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Leaders Uphold Ideals

Last week, twelve students pledged their fealty as leaders of Flora Macdonald College.

That leadership is dominant in every phase of living has been realized by animals and human beings. Leaders are found in any group — from migrating birds to nations of the world.

Humility, obedience, reason, judgement, courtesy, and magnetic personality are qualities of a good leader. Those who are chosen to lead know how to

follow, how to command a difficult situation with ease and how to compel people to love them.

A person who wishes to become a leader must remember that information, ideas, and understanding will not remain unnoticed forever. One who has studied a situation thoroughly and has experienced that situation is well qualified to lead.

THE SKIRL wishes to compliment the new council upon attaining their positions and challenges them to uphold the standards of leadership and to follow ideally the greatest Leader.

Leadership

We are all blind until we see

That in the human plan
Nothing is worth the making

If it does not make the man

Why build these cities
glorious,

If man unbuilds goes?

In vain we build the world,
unless

The builder also grows.

—Edwin Markham

Promptness

Robertson's Ideal

Promptness in getting test papers back on time and promptness in any job she undertakes accentuates Miss Carol Robertson's philosophy of life. She tries to apply her philosophy in her teaching through the conviction that there are religious values in teaching that should not be overlooked. She believes that history lends itself to calling attention to those values. She tries to instill in her students the value of a high scholastic standard and of making their college careers worthwhile. She firmly believes that college should be more than just a glorified high school.

"College women," states Miss Robertson, "are due having instruction pitched on the college level."

One should develop lasting friendships in college and be loyal to those friends. This is a quality one can always respect in others and one you always hope to find in them. She also believes that you should get out of the rut of your everyday routine and take your vacation in order to get a change of scenery. Says Miss Robertson, "It gives a lift to the spirit to get out of your environment." In the light of this conviction, her history classes are made particularly interesting because of her travels abroad. She combines a sense of humor with an interesting talk to make her subject one which students will enjoy.

Robinson Leads

Writers' Club

In a meeting yesterday afternoon in the college parlors, officers were elected for the 1955-56 Writers' Club.

Carolyn Robinson, a junior and editor of PINE AND THISTLE will head the club as president. Also on the council are Hazel McLean as vice president, Shirley Davis as secretary, and Becky Taylor as treasurer.

The purpose of the next meeting is to install and entertain the new officers.

Farmer Presides

Members of the Honorary Math Club in a called meeting last Wednesday elected officers for the coming year. Gladys McCain, retiring president, presided over the elections.

Chosen were Pat Farmer, president; Carolyn Johnson, vice-president; Thelma Bender, corresponding secretary; Sarah Goodman, recording secretary; Elise Williams, treasurer; and Betsy Brewer, finance chairman.

The Math Club plans an outdoor party for a future meeting. Requirement for membership in the club is an average of B or above.

To The Telephone Bug

You chat with Jean and Jane,
All gossips on your mind.
You parents should get a phone
That'll make you pay a dine.

Personality Portrait Spring Holidays Bring Joy

by DOT HAMILTON
and ROSA MOORE

"Hello!" she calls in a cheerful voice, this friendly little lass,

This "mystery girl you're trying to guess is in the sophomore class.

To know her is to love her, for she loves all others and when she can aid in any way, she lends a helping hand.

Her eyes are dark and meaningful, her hair is shiny-brown.

She's simply dimply and sincere; she'll rarely wear a frown.

Her voice is poised and beautiful; she's filled with warmth and glow.

Her boy friend calls her "Christmas" cause she's just "so pretty and slow." A prayer-band leader; on A. A. board; are you beginning to see

Just who this girl from Beulaville now might turn out to be?

Her little bird named "Rebel" in her Vardell room does flut;

This "mystery" girl's no other than our Lou Ann Nethercutt.

Seminary Students Speak

Mr. Blake Bradely and Mr. Dan Yinks, students at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, spoke in chapel on Tuesday, March 22. Mr. Bradley is from Nashville, Tennessee, and is a junior at U. T. S. Mr. Yinks is a middle U. T. S. and is from New York.

These two seminary students are teaching Bible, emphasizing "The Life of Christ", in the 8th grade at the Red Springs public school. They were in Red Springs for one week. Their work is part of the Ministerial Exchange program between North Carolina and Virginia.

Mr. Bradley's and Mr. Yink's talks in chapel were on Christ's influence on their own lives. They stressed the fact that Christ must be a motivating force. They pointed out the Christ cannot be a form; he has to make an impact on your life.

Wade Addresses Group At Business Supper

The Office Management class of Flora Macdonald sponsored a dinner in the college dining room on Friday evening, March 18, at which time Mr. Charles B. Wade, Jr., Personnel Manager of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company of Winston-Salem was the guest speaker. Guests included students and faculty of the college, the Red Springs Rotary Club, and office managers of the community and nearby towns.

Nell Lennon, president of the Flora Macdonald Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America and a member of the Office Management Class, presided. Guests were welcomed by President Marshall Scott Woodson and Rotary President Charles Leigh, Jr. The Flora Macdonald Choral Club Ensemble provided music for the occasion. Dorothy Morris of Mocksville read some of the regulations of a mercantile business in the 1870's, and Shirley Kiger of Winston-Salem introduced the speaker.

By ROSA MOORE

There is to be heard on the halls of Flora Macdonald around the 7th of April a joyous hustle that can mean only one thing — the girls are ready to go home for Spring holidays. There will be heard time and again the echoes of "Hope you have a good time; see you Monday!"

But these are only the things you hear and the well-dressed young ladies that you say good-by to have been trying for weeks to decide what "to wear home" and what clothes to take for that long week end. There have been many bedroom conferences with lively discussions concerning what that new Easter outfit will be and how to get that certain Tom, Dick, or Harry to give flowers that match, not clash, with the carefully planned "Welcome" to spring. Roommates have devised scheme after scheme aimed at snaring that lost boyfriend who the "girl who didn't go to college" grabbed in the minute she left.

Not to be forgotten is the most familiar remark that you will hear, "We'll be home long enough to know we've been there." Even, if to most children Easter means bunnies and Easter eggs, the thought is not too remote from the minds of college students: so don't be too surprised to hear someone say, "All I want to do is go on a Easter egg hunt."

Societies Elect Officers

Zetesian and Epsilon Chi societies chose officers for the coming year at meetings Tuesday night in their respective halls.

Epsilon Chi chose as president, Barbara Arrington; vice president, Frances Shaw; secretary, Macel Cox; treasurer, Pat Farmer; chaplain, Jean Stuart West; censor, Shirley Kiger; pianist, Shirley Kerns.

Zetesian leaders are Jane Jane Wood, president; Mac Calhoun, vice president; June Jarrett, secretary; Lucy Richardson, treasurer; Gwen Fussell, chaplain; Mary Willie Thompson, censor; Sarah Goodman, pianist.

Retiring presidents are Betty Jo Hatcher, Zetesian and Kathleen Murchison, Epsilon Chi. The two societies plan outings in the spring.

The two societies will jointly plan a stunt night with the faculty as participants. They will begin work this summer on orientation week.

Term Paper Blues

A term paper isn't born of praying;

It's built of hair that's slowly graying,

And fingers cramped from all their writing,

And jagged nails from excessive biting,

And tingling nerves and horrid rages,

A strong desire to tear up pages;

It's built of doleful perseverance,

And a frightful yen for disappearance,

And flesh that pound by pound keeps dropping,

And time that could be spent in shopping;

It takes to make a worthwhile study

A human head — unbowed, but bloody.

Strange that when these should make it lusty,

A term paper is so dry and dusty.

Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning the greetings will be just as joyous (almost, anyway) as they were Thursday noon, only something new will be added — the famous "I simply can't wait to tell you!"

Beneath all the mentioned frivolity and carefree airs, there has been the ever present thought that this period of freedom from scholastic worries marks the freedom of men for at this time, "He died that we might live eternally."

Student Council Becomes Installed, Initiated

Flora Macdonald Council for 1955-56 was installed on Monday, March 21. Betty Lou Lamb opened the service with prayer. She then spoke a few words of thanks to the Student Body and charged the new council. As each girl took the oath, the old council member left her robe on her chair on the stage and the new council member took her place. Mary Archie Brown then spoke a few words charging the Student Body, and closed the service with prayer.

At 10:15 there was fun for all in the Rotunda. The theme of the initiation was "The Greatest Show on Earth." Betty Lou Lamb was mistress of ceremonies. Mary Archie Brown was the fat lady; Sallie Ann Munroe a midget; Mary McLean and Norma Pittard were Siamese twins; Barbara Arrington was a juggler. Betty Joe Hatcher a trapeze artist; Jane Wood a seal; Hazel McLean a strong man; Frances Ann Williams a ballet; Bonnie Bunn bearded lady; Shirley Chadwick, Jake the Ape; Marian Stuckey a clown. After this one group of the council had to go to Senior Bridge and find some Easter eggs another group to the cabin on the athletic field and compose a poem in praise of the Old Council, and a third group had to clean out the swimming pool.

It Really Happened

Jean Morris has found a new way to teach students to read. Really it is very simple. Just take a couple of your love letters and leave them somewhere. The students will find them and begin to read with great joy and interest. (Let's hope that Joe doesn't find out about this!)

At the beginning of the year Annie Byrd thought that she was being very clever. She was beginning to teach a new student and Annie wanted to start her off right. She made, with her own hands, two beautiful rhythm sticks but they lacked something. They had to be painted and the only paint Annie had was finger nail polish. The next morning Annie went proudly to the lesson. When she gave the little girl the sticks came the startled reply, "These are rhythm sticks?"

Dot Hamilton was asking her class the meaning of "statue" in the Bible verse, "And Jesus grew in statue, and in wisdom, and in favor with God and man. One little girl volunteered, "Well, it's not like the Statue of Liberty."

To The Brain

You brag about your grand
A grades
To anyone who'll hear you
Your poor friends feel inferior
So they try not to get near
you.