phi Delta Chi, Sigma Delta Chi and Sigma Nu fraternities.

He is also one of that group of notables who got their early training on the University of Oklahoma—that group of leaders like Raymond Tolbert, William Randolph, Earl Foster and others. He was associate editor in 1911-12 and editor in 1912-13. The next year, the name of the paper was changed to the University Oklahoma.

Two years out of the university, Mr Busby left his law practice at Ada to become county judge of Pontotoc county in 1916 and served until 1918. As early as 1910, however, during the period when he was out of school, he had a taste of politics, serving as mayor of Konawa, and two years later, helped organize the state Young Men's Democratic League.

From 1920 to 1926, Judge Busby practiced law in Ada, and in the latter year was elected district judge, a position he is still holding. His administration has been notable in clearing the docket of cases, many of long standing. When he took over the court, there were 800 untired cases in the civil docket and 200 on the criminal docket. In January, both dockets were brought down to date.

Judge Busby is a loyal supporter of the university. "I think the university gets bigger and better in every way each year and that the student body improves along with the university," he observes.

Here and there with Sooners

News of the breadwinners by classes

MARRIAGES


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TWO FUTURE SOONER ENGINEERS

Hiram A. Warner jr. and Franklin Henry Warner, sons of Hiram A. Warner, '15 arts-se., 16 eng., of Guymon, Oklahoma, are evidently going to follow in their father's footsteps, except that they show a preference for aeronautics.