

# Editorial Comments...

## STUDENT ATTITUDES

The workcamp of Brevard college held at Tekoa introduced as one of its main subjects this summer, student attitudes. The assembly decided that the people who could help freshmen get used to college best were sophomores. They went on to decide four major ideas which covered all areas for a fuller, happier college life for any freshman. The ideas, listed below, not only give the freshmen an important role, but will also give the sophomores a chance to give their life to its fullest benefit.

The first was the big sister or kind and friendly idea. The sophomores could make the freshmen feel more at home through this idea. It is always a new experience to meet people and sometimes is a little frightening. Courtesy and friendship, set through an example by a sophomore, would readily be used by a freshman and could lead to a greater friendship. It is much easier for a person to feel at home if he becomes a member of the group. If he feels he belongs, the naturalness will follow. Not only does he grow and mature, but the group which are his friends grow also. Jesus taught if a person asks you to carry a pack one mile, carry it two.

The second idea brought out was some students, it has been found, set up a wall but the desire to respond is more general than we usually believe. If a person seems uninterested, see that there is a basic understanding of the whole situation. Share experiences, make things sound interesting through controlled discussions. Sophomores who are used to campus life and activities should see that freshmen ideas are appreciated. Everyone's work and help are needed. If a freshman refuses your friendship, reach out and entreat the indifference.

The third idea was to appreciate what a person is or can be even though they are ungroomed and uncouth. Put ourselves in the place of others and approach any matter with understanding and appreciation. When one is not thinking positively, he needs an analysis of himself. This leads to the cultivation of individual personality instead of group.

The fourth idea was what the sophomore class could do to approach and carry out all four ideas. Counseling, formal and informal was elected as a wonderful theory. Chapel programs, publications, posted slogans on bulletin boards and physical education classes as well as others can lead step by step to a natural more fuller life for some freshmen.



## CO-OPERATION

Yesterday, I was looking at a penny on which is inscribed "E Pluribus Unum." Translated from Latin, this means "many in one," and has innumerable applications. I stopped counting these applications when I realized that a college is "e pluribus unum." Haven't you ever wondered how so many people in a college, each an individual, can live together in peace and harmony, striving for different goals, but doing it together? Many colleges fail to have these harmonious relationships because the students have not taken it upon themselves to learn the meaning of "team-work" or "co-operation." This essential spirit of co-operation has been tossed over the shoulders of far too many of us, and by doing so we lose the value of a basic Christian principle, love for our neighbors.

A simple demonstration of the necessity of co-operation can be depicted by comparing it to a building's steel skeleton. When the weight of the building is unevenly distributed over a steel girder, the girder will give to the strain and break apart. This wouldn't happen if the weight were not left to small sections of the girder to bear, but spread over the entire bar for support.

Similarly, if we all pitch in and work together as a unit, the work is lighter on each and we get more accomplished. Life is more enjoyable when you know that you and your neighbor can work and live in a fine spirit of co-operation.

Come on, let's see how far out we can stretch that hand of friendliness to work for a better Brevard and a better world where co-operation is the byword.

We may call it by this name, or call it by that—"team-work" or "co-operation."

Together we stand, by ourselves we fall flat; together, my friend we're a Nation.


Whatever we do or whatever we plan—we can't stand alone, e'en the best of us;

But must share our gifts with our good fellowman—for we're only a part of the rest of us!

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