

Coping With The Times . . .

BY THEODORE PICKETT

Seldom a week passes when there isn't some type of program or activity presented here at NCC, primarily for the educational and cultural benefit of the student. Aside from being educational and cultural, these programs are also very helpful. Why is it then that the majority of us fail to attend or support these programs? Much of this neglect is usually more prevalent among the men. But why? Evidently, we find it very difficult to realize our academic obligations.

What person isn't here because he wants to better his

conditions, whether economical, social, or political? What person isn't here because of a great sacrifice on somebody's part? Are not we all here for the very same or similar purpose? Why is it then that we so purposefully neglect the things that are good for us? the things that will make us better men and women? the things that will teach us how to live?



Pickett

We must prove that we are strong—strong to the extent that we are willing to sacrifice some of the foolishness carried on around here in order to accommodate our educational and cultural responsibilities. We must prove that it takes a little more than merely possessing male and female characteristics to become outstanding men and women. Rarely a Sunday passes when there are more than fifty students at a Vesper service here on the campus. Rarely a Tuesday passes when there isn't someone scheming on how to get out of going to the assembly program.

Student Makes New Year Pledge

Dear Editor,

Now that we are back in school with only the memories of the wonderful holiday season, most of us have rehabilitated ourselves back to college life, for we realize that the situation in the world today is such that we must prepare ourselves to face it. One of the best methods of preparation is getting an education.

As Father Time stood at the point of midnight, December 31, 1956, waiting for a young fellow—namely "57"—many of us were in churches, praying, giving thanks for those blessings bestowed upon us throughout the year 1956. Many of us were partying with noise-makers; all types, patiently waiting for this little fellow, and a few of us were enjoying the quietness and comforts of home looking at television programs. In all probability, the majority of the students were engaged in one of these activities. What about the minority groups? I wonder what they were thinking? Maybe they were thinking that the pos-

sible avenues of success will open more readily for them in "57". Perhaps they were in the process of establishing firmly in their minds that "57" would be a year in which they would stand proud and firm, combating all the factors that tend to deter their success. As the hand of the clock moved to 12:01, maybe some of the students were saying to themselves: "And I shall not be misled by those self-styled Prophets among us, who organize themselves into syndicates, constantly painting beautiful pictures, seeking the votes of their fellow classmates for those things that look beautiful on the surface, but are favorable to only the small groups of pretenders among us."

Dear Editor, in closing, I have but one wish, which is that each student at NCC pledge himself to fight for the destruction of the scavenger-like elements in our college community by going to the polls at election time and vote as individuals and not as crowd followers and elect those people who will work for

Fellow students, these services and programs render great moral and spiritual uplifting. Let's not fail to see that they are just as important as our text books, if not more so; that they are the exact needs for a community so academically congested as a college campus; and that they will do us a world of good if we consume them at their full values! It is through these programs and services that we learn how to get along with one another and, above all, how to live better lives.

Another situation so prevalent among us is when pressed into some difficulty, we fail to seek proper counseling and advice. Instead, we try to run away from the problem. My dear friends, we don't learn by evading the issues! What would it be like on the battlefield if the soldiers "ran away"? Yes, college is like a battlefield; therefore, we must resort to every possible mean in overpowering our foe, namely, ignorance.

the welfare of the students.
Henry Armstrong



HIGHTOWER

President Of SG Addresses Students

Charles Holland, President of the Student Government, addressed the student body in a regular assembly on the progress his administration has made in relation to his platform promises last spring.

Among the platform promises completed by Mr. Holland's administration thus far are the recognition of the accomplishments of the football team at a banquet, the extension of Library hours, the drawing up of a code of conduct, which will go in the handbook for men and women students next fall. They have also succeeded in providing for the off-campus men a lounge on the main campus and they have submitted a bill to the Student Congress which will allow any student who is subject to disciplinary action by one of the personnel deans a two-week period of grace during which time he can make an appeal. The bill has been passed by the Student Congress and is now before the Welfare Committee.

The Student Government, Prexy wished the student body

Senior of the Month — Co-ed From S. C. Is Campus 'Celeb'

BY EDITH W. MANGUM

Claessa Hightower is the outstanding senior for this month. She is a native of Gaffney, South Carolina. "Classie," as she is called by her friends, graduated in 1953 from Mather Academy in Camden, South Carolina. She was second in the graduating class since they have no Valedictorian or Salutatorian in the school's program.

Claessa has been successful in school. Her success indicated by the fact that recently she was chosen as a member of "WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES." Her other extra-curricular activities include the YWCA., of which she was an active member for two years, the Future Teachers of America, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, a Senior Counselor and Secretary to the president of the Student Government. In her junior year, she was secretary to the Rush Hall Dormitory Council. She has worked previously with both the Campus Echo and Eagle staffs.

As far as her future plans are concerned, Miss Hightower hopes to get a Civil Service job next year in the commercial field. In the meantime, she is contented with her favorite hobbies, which are collecting snap-shots and poems.

The "radiant and friendly" coed's favorite colors are pink, powder blue, and green. Miss Hightower's most liked dessert is an extra large serving of ice cream. "Any flavor will do," she stated.

a happy New Year and happy exams.

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