

Let's Support Scholarship Fund

The increasing need for finance to provide college scholarships for needy and deserving students grows more acute each day. Each year students are turned away because they cannot afford a college education and the college cannot help them. Further still, many students drop by the wayside each year because of lack of funds.

Parents of this type of student simply cannot afford to send their sons and daughters to college due to the increasingly high cost of living and the declining economic situation that prevails in the nation at present.

The situation facing NCC today is not peculiar to this institution; indeed, it is true of institutions of higher learning generally throughout the United States. However, in this region — and in our own racial group — conditions are alarming.

Because of it, our nation is losing the talent of potential scientists, engineers, technicians, scholars, doctors, lawyers, and others who, because of poverty, must "waste their fragrance on the desert air." We as a nation and we as a people, can ill afford this loss.

Last month in a meeting of the heads of all campus organizations, President Elder appealed for greater support of the College's scholarship fund.

Many organizations sponsor events throughout the year with a stated purpose of raising funds for scholarships. According to Dr. Elder, receipts seldom reach the Scholarship Fund. Leaders of such organizations should take steps to remedy this situation.

In view of the fact that all employees of the college have been asked to give one per cent of their salary to the Scholarship Fund, the ECHO is urging more student support.

Many of the faculty and staff members of North Carolina College who contribute to the Scholarship Fund are not alumni of this school. In many cases, some staff employees were not fortunate enough to attend college. If these people have enough loyalty and interest to contribute part of their salary, then each student should contribute one dollar for such a worthy cause.

Reduce your Christmas spending and save the reduction for the North Carolina College Scholarship Fund.

Avoid Future Vanguard Mistakes

When the United States' 72-foot-long, pencil slim rocket Vanguard roared, launched approximately four feet, and tumbled over at its test firing in Florida last week, much of the pride and prestige which our country has so long revered tumbled over with it. Even though there are some "knowing" officials who declared that Vanguard's failure is no cause for alarm, there is cause to wonder just what the dangers of Russia's lead in the missile program are.

Despite the fact that Russia's Sputnik carried transmitting frequencies judged inadequate for scientific purposes and that it carried no device to record worth while interplanetary conditions, the fact still remains that Sputniks I and II are still circling the earth while Vanguard is resting in pieces, a disheveled heap, so to speak.

Though Sputnik does not meet the requirements of an ideal man-made satellite, it is evident that Russia is still advancing in her technological achievements. On December 5 the Soviet Union launched the world's first atomic-powered surface ship, Lenin, which has a 44,000 horsepower engine and will be capable of breaking ice six feet thick. Not before 1960 will the U. S. be able to launch its first atomic-powered vessel.

According to Allen W. Dulles, Chief of the Central Intelligence Agency, Soviet Russia has enough land based intermediate-range missiles—on hand and ready to fire—to damage or almost destroy almost all overseas bases of the U. S. Strategic Air Command, with only three areas being out of range: Morocco, Spain, and Guam, and the Philippines. Russia could launch missiles with warheads from submarines as far as 500 miles at sea which could wipe out any city on our Eastern Seaboard.

Perhaps there are more developments in Russia which the U. S. does not know about, for it is evident that the Soviet Union does not go in for full scale publicity such as that given to Vanguard. To save embarrassment, the best policy would be to perform the feat first and brag about it later.

From The President's Desk

By J. LEVONNE CHAMBERS

I have for some time now been trying to answer the question: "What purpose do the campus Greek letter organizations serve?" Being a Greek myself, I am somewhat disappointed at the actions of the Greeks when I compare their actions with what should be their main objectives.

Two of the main objectives of Greek letter organizations are supposed to be scholarship and brotherhood. The campus Greeks can truthfully boast that academically speaking, among them are some of the ablest students. They can truthfully say that one of their main objectives — that of scholarship — is receiving great attention.

The second objective — that of brotherhood — is one that the Greeks should definitely give more attention. Some aspects of brotherhood and sisterhood do exist among the campus Greeks; however, this is very limited. The campus Greeks have divided themselves into clans, J. L. Chambers entities, or alliances that sometimes produce incidents almost as disturbing as those that were produced through the actions of the Triple Entente and the Triple Alliance.

This division of the Greeks seems to produce programs yearly to down the activities of the opposing clan or entente and to foster the prestige of their particular clan or organization. The clannish or selfish ideas and con-

duct of the Greeks are definitely impeding the progress of the Student Government, the Student Congress, and the student body.

PROGRESS BARRIER

Numerous programs that could serve to increase the social and educational development of the students are being blocked or hindered by the selfish aspiration of the Greeks. I have throughout the four years of my connection with the Student Government noticed the existence of these ideas and have seen the telling effect that they have had on the Student Government and the student body.

TALENTED ONES

Numerous students look up to the Greeks as the campus leaders, and rightfully so, because they do consist of some of the most talented students. And should they decide to pool their potential strength, they could offer great assistance in the total development of the student government and student body. They should combine their forces for the betterment of not only the Greek letter organizations, but the numerous non-affiliates who represent the majority of students. Their brotherhood should extend farther than the iron walls that surround their particular organization. They should plan to the whole college presently. This in turn will assist in the administration, the faculty, the Student Government, and the national organization. The most conducive environment in which the student body might continue their educational growth.

In the October issue of the Campus Echo, I mentioned that one of the major objectives of the Student Government this

year was to establish a Student Government Student Loan Fund. The Student Government has sponsored several very successful projects to raise funds for the loan fund.

At present the Student Government is operating the concession stands in the Men's Gymnasium during the basketball games. The Student Government is requesting the support of the student body in making this project successful.

Another objective that I stated in the October issue was to join the USNSA. A proposal to this effect has been presented to the Student Congress and has been accepted by it. The proposal is now before the Student Welfare Committee. The Student Government was represented at the recent NSA meeting in Raleigh at which the student representatives were able to observe the operation of the USNSA.

EX-PREXY ILL

Recently the Student Government was informed that its former Student Government president, Mr. Charles Holland, is seriously ill and that many days of confinement are required. The Student Government was also informed that Charles has very few visitors and that it would boost his morale if the students and the student organizations were to send cards and letters to him. The SG is requesting that the student body and the student organizations join with it in undertaking this project. The address is:

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Bellevue Hospital
New York, New York

Is Your Rocket High? . . .

By ROAMLESS HUDSON

During this age of man-made earth satellites and intercontinental ballistic missiles, one could look at life from a philosophical point of view and ask whether his own rocket is new or obsolete. In my opinion, this mode of thinking could be turned to campus life as well as any other type of life.

As one looks about himself, he should realize what dangers await him out side the college gates. It is my belief that few people even think of what is happening in the world today. How many people are concerned with making a contribution to mankind and how many people think of anything that does not supply their immediate needs? How many people are here on this campus who can talk about something that is not John's or Margaret's business? How many people ever think about how life is in that crude world where the big fish eat the little ones?

Many people try to satisfy the public by taking the attitude of doing nothing because the public does nothing. Is this attitude right? Should one join the multitude when the multitude is going nowhere? Should one stand idly by and not pursue those intangible things that crowds only miss? Should one act a fool because all of his associates are fools? Now, let us go into this problem more deeply.

For example, is it right for human beings to act like cats and dogs by pushing a building down in order to get into a door first, just before a meal? Is it right to miss Vespers services just because most light houses miss them? Is it right to

eat like an untrained mule just because another nervous wreck scatters food over the table? Where does one begin with influences, and where does he end with influences?

One often wonders why he doesn't collect his back dues from the world. One often thinks that what ever will be will be. He therefore, eliminates the possibility of working for what he wants. Once he comes to this conclusion, life seems to operate on dreams.

The main trouble is that these dreams never become a reality. The dreamer usually dies with only dreams. My friends, it is time for the youth of America to wake up from the night mare of content, dismount the black horse of ignorance, the monster of laziness, and become aware of the kind of world in which we live. We should note that this world will give grade to him no matter what it is. The twentieth century youth should take the fact into consideration that opportunity lies only for those who reach for it. He should also note that "Heaven is not reached by a single bound, but we build the ladder by which we rise from the lowly earth to the vaulted skies."

How high is your rocket in friendship, leadership, respectability, sincerity, love, learning, and understanding. Are you striving to be the best in whatever you are? Is your rocket high when you are among friends, at home, in the classroom, alone, on Sunday evenings? It is my sincere desire that we youth of America will awake and reach the moon.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I was somewhat disturbed by a comment which appeared in the last issue of the CAMPUS ECHO under the column known as From the President's Desk. The writer of the column had the audacity to criticize the women's personnel department because of

certain punitive measures it saw fit to make in connection with a misdemeanor committed in one of the women's dormitories recently.

This is not the first attack on the Women's Student Government by the writer of the aforementioned column. I have be-

gun to wonder what the purpose of these attacks is.

Perhaps this is an effort to increase his prestige, or perhaps he is one of those students who are like the owls: they are thought to be wise merely by sitting around and "hooting" at everything.

It was a source of bitter disappointment to this "rabble"

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