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CRYING NEEDS TODAY

Upon the editorial page of another of North Carolina's college newspapers there appeared some months ago a comment upon the problems and crying needs of American education today, problems and needs which might well be considered at length by the readers of the Elon campus world.

That commentator declared that "one of the major deficiencies in American education at present is the emphasis upon life-adjustment courses at the expense of many vital courses in science, mathematics and basic English. Many of these life-adjustment courses fail to prepare the student to face the rigorous and unsympathetic competition of the post-graduate business world, and such a failure leads to social maladjustment and reveals that there is no substitute for a well-rounded education in basic courses."

It was declared that "the humanities are also vitally important, for in the world of strife and tension each citizen should be instilled with a sensitiveness of the needs of others and an appreciation of human values. The United States cannot afford to sacrifice her reverence for the human element in her efforts to compete with and surpass Russia's technological advances." "If she sacrifices this reverence, she will have been conquered already by the Russian doctrine. But, as one commentator said, competitive coexistence may go on for a long time; great values are at stake. The educational problem is to produce graduates with human sensitiveness as well as with the abilities necessary to meet the challenge of the world's technologists. Thus, the educational system becomes a long-term investment, which will in large part determine our position in the world in years to come.

Tribute was paid to the teacher, at both high school and college level, as the vital instrument of the educational system. And the writer declared, "Far too little prestige and recognition are given to the teachers of tomorrow's citizens and leaders; the teaching profession needs to be made more attractive and more rewarding materially. Salaries and prestige should be raised for the teachers in order to draw as many as possible of the best students into the teaching profession."

In this connection, it was pointed out that "there is great need for consecrated teachers who are alert to the complexities of the modern world and who are dedicated to preparing each student to face and overcome these complexities. But the teacher is greatly limited by the large number and variety of students who make up each class and by the pressure from both students and their parents to lighten the study load."

From this angle, it was pointed out that parents can do much to determine the attitude of their children and that the influence within the home has much to do with instilling a determination in the mind of the student a desire to study and to succeed, to secure the best possible education for future life.

Citing the importance of student attitude, it was said that "in the final analysis it is the attitude of the student which spells out his or her ultimate success in obtaining a balanced and useful education. Many persons have successfully educated themselves; modern facilities of education



around with square

by SQUARE EDMONDS

The pundit who said that eating his words never gave him indigestion was quite right, but it only gives the sweet taste of success. Several of my columns prior to this one have included a fervent plea for more spirit in the student body. Well, that plea was answered recently on the occasion of Elon's stunning upset over the previously undefeated High Point Panthers.

Now, I take the part of the eulogist and pass out orchids to all of those who attended the game for a job well done. There was a 100 per cent effort given by all, and that effort in the stands drew a thrilling response from the boys on the floor as they played spoiler for the High Point record.

Personal reflections on the tensions of the perennial "rat race" around West Dorm are few and far between, but the "Ancient Age" face of Joe E. Lewis has been seen around recently. Better watch it, Joe, you can get twenty years for such a thing.

Well the GRE (Graduate Record Examinations) are completed, and the proverbial grips of all exponents are loquacious as usual. Of course, high recordings on those tests stand about as much in the realm of probability as the thought of Dr. Howell writing a book of Rock and Roll song, and I hardly think that likely.

Whatzil's name is currently the Elon campus' "motor moron." I believe he's from Virginia, Va. Oh well! Anyway, he's not very popular, and I used this tid-bit only as a space filler. I could have left it blank and requested everyone to breathe on, and if it turned yellow it would be wise to brush their teeth, but that's space-filler too. So, I say it is an example of the close relation between tragedy and humor.

DEAR ALUMNUS: For some reason or other, a few of us find ourselves getting out and cutting our ties with the tradition-soaked Elon campus. Actually, what I'm referring to is that little chant we are bound to receive from our Dear Mr. Terrell. Anyway, what I'm trying to say that we want to get a bunch of seniors together who will contribute to a special fund to purchase for the Alumni Office a ten-foot-square sign for placement over the office door. "GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN." I get the most peculiar ideas sometimes.

LOOSE ENDS: Bob Stauffenberg has recently signed a pro contract with the Philadelphia Eagles for a reported \$6,000. Tony Carcaterra may also be headed for professional football, for the lanky end was drafted by the Chicago Bears when the National League grid squad held their annual name-choosing from the ranks of the college stars. "Muggys" is supposedly employed as the new PBX operator in Carolina Hall. Supposedly, I said "Will night students acknowledge the parking tickets given them since this new regulation has been imposed? That question was asked of me, and I could offer no satisfactory response. However, I would guess that they'll have to follow suit and do as the rest of the violators."

PARTING SHOT: Well, I've beaten myself into submissive productivity in time for the deadline, though as a matter of fact, I'm a little late with this offering. Let me part from you, my dear readers, with the little reminder for you all to just hang in there until time for the next issue and swing like Tom Dooley.

CHEERFUL THOUGHTS

There was the story of the young man who said to his girl: "I betcha you wouldn't marry me!" The story goes that she not only called his bet but raised him five.

There is a student on this campus who never takes a drink. You gotta hand it to him.

A Hollywood producer received a story entitled, "The Optimist." He called his staff together and said: "Gentlemen, this title must be changed to something simpler. We're intelligent and know what an optimist is, but how many of those morons who'll see the picture will know he's an eye doctor?"

serve only as aids in the growth of the student's mental prowess and alertness." Each student should follow Tennyson's advice: To follow knowledge like a sinking star, Beyond the utmost bound of human thought. —CONTRIBUTED.

Seeking To Interest Youth...

Recruitment Group Meets At Elon

Seeking a means to interest additional young people in the ministry and other full-time positions in Christian service, twenty-seven ministers and lay leaders from churches in the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches met in a day-long session on the Elon College campus last week.

The assembled ministers and lay leaders were members of the Southern Convention's Commission on Recruitment for Full-Time Christian Service, a group which has been functioning for some time in an effort to meet the current shortage of both ministers and other church personnel, such as young people's leaders and educational secretaries.

The all-day meeting got under way at 10 o'clock in the office of Dr. J. E. Danieley, with Martin Garren, of Greensboro, president of the Southern Convention, presiding over the deliberations. The invocation was by Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, of Chuckatuck, Va., who has appeared frequently on the Elon campus as a speaker.

The featured address of the morning session was by Dr. Nathaniel M. Guptill, of New York City, who appeared as a representative of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches.

There were also brief talks by a number of the committee members, including Rev. William T. Scott, Jr., of Durham, Dr. W. E. Wiseman, of Greensboro, Rev. Robert A. Knowles, of Elon College, and Dr. J. E. Danieley, of Elon College. All of them spoke of some phase of the call to Christian service.

After a luncheon break, there was an afternoon meeting which featured a round-table discussion on "Christian Recruitment," during which plans were laid for emphasizing the needs and opportunities in full-time church vocations, with plans for special emphasis through the local churches on guiding young people into professional church work.

Among the activities planned was a "Church Vocations Sunday" to be observed in the various churches during May, with each church urged to pay special attention toward the guidance of juniors and seniors at the high school level,

MINISTRIAL ASSOCIATION ON CAMPUS



Since the Ministerial Association stands like a candle lighting the spiritual life of many of the Elon College students, it was fitting that the members of the group should arrange themselves in the form of a candle and its holder in the above picture. The members of the ministerial group, reading left to right in each row of the picture, are as follows: FRONT ROW — Faye Gordon, Suffolk, Va.; Mary Ann Hepner, Philadelphia, Pa.; Betsy Carden, Varina; Beverly Ward, Rockville, Conn.; and Ella Lively, Reidsville. SECOND ROW — Douglas Albert, Lahore, Pakistan; and Lois Foor, Philadelphia, Pa. THIRD ROW — Kenneth Rogers, Sanford; and Mary Ann Hartwell, West Barnstable, Mass. FOURTH ROW — Jimmy Rosser, Sanford; and Shelby Gunter, Moncure. FIFTH ROW — David Horn, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Joyce Myers, Philadelphia, Pa. SIXTH ROW — Wayne Gardner, Suffolk, Va.; and Martha Brittle, Suffolk, Va. SEVENTH ROW — Larry Yack, Cambria Heights, N. Y.; and Dorothy Hawks, Fancy Gap, Va. EIGHTH ROW — Rex Thomas, Sanford; and Robert Hultman, Kane, Va.

urging them to at least be open-minded in regard to a church vocation, although not necessarily making a full commitment.

A special Church Vocations Conference for young people was set to be held at the Moonelon Conference Center during the weekend of April 17th-19th under the direction of Rev. John Lackey, of Winston-Salem.

Still another phase of the recruit-

ment program will be an effort to inform and interest additional students here at Elon College and at other institutions of higher education in this area in church service careers. The Commission on Recruitment appointed Rev. Robert Knowles and Martin Garren, along with Rev. Clyde Fields, of Asheboro, as an executive committee to lead in the recruitment efforts.

Seen From The West Watchtower

By ANN JOYCE

be not only of interest to students of philosophy, history, religion and English, but to the student body as a whole.

Naturally this excludes the strong anti-intellectuals and anti-academic folk, but we believe it is well that the Student Legislature has shown its approval of the forum program by its appropriation of \$200 to its support. We see possibilities of the future expansion of the forum programs. In fact, we believe that the committee is entertaining the idea of inviting guest speakers from other colleges in the area.

Certainly not the least of the accomplishments of the Liberal Arts Forum Committee has been the promotion of the new campus literary magazine, and we believe that the magazine will be of great interest to all students, especially those who are interested in writing.

Those persons who are interested in submitting articles for publication in the first edition of the magazine should see the magazine editor for further details. We understand that faculty and student contributions to the publication will be welcomed.

The magazine will include essays, research papers, poetry, short stories, book reviews, play criticisms and sermons. The magazine, which will replace "The Colonades", is being financed by the college administration, we hear.

It was wonderful to see the increased school spirit exhibited at the Elon-High Point game here recently. With such support at every game, we suspect that our team's winnings would pile up.

It is impossible to say too many nice things about the new lighting system which is being installed throughout the school, for it is certainly a notable improvement of our campus.

And now we want to borrow a little story, which Dean Hereford related to the dormitory girls at a recent housemeeting. We believe it would be advisable for all of us to think of it seriously.

The story: A certain woman once spread a large number of ugly, malicious falsehoods about a priest. Presently the lady's conscience began to bother her. She went to the priest, begging for his forgiveness and saying that she wished to do penance for her sin. The priest asked the lady to rip open a feather pillow in a windy field. When she had done so, he asked her to go out and collect the feathers and return them to him. Hastily the lady assured the priest that this was quite an impossible task. With a knowing look, the priest replied: "Of course you can't collect these feathers which have flown with the wind! But you can return them just as easily as you could right the wrong which you have done me."

here and there

By

DICK LASHLEY



The game of "Who Done It" still goes on here at dear ole' Elon, as investigators continue their search for the villain who set fire to the Mooney Chapel Theatre.

This has certainly been a hush-hush investigation, because if the men with the "spy-glasses" have any ideas as to who the culprit is, they certainly haven't indicated it.

Bomb Scare

The night of the "big snow" was an exciting one for the girls in Virginia Hall.

Along with the hectic searching for the fire bug and such, all we needed here on the campus was a bomb scare—and some obliging soul provided that via a telephone call, and all the gals went slippin' and a sliddin' out of the dorm until the "all clear" was sounded assuring them that no bomb was on the premises.

No one knows who did the foul deed but who ever it was must have a rotten sense of humor. It may have been some character's idea of a practical joke or it could have been some joker with a few kinks in the noggin'—whichever the case may be, I think the clown should pay a visit to his psychiatrist.

Graduate Record Exams

G. R. E.'s are behind us now. Nothing left to do now but sweat out our score. Here 'n There would like to meet the guy who thinks up all those interesting questions, and see if he can answer them. Betcha' he can't. I couldn't!

Bid Week

Once again, that festive week arrives on the campus—"BID WEEK". There'll be sorority and fraternity meetings, rushing, parties, dancing, and a sleepless weekend. But, that's college life.

It's always amusing to see the poor souls who are undergoing initiation, especially the girls. You know, hair in pigtails, clothes on wrong side out, sitting in the middle of the student union singing songs during class breaks, opening doors for the students, passing out candy to their "big sisters", singing their sorority songs in the rotunda of Alamance.

Valentine Dance

Here 'n There has been hearing rumors about a Valentine dance in McEwen Ball Room this year. Sounds great to us! Just one thing puzzles me, if the rumor is true, and that is how in the world are we all going to get into that small room to dance. The only solution that Here 'n There can find is to have dancing upstairs and downstairs at the same time with the orchestra sitting on the steps. Gee, it'll be great fun sliding up and down the banisters, going from one level to the next.

Garrison's Clearance

Garrison's Grill is having a clearance on hot dogs. Seems as if he might be overstocked, though yours truly doesn't see how he could be. Anyhow, that's what's going on, as if you didn't already know it, but I've got to have something to fill up this space, so figured I might as well use this bit of well-known news.

Student Government

All is quiet on the governmental level as far as student government activities are concerned. Linwood and Elder are slipping.

However, Here 'n There understands that the first Arts Forum has been held, with our own Dr. Clarence Carson delivering the address. According to Jimmy Elder, the meeting was very informative and pleasing, but attendance wasn't so good. Maybe the reason was because most of the interested students were hiding in the storm shelter and weathering the storm that howled through the campus on the evening of Wednesday, January 21st.

Student Union

Wonder when they're going to put up the new equipment for the union? Yours truly has been inquiring here and there trying to find out, but to no avail. Guess I haven't asked the right person yet, huh? The fact remains that it seems as if our dreams for a better and more attractive student union are about to materialize.

Time To Stop

Once again the gossip is all gone, I'm tired of pounding the "ole writtin' machine, and space is all gone, so let's stop for this issue. Adieu! Adios! and Auf Wiedersehen! Or as they say in France, "Goodbye until next issue!"

TINY BITS

What you don't dare to print is precisely what people want to read.

"Now, gentlemen," said the president of the Homely Baby Bottles Company, "we have 50,000 of these feeding bottles in stock and we expect you salesmen to go out and create a demand."