

even if this change were fully accomplished (the parents do their best to see that it isn't), the dependence hasn't changed, it has merely centered itself in another object, the gang.

What Else Can You Expect?

Now somewhere between 10 and 15, these children begin to react to some strong bio-psychic urges which place them in the much discussed period of adolescence. At this time a complex pattern of factors causes changes which result on the average in a heightened urge for freedom and independence. Now enters the guardian of submission, culture, and declares that our teen agers are too immature for marriage and independence in this complex society. And so the budding adult is pushed back into the calyx of dependence for another extended stay.

Since early helplessness establishes a dependence pattern, and home training, religious training, the schools and the culture have reinforced it, it is no wonder to me that we meet so much resistance to democracy in our college classes. We find our students with very low levels of aspiration where problem-solving is concerned. They know well the feelings of guilt and apprehension brought about by having guessed wrong at what would really please "Dear Teacher." They dare not launch out on a project without the sanction of the subgods, and great is the feeling of relief when teacher finally hands down his ultimatum. This they can handle; this they have been soaking up since birth. Oh, the delicious feeling of being free of freedom at last!

—WILLIAM J. GNAGEY, *assistant professor of education, Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana.*

Morale

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Shows itself

As a state of mind

Radiating confidence

In people.

Where each teacher

Feels sure of his own niche,

Stands on his own abilities

And works out his own solutions—

Knowing he is

Part of a team.

Where no person

Feels anxiety

Or fear

Or pressure to be better

Than someone else.

Where there exists

A sharing of ideas,

A freedom to plan,

A sureness of worth,

And a knowledge

That help is available

For the asking.

To the end that

Children may grow and mature—

Warmed by a friendly climate.

—JAMES O. SPOON, *principal, Santa Fe Trail School, Overland Park, Kansas.*

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