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HAVE YOU A PHILOSOPHY?

Luretha Coats

One's philosophy is a most peculiar thing. We might define it as a way of life. It is a factor which contributes greatly to the uniqueness in the personality of an individual. It governs the way one responds or reacts in a given situation in the environment which, in turn, shapes one's destiny. It is Governor Wallace's philosophy that makes him so tempestuous and so stalwart in relation to the Negro. It is the philosophy of the Black Moslems and nationalist leaders that defeats their own purpose. It is the philosophy of nations of people like the Russians, Americans, Red Chinese, Vietnamese, and the Congolese, in opposition, which condescends violence, hatred and the like.

Philosophy touches on all phases of human activity: religion, politics, war, ethics, and life in general. Rousseau, who was instrumental in laying the foundation for many of our teaching-learning principles, expressed his philosophy concerning humanity when he asserted that man is born innately good, and that as he grows, he becomes tainted by the infiltrations of a horrid society. He suggested that man should live as close to nature as possible to avoid such a devoured state. In opposition to Rousseau's philosophy, Wolff and other faculty psychologists, contended that man is born intrinsically bad.

Contrasting views also lend themselves to students with regard to education. Some students see the importance of securing a quality education along with the acquisition of a certificate or diploma. So while they are in a position to do, they go about accomplishing that goal. Other students' philosophy leads them to believe that as long as they remain in an institution of learning for a required period of time, whether the knowledge and understanding that they should acquire penetrates into their system or not, the "luck" that has kept them there will carry them safely on to a greater, more remarkable height.

One's philosophy is most important. No person is considered intelligent without a substantial one. Without one there is no aim, no purpose, no goal. Have you a philosophy?

Dear Administration and Faculty

The Senior Class wishes to thank you for the First Annual Placement Meeting. The benefits that we received from this meeting were much needed and very much welcomed.

This meeting was an open expression by the Administration and Faculty of their concern and interest in us not only here at school but also in our later lives. Thus we openly express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all concerned. All of the sessions were filled with information greatly needed by every senior.

It is meetings of this type that bring the administration, faculty and students to a closer realization of our purposes here. We, the Senior Class of 1964-1965, feel honored that we were the class with which this program was initiated. With this same pride and sincerity we urge the continuation of this program.

The Senior Class again thanks the Administration and staff for its consideration and cooperation in initiating the First Annual Placement Meeting of Fayetteville State College.

Respectfully yours,
The Seniors

READ THE NEWS

Emma Parker

World happenings are important to us all and I do think that reading the newspapers and magazines is a necessity. We tend to talk about minor things occurring among us each day, instead of

The Negro And The Democratic Party

by Sylvester Hoskins

Since the election of 1786 the Negro has leaned toward the Democratic Party. His continuous support for the party has lasted until the present day. In the election of 1964, numerous organizations that fostered movements for equal rights supported the Democratic ticket. The Negro has a great future with the Democratic Party. Since the past election several have been nominated for government posts that have not been open to them before. Even in North Carolina, Georgia, and other southern states the Democratic party has accepted Negro politicians and they are more willing to adhere to the policies enacted by the Federal Government.

The principles and ideals of the Democratic Party are paramount in our great America. It is my contention that the Negro will ally himself more closely with this Fortress and thus gain the rights and privileges that he has been denied for so long.

The Democratic Party has for a long time, fought for liberty and justice for all and the Negro will continue to improve his lot if he continues to ally himself with this dominant power.

thinking or giving opinions concerning the United States and its relationship with other countries. So students, why not read the news more? It is something that will help you find something to say rather than keeping quiet in class when it is current events time.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK FEATURES ESSAY CONTEST

In order to help sponsor reading and writing, the Library Committee has launched its annual essay contest as a part of National Library Week observance. This year's celebration — April 25-May 1 — offers two challenging themes: "Open your future — Read!" and "Know what you are talking about — Read!" Essayists may choose either as the core for their writing. Choice of title is not restricted to the theme.

Students who show excellence in writing essays will again be rewarded through the generosity of our Student Government in the following manner:

First place	25.00
Second place	15.00
Third place	10.00

All students are urged to enter the contest and the Committee hopes that in addition to the growth that each participant will experience from his effort, each will feel that his essay should be made really worthy of a prize.

Those entering the contest should note that:

- Contest ends on March 31, 1965; papers must be in hands of Librarian by that date.
- Essays should be not more than 500 words in length.
- Papers must be neat and legible (typewritten or written with ink) in order to be considered.
- Prizes will be presented at chapel program on April 28th.
- Winning essay will be read at that time.
- All students are eligible to enter contest.

Criteria for judging will be as follows:

Total value	Criterion	Points earned
30	Adherence to theme	()
30	Persuasion (or argument)	()
25	Mechanics of writing	()
15	Originality	()
Total 100	Total earned	()

The Library Committee and the Student Government hope that this year's contest will reach its zenith.

THE SOCIETY OF BOOKS

By Sherree L. Crouch

Books are just as much a part of society as people, for books are the essence of people's thoughts and ideosyncracies. In a society, people are classed according to their prestige and lucrative worth. Books, similar to people in a society, are also classed according to their worth and universality. Incredible as it may seem, a book can be a doctor, lawyer, merchant, chief, rich man, poor man, beggar man, or thief.

A book is a doctor when my mind is sick from the stresses of life. It can lead me into a world of my own. When I visit the office of the world of books, I can release my symptoms and tensions and rest assured that when I come out of the office of the world of books, I shall have already recuperated.

When I am distressed, and if I have no friend, I look to a book. A book is always there to plead my case, like a lawyer dedicated to his services. Books can win my confidence, and it is through them that I know the right course to take when I am accused and outcast.

One may ask, "How can books be merchants?" It is very simple. They are very shrewd little salesmen. They sell themselves! Flowery words and advertisement about them do not sway me. It is the books themselves that give me impetus to enter their world. I am gullible to their suave talk and I can barely resist their inviting mannerism.

Books are paramount in my life. I cherish them as I would a priceless gem. They are the chief in my intellectual pursuits, for without them I would know little of my fellowmen. I would learn only through my microcism of experiences, and that learning would be so shallow that my mind could not survive.

Moreover, books are not only chiefs, but they are also rich. They possess a storehouse of knowledge. They are filled with lots of treasures; treasures of facts, fantasies, mysteries and even enigmatic tales. All of these treasures are always on hand for me to take them and share in their richness.

Ironically, a book can be so rich and yet so poor. When I see a book

mutilated and worn, I become distressed. How can anyone be so cruel as to hurt a book? It too, has life and can be easily hurt. Many books are poor in appearance and they are this way because of abuses and misuses. Books are like tiny babies, they should be handled with care. Poor books, like a social outcast, always win my sympathy. I collect them, for I do not want them to feel unwanted. They know that they can always share a place in my heart and library. No book is cast aside by me. I love them all!

Somehow, it seems to me that the poorest books are the most mendicant of them all. A book begs for a constant companion. As I enter a library, they seem to say, "I have no friend. Will you not share in my joy, as well as my sadness? Can I trust you to be my empathetic friend?" I cannot pass them by without a friendly hello and a peak into their innermost secrets. I would be less than human if I passed them by. I love beggars. It is not ignominious to my character to be known as a caterer to beggars. It gives me great pride to say that I am a friend to beggars.

Moreover, all qualities that seem distainful are not really distainful at all. It seems strange that a book is a thief, after having so many great qualities. But a book is a thief. It comes into my life and befriends me, and then suddenly without a word of caution, it runs away with my heart, emotions, and thoughts. I am left helpless until my books brings them back to me. I can remember once a book took me on a long voyage to an unknown land. In that land, I was queen! For the first time in my life, I was the important one. I was arrayed with purple majesties by my subjects. A scent of royalty was in the air. I was overwhelmed with pomposity and until this very day I feel so pompous when books take away my heart, emotions, and thoughts. But as I close my book, my heart, emotions, and thoughts return home and I am left in my old world of reality. But my life is greatly enriched for having read a book.

Yes, books are real people and they may be found in all walks of life.

"VOICE YOUR CHOICE"

by Eva M. McEachern

One of the most urgent and crucial problems facing the United States today is South Vietnam; should we disengage, or should we stand firm? Many politicians feel that we cannot win in Vietnam. They feel that the United States has become "over-involved" with a war-weary and unstable South Vietnamese government. They are of the opinion that if we should force more fighting, it could lead to a big and possibly disastrous war with Red China and even Russia.

On the other hand, just as many politicians feel that disengaging from the South Vietnamese situation would not only violate a sacred pledge, but would increase the prestige in Red China, decrease the prestige of the U.S., and endanger all Southeast Asia.

In view of these two opinions, several students were asked, in a survey conducted on our campus, to express their opinions concerning the subject:

MELVIN PIERCE — "I think that the U.S. should not leave Vietnam now because it would seem as if we were backing down on our promise to back South Vietnam in stopping the spread of communism. If we were to pull out now, we would only be inviting the communist countries to take over."

CLARENCE LLOYD — "The U.S. should stay in South Vietnam for many reasons. We should stay so that the South Vietnamese will not have to tolerate communist aggression. We should stay to assure them the type of government they want, preferably a democratic type. Our policy is non-aggressive. Being a non-aggressive country, we need to change our tactics. At the rate we are going, nothing actually has been accomplished.

Look at the incidents in Korea. We have been in Korea for ten or more years, and progress has been at a bare minimum. Communism is still in North Korea. In order to cope with communism, our foreign policy has to be changed to survive in the future."

VELMA RATCLIFF — "I think that our being in South Vietnam is nonsense. I feel that we should either declare war, or get out."

CLYDE WOOTEN — "I feel that the United States should continue to fight for the cause of justice and democracy in South Vietnam. I think they should assume an even greater role than just military advisors and employ all forces to stop the communist threat."

KAREN E. DAVIS — "I think that the United States should bring her troops back to the states because we have too many problems here to be concerned in the affairs in South Vietnam."

EMMA L. McEACHERN — "I feel that the United States has no business in Vietnam in the first place; however, since they are there, they should stay there and make the best of the situation."

CHARLES HAMILTON — "I think we, the United States, should discontinue the war in South Vietnam or go into it on a larger scale. The United States as the most powerful nation in the world has a moral obligation to promote peace and good will in all the world; but when peace and good will cost 136 lives and 600 million dollars annually, and there is no apparent improve-

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