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Fan the Flame

Today you're a king, tomorrow you're a tramp. Today you may have many friends, tomorrow you're alone. Yes, today men will welcome you, respect you, and even swear by you; but, woe unto you on the morrow when men will shun, distrust and even drive you from their doors because of your lack of a certain "it." It has always happened; it will happen to you—maybe.

Men want men! Men who have firm convictions and noble thoughts. Men who will fight any man or group of men intelligently for what is right. Men who will not be trodden as in a trough by some individual who takes advantage of his position to cramp them into his own warped mold of thought. He is coward who dares not fight when he is one of two who has some well-grounded belief.

This is especially true and applicable to the student body. On the gridiron the athlete will find that it isn't the number or size of the men so much as it is the mental outlook and determination of his individual team-mates. Those who saw the Bluefield-State game will remember our team not so much for its victory, but for its extraordinary will-power to win the game. They won.

The A. and T.-N. C. C. game on Thanksgiving, while it promises to be the drawing classic of the season, cannot be made worthy of our time if it does not present a school spirit unexcelled before. It is now or never that we must bring on such a change in the local school spirit that an air of conquest will be ours that will carry over through the game. Our spirit will permeate the team, the team spirit will seize us. The result will be so surprising that we will hardly recognize ourselves when N. C. C. starts scoring. Let the glamour that has already sifted into our veins die; all is lost. Fan the flame; it will consume us. And Thanksgiving dinner will find us cherishing a great game, a great school, and a great Thanksgiving.

And so the world wants men. Men who will contribute to the spirit of the group. Men who will change the drab life of indifference to an active panorama of adventure in a new life, a new school life; a new enthusiasm and new interest in our teams, a new interest in the attitude of our school-mates. As simple as it sounds, that in itself is a job for men. For what is harder than changing the will of young people?

We are determining today whether we're to be king or not. To mingle is art. To mingle and spread doctrine is wonder. To mingle, spread doctrine and hold your friends is a miracle. But who doesn't enjoy being miracle-maker of the moment.

The world appreciates a man who will make changes for the best. And

What Do You Think?

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a new column designed especially for the expression of student opinion and to give the thinking student an outlet for thought. Suggestions and contributions, and criticisms are invited. Write us.)

QUESTION OF THE MONTH: "Should we celebrate Thanksgiving on the 23rd or the 30th?"

Note: Out of the nine persons interviewed, six were definitely opposed to the change in the Thanksgiving date, two for it, and one to whom it really did not matter.

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"Celebrate Thanksgiving on the 30th. Not only is it more convenient, but it is supposed to be on the last Thursday in November. This only lives up to the reputation set by the Pilgrims." — Vincent Duckweilder, sophomore.

"Thanksgiving should be celebrated on the 23rd of November. It gives more time for Christmas shopping. If it were on the 30th, that would give less than twenty-four days between the holidays. In former years we have complied with the Proclamation of the President. Why change now?"—Myrtle Brooks, junior.

"I think we should have Thanksgiving on the 30th because it is the custom. Every year, since I can remember, we have observed Thanksgiving on the last Thursday in November. I see no need to change now."—Dorothy Toole, freshman.

"Personally, I think we should celebrate Thanksgiving on the 30th as customary. My reason is that the notice for the change has not been long enough to let every one think it over. When such a change is made, thought should be exercised. A change in the holiday this year would interfere with the people's plans. In order for it to function properly on the 23rd, we should have had at least twelve months' notice so as to arrange our economic and personal affairs."—Earl T. Artis, senior.

"We should celebrate on the 30th. It has been a custom so long that people have become used to it. Because people have gotten along using that date for years is all the more reason why they should not change now. It just doesn't seem right to move the date up to the 23rd."—Leonora Ellison, sophomore.

"We want Thanksgiving on the 23rd because it gives us ample time for Christmas. The expenses of Thanksgiving will not overlap those of Christmas if Thanksgiving is celebrated on the 23rd. After all, Roosevelt said the 23rd, and all great minds should run together."—Lloyd Harris and George Samuel, freshmen.

"Being a native of North Carolina and having celebrated Thanksgiving on the last Thursday in November traditionally, I am looking forward to the 30th for my Thanksgiving."—Katherine Goins, senior.

"I think we should celebrate Thanksgiving on the 30th because it is traditional. It is in the hearts of most people that the last Thursday in November should be Thanksgiving. I don't think it is right to change it for commercial reasons."—Lowell McLean, junior.

"I am satisfied with Governor Hoey's decision that we still celebrate Thanksgiving on November

to the man who can develop a school spirit here on this Thanksgiving will deserve the "rahs" he gives to us.

The CAMPUS ECHO is, as ever, 100 per cent Eagle for the Thanksgiving classic. —THE EDITOR.

30th instead of the 23rd. If the last Thursday had not originally been chosen, I feel that the 23rd would be a better date. It would allow more time to make preparations for Christmas. But, why change Thanksgiving now? It suited the Pilgrims and they had more to be thankful for than we have."—Anna L. Holloway, sophomore.

Recipe to Effective School Spirit

After a famous battle, fought almost six centuries ago, the victors found on the field of conflict the helmet of King John of Bohemia, bearing the words, *Ich dien*, "I serve." Inspired by the courage of the old blind king who had died fighting bravely in the thick of the battle, young Edward of England, the Black Prince, adopted the device as his own. From that far-off day to this the phrase, "I serve," has been a motto of the heir to the British throne.

If you would make the most of your school, you must have the same ideal; for in school, as in life, the highest satisfaction is in giving, not getting. The boy or girl who thinks first of the school, who is proud of its good name, who aids any enterprise for its benefit, who sacrifices time and personal pleasure for its welfare, will find school a delight and its memory a lasting satisfaction.

Such a pupil has the finest sort of school spirit; for school spirit consists not so much in cheering a team on to victory or even in backing it in times of defeat as in being loyal to its ideals and purposes. School spirit is not noise; it is a way of thinking and feeling and acting. School spirit shows itself in pride in the appearance of the school and in thoughtful care of its property. Pupils who have true school spirit are considerate of schoolmates and teachers and enthusiastically support all school activities.

Take part also in some intellectual activity. Go in for debating or public speaking. *Try to write for the school paper or magazine.* No sensible pupil will overdo school activities. The wisest plan is to center on one or at most two enterprises, not to scatter your energies over too great a number for proper results.

To get the most out of school, master your lessons, take part in athletics, support school activities and show true school spirit.

—HATTYE EILEEN HINTON, '40

To You

History is all that man has said, thought, and done since he first appeared on the earth; so the various activities that claimed our attention during the months of September and October are history, but to those people who cooperated in making the activities a historical success I wish to extend my whole-hearted thanks and express from my heart the wish for the perpetuation of such splendid cooperation.

Fellow students, we are on our way to where perhaps we should have been sometime ago, and in spite of the obstacles that may confront us, if we keep the determination, the cooperative spirit, and the perseverance that we have exhibited in the first two months of school we shall certainly reach that point to which we all are now aspiring.

Cooperation is the coming together of a number of persons for the purpose of obtaining or maintaining a common benefice. North Carolina College is our common benefice, students, and it is up to us as a well

organized unit to keep it a benefice. The forces of Pershing and Foch could not have been so successful in the great catastrophe of 1917 had not they been working as a unit; so it is with us. Let us get behind our administration, teams, and extra-curricular activities and see that they go over the top. Let us always as now keep our aim above the stars, for "He who builds beneath the stars builds too low indeed." So, fellow students, let us all keep up our spirit of cooperation and give to North Carolina College our utmost for the maintenance of such fine standards as those that are embodied in this institution.

—CHARLES EARL COBB,
President of Student Council.

A Letter to the Students of N. C. C.

My dear friends and fellow students,

The way you have supported the cause of the Student Forum has been very pleasing. You have shown a wonderful spirit of cooperation by the way you have filled the Music Assembly each Wednesday since the beginning of this school year. That act on your part, to me, is quite comforting, and encouraging. It is a symbol which indicates that the North Carolina College is populated with a group of students who are desirous of adding their contributions to the task of making dear old N. C. C. an ideal institution. For this you should be congratulated.

I am convinced that you are students who are bubbling over with ideas and helpful suggestions. That fact was demonstrated a few weeks ago when the Forum period was given over entirely to the discussion of current topics. I recall that the time was entirely too short to give opportunity to the many students who were extremely anxious to express themselves. To me that was an interesting observation.

The chairman of the Forum cannot make the organization function as it should without the assistance of the rest of the student group. To this fact you seem to have given much thought, and have decided to do your part toward making the Forum go. You have come with your readings, your music, and your discussions; all of which were interesting as well as entertaining.

It is my pleasure to thank and congratulate you for your interest and kindness on the behalf of the Forum in the past and to solicit your continued presence and genuine interest in the future.

With best wishes, I am,
Yours very sincerely,
—E. T. ARTIS, *Chairman.*

Your Duty

TO THE EDITOR:

Standing on the beautiful campus of N. C. C. and seeing the beauty that is yours and mine, there is a duty for every one.

In this school there are rare builders, men and women of tomorrow; men who will carry the torch of civilization tomorrow; men who have gallant ideas for a better civilization for their race; men who will go over the top.

But not observing that in union there is strength in us for every walk of life, strength that still unorganized, every man for himself and every tub on its own bottom.

Young men and young women of North Carolina College, it's your turn to wake up. There is work to do. It's your move, you are no longer a good servant, but a competitor in the scheme of life.

Get something out of your coming

Is Religion Any Good?

The backbone of the drive against religion is a statement by one of the founders of the Bolshevik regime in Russia somewhat to this effect: Religion is the opiate of the people. Anything opiate in action tends to dull the senses and make one sleepy. In attempting to drive religion out of the minds and hearts of the people, the dictators are trying to center their allegiance to the state. "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things which are God's." This is one of the teachings of the Christian religion, and it compels obedience to the state. In destroying religion the dictators are destroying themselves. If the people become Godless, they also become lawless; and woe be unto the land whose people fear neither the law of God nor man.

Religion teaches more than respect and obedience to the state. It commands love for one's neighbor. "Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself." If one loves his neighbor, there is no friction between them; there is a respect for life and limb. Religion causes a person to overcome his dislike for another in order to help him. The advice, "In as much as ye have done it unto the least of these. . ." brings many more poor suffering persons help than do all the relief agencies in the world. If one steals and is caught, he receives punishment. The tenets of religion teach plainly that one must not take that which belongs to another. If one does, even though he is not apprehended, he is certain to receive punishment according to the law of God. "And God shall bring every secret work unto judgment. . ." The emphatic "Thou shall nots" of the Christian religion probably keep the peace of the land more effectively than does the law on the statute books. So, instead of being a hindrance to the rulers, religion actually aids them. If these rulers destroy religion, then they destroy the moral force which sustains them.

—SYLVESTER L. CARTER.

Thanksgiving Thoughts

Let us remember and be thankful this Thanksgiving Day that America is at peace. Neither war nor war-mad dictators here have destroyed free speech, free thoughts, and a free church. It is within our power not only to use our influence for peace and freedom, but it is within our power to bring about desirable changes in the environment of our homes and families. I feel that in all public gatherings of any kind, we should bear in mind our blessings along with the memories of all Thanksgiving customs and history.

Wherever it is possible to attend church services on Thanksgiving Day do so. Feel it your duty to read Psalms 103 and 107.

to college besides a good time and spending money only to go back to a WPA job.

Come away from higher oratory and pleasing words into building a highway for the coming generation; learn to be taxpayers and voters, be able to do the things that qualify you to hold any office. Produce something that will benefit you not only now, but will remain one in the sands of time.

Look! we are fighting to make your life worth living and no matter how hard things may seem now, remember there is always a brighter and sunnier day coming.

—GERALDINE M. CREWS