

WHAT NOW, FRESHMEN?

Far from the Madding crowd's ignoble strife,
Their sober wishes never learn'd to stray;
Along the cool sequester'd vale of life
They kept the noiseless tenor of their way.

These are the lines in which Thomas Gray in his "Elegy Written In a Country Church Yard" used to define the noble dead who had passed through the world in a world far away from the "hustle and bustle" which tend to corrupt men's souls.

Our wish is not quite the same as the above lines would represent, for we wish for you to make your mark upon the world, but in contrast, we wish for you to avoid having the corruptive world make its mark upon you.

This is the hope for the new freshmen.

May they pass through Winston-Salem State without being contaminated with the various vices and corruptive ideas, though they, unlike those spoken of in Gray's Elegy, will, undoubtedly, in a different society and time, find it considerably more difficult to escape their corrupt contemporaries.

The choice will be theirs; the results of their achievements or failures will be determined by their decisions.

The freshman who will not adhere to these various vices will sometimes be ostracized, but in the end he will know that he will have made the right choices — of his friends and activities.

The freshman cannot allow himself to believe that he can accept the wrong choice, and "next year he will do better", for every year will be the foundation for the next.

The freshman will have to remember that Excellence means the best; mediocrity means something-less-than-the-best, and failure classifies him far from the mediocre and even farther from the best.

The activities which the various freshmen will or can participate in will vary greatly. Some will be able to belong to many organizations (which is unadvisable) and still do well, while others will encounter difficulty if they merely engage in the study of "canteology" other than the prescribed period of "lunch-time." Again, the decision will have to be that of the individual freshman.

But, one of the prescribed rules of Emerson was "Know Thyself." And the freshman who knows himself is less likely to overload himself with extra-curricular activities or mis-spent indulgences.

But, on the other hand, the freshman who misuses his time will find himself in academic difficulty before the end of his freshman year in college. And "catch-up" is one of the most difficult games to conquer.

Many good students have come to college (and with the right attitude), but shortly thereafter, they were the opponents of the popular game of "catch-up." Some out-manuvered the game; others succumbed, only to be drummed out of the ranks of intellectuals in disgrace.

The incoming freshmen certainly represent the epitome of intellectual achievement because they have, to begin with, averages of all A's. Whether or not they maintain these A-averages will depend, again, on their extra-curricular and, sometimes, their academic affiliations.

The freshman has his task at hand — "To be or not to be — that is the question."
—James Mack

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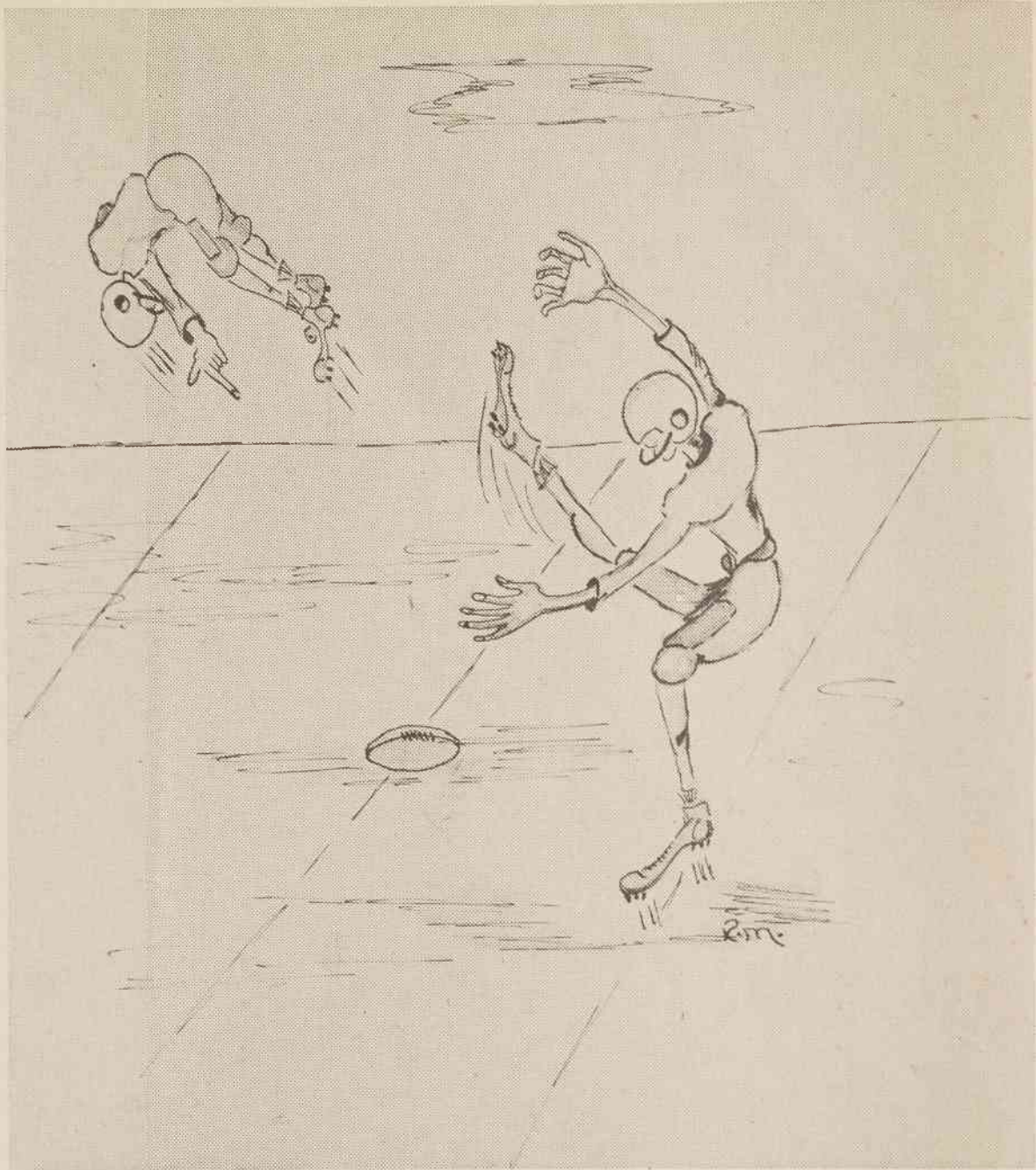
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Just for Laughs

1st student: How did you do on the History exam?
2nd student: Bad — my pony wouldn't get up and go.

"Daddy, what is a girl?"
"A girl, my boy, is a fine thing you had when you didn't understand women and a tragic mistake at the end."

What did one wall say to the other wall?
Answer: I'll meet you in the corner.



WAKE UP, STUDENTS!

by Sandra Jenkins

There we were staring in space trembling like leaves, rolling our pencils in our hands, and wondering what our first team session would be like. Would we benefit from it? How would we like this new method of teaching? Did this system have any advantages.

The answer to these and other questions related to the same dead subject have afforded me the fact that team teaching is indeed a question mark in this institution. Why is this so? This is only because the majority of the students do not appear to be mature enough to be a part of such a program. For too long a time some students have maintained the belief that college is just like high school.

The time to wake up and get hep is now. A college freshman is not an advanced high school senior. He is now an individual with a future drawing near. The same person who feels that he or she must tell the neighbor about Friday night's date during the Monday morning's team session should be back home with mom and dad. College is a place for adults who are striving hard to reach an ultimate goal. There is no room for babies in college.

The system as I am told is designed to reach every student enrolled in a certain course at one time. As it is, one third of the students have chosen to use the team sessions as a fun hour.

During these sessions students are showing that they are not stable minded enough to resist temptation. The news their neighbor wishes to report is far more interesting that the lecture that the instructor is giving. On the other hand some students find themselves on cloud nine. Have these students been reached? By all means, no.

WSSC Represented At Wake Forest

The Methodist Organization consists of students from the various institutions: Wake Forest College, Salem College, The Baptist Hospital, and Winston-Salem State College.

The last meeting of the organization was held at Wake Forest College on Nov. 1, 1964. The topic discussed was "Prospects of the Election."

Two speakers were present, one from Wake Forest and the other from the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. Mr. Oscar Carter served as moderator of the program.

All students interested in becoming a part of this organization, please see one of the following persons. Regina Patterson, Oscar Carter or the Rev. Henry Lewis.

—Sinda Smith

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