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Which Is More Important In College Facts — Or Discussion?

It is the function of a college professor to teach yes, but it is also desirable that he do more than merely pound facts into the students' heads. For such a pounding is not the essential factor in a college education. A student does not spend his time and money to absorb facts alone, but to obtain training in thinking for himself.

Many professors do not realize this. They give their own opinions of material studied and do not allow students the right to come to conclusions which differ from their own. And, should a student be so bold as to differ, his grades drop.

This is not education.

Many students, when asked about some matter, express strong feeling. When questioned further, they begin to spout forth a long list of reasons that are obviously not their own. They are merely echos. They may as well be tape recorders.

It has been my dismay to see students who defend a subject in one class and condemn it in the next. Is this education?

After completing such an echo course, the student has memorized a few facts and figures, but he is

not much better off than when he entered the class. He is not much better off because when he has to make a decision on a matter that was not discussed in class he is at a loss.

It is hard, when teaching a course and knowing from experience the pros and cons of each issue to see young students form opinions which you know to be wrong. There is a tendency to close the issue in order to keep the students from straying from the right track.

But rarely will there be a subject upon which everybody will agree. Not everybody thinks Napoleon was a great general. Not everybody likes Shakespeare. But because a few disagree with the majority should they be silenced? In college should they be silenced by the thread of low grades?

If professors would leave certain matters open to discussion the students would dig out facts to make their arguments more clear. They would see both sides of the issue. And probably, eventually reverse their stand. In any case, however, they have studied the matter from all sides. And they are better students, better adults, for it.

This is education.

Student Council Solves Case Of Dissapearing Blackboard

In the Student Council meeting Monday night the question of the disappearance of the third floor bulletin board was raised. It was a good question.

The board had been gone for almost a month. Now the council had paid a goodly sum of money for it a few years ago and didn't want to shell out any more for a new one. Which was only natural.

One of the council members said that if the old board could be found there would be no need to buy a new one. His statement was discussed for some time and finally his colleagues agreed.

But no one knew the whereabouts of the old board.

Somebody said that the board was not on the third floor at all.

Somebody else stated that it wasn't on the second either.

Or the first.

Which eliminated the main building.

It was at this time that one member woke up and, after finding what matter was being discussed, mumbled something about the new building before dozing off again. But, as usual, nobody paid him any attention for some time.

When the sleeping member on the left side of the room turned over again he repeated his statement. He said that the rumor was that the board was in one of the day math classes. A committee was appointed to look into the matter, I think. For at about that time I felt my eyes getting weaker and weaker and . . .

EDITORS REPORT



By Charles Crouch

We have received much comment on the first issue of the Collegian. I would be pleased to report that all of it was favorable. Unfortunately, however, such is not the case. I will try to answer some of the comment, part of which was written to Letters to the Editor.

There is no one who is to blame for the restricted smoking privileges. The decision was reached after pressure was brought to bear on the administration of the college by the City Fire Department and the insurance company which handles the building we use. I don't like the restriction either, but there is nothing we can do. We might as well resign ourselves to wearing extra layers of clothing to school.

Hal Kellams does resemble Hemmingway, but the picture we used is of our own budding genius.

And to the multitudes who couldn't find Man in the Halls or Club Chatter, don't feel like the Lone Ranger. I could find them either.

I am sorry about the poor circulation of the first issue. I can only say that we think we have most of the problems ironed out.

And to the home-grown wit who wanted to know if the picture of the proposed site was taken from Sputnik, the answer is no.

We will try to have a cartoon in every issue.

We like Girl of the Month too! I agree. Parking is a problem. But we won't have to endure it much longer, for we'll be in our new location in a short while.

And to the vast majority of you who congratulated us on the first issue, we can only offer our heartfelt thanks and say that your compliments make all the work and bother worth while.

By the way, the next issue of the Collegian is a pretty special one. Hope you look forward to it as much as we do to putting it out. It should surprise you.

Religion

"The Love of Christ..."

By Ann McRorie

"For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead . . . For He hath made him to be sin for us who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."

II Corinthians 5:14, 21.

The love of Christ constraineth us—to wit—it compels us to His complete obedience, to surrender ourselves completely to His directions, His will, His planning.

What is this love? It is that He died for us—for our sins.

God hates sin; in His holiness and perfectness He cannot look upon sin, for it is displeasing to Him and against His holy nature. This being true, God cannot look upon you and me because we are sinners . . . being born into sin and thus sinning each day of our lives.

But thanks be to Him, we do not have to bear this burden because He . . . Christ . . . did die for us . . . He, being the perfect son of God, took upon Himself all our sins, past, present, and future, and carried them to the cross of Calvary, freeing us from them forever if we only believe and accept Him as our Master. Thus with the

burden of sin removed from us, God can once again look upon us . . . can talk with us and give us those joys and that peace that comes only walk of obedience with Him.

This is that to which His love constraineth us. For though He died, yet also did He rise again to reign in our hearts and lives today.

If we have truly accepted Christ as our Lord and Saviour, if we are Christians, we shall not have to tell others, they will see it in us. They will see Him as He guides us through our studies, as we ask His advice about our vocational choice, as we use His directions in our social life, taking Him everywhere we go. It is in this way and only in this way that we can find the joy, peace, the calmness, the hope, and strength for the problems that we face.

The love of Christ . . . that He died for us . . . constraineth us . . . to a surrendered life for Him, as a business man, as a missionary, as a teacher, as an engineer . . . in any walk of life.

Is it not enough that we did not choose Him, that He chose us to inherit the joy of so great salvation.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I have only one question for you, the Editor—who is to blame for the restricted smoking privileges at C. C.? I know that we have been told that we can smoke at one end of the building or in the parking area, but what are we to do if our classes are in the far corner of the building? I know the faculty does not go for the idea of the entire class being tardy or for a request for a longer break between classes. After working eight hours and rushing to class, I am dead on my feet before class begins. In the past, I have found that a cigarette helps me to relax and makes me alert for three hours of hard labor. I understand how the Fire Department feels about such matters; but with the winter upon us, do we have to endure rain, sleet, or snow in order to relax and enjoy college life.

—T. C.

Dear Editor:

Before I voice my criticism of one of your articles, allow me first to congratulate you on your September issue of *The Charlotte Collegian*.

Now, to my grievance! Your article concerning Alumni hardly

does justice to the College graduates. In all respect to the Alumni mentioned, the article fails to list many of the student leaders of the 1957 Graduating Class. Three of our graduates are now at Davidson: Bill Reid, Chairman of the Assembly Committee last year; Taylor Hill, Assistant Business Manager of the *Si Si*; and Claude Davis, a hard worker behind the scenes. The article made no reference to Bill Henson, President of the 1956-57 Student Council; M. C. Love, Vice-President of the Council; or Doug Biddy, Chairman of the Publicity Committee. These boys worked very hard for the betterment of Charlotte College. Two of our women graduates, Nancy Fisher, Editor of the 1957 *Si Si*, and Brona Foster, Chairman of last year's Social Committee, are now studying at East Carolina College. Bettie King has remained at Charlotte College for another year. Jane Anne Carmichael, Secretary of the 1957 Sophomore Class and one of the best supporters at C. C., is studying at Queens College.

The failure of the Alumni article to give proper recognition to these former Collegians is downright insulting, for it appears that the College is not interested in its leaders of the past years. I sincerely hope that this rude error will be rectified in the future.

Respectfully yours,
 M. G.

Ed. note—The article was cut without our knowledge. The original was complete.)

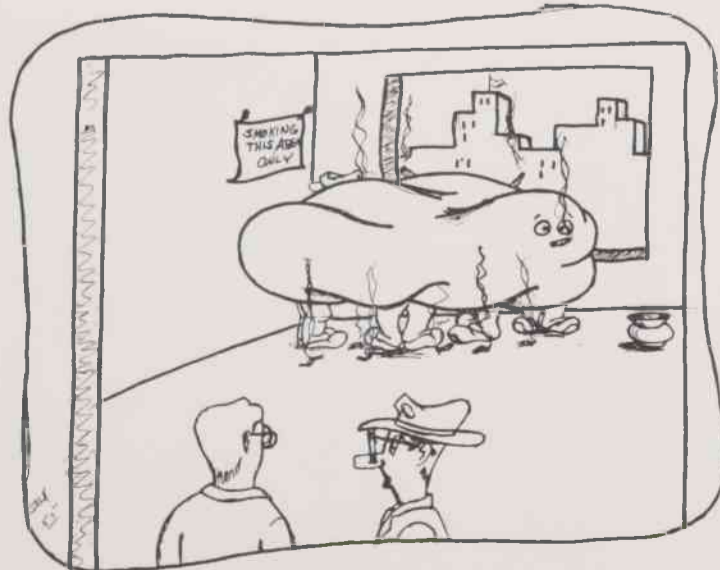
Dear Editor,

After studying the picture accompanying Poet's Corner I have decided that you must have substituted a cut of Ernest Hemmingway. Is this the case?

M. A.

Dear Editor,

The circulation of the first issue was atrocious. I paid for my subscription and, as of October 1, I still haven't received it. If it



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