

Will The Truth Always 'Out'?

But leaving aside considerations of academic freedom, is it wise, is it prudent, is it proper for the university to place restrictions upon those who are allowed to use its facilities? To those who regard the university as little more than a structural framework of books, lectures, professors, and laboratories, from which a variety of ideas and views spring ready for combat before the student's eyes, the answer is simple. Truth will out; from the free interplay of ideas, from the conflict of truth and error, truth will emerge triumphant and gain the allegiance of the student. Competition of viewpoints becomes an end in itself; the sole positive function of the university is to strip the student of his preconceived ideas and values, leaving him to choose his new and better