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Droopy Warren

This column is beginning to think our editor is psychic. We drew our assignment last month long before anyone knew who the Pine Knot Queen was. And who did it turn out to be, none other than the victim of the previous column. The same thing has happened this month in the case of our recently elected May King, Mr. Melville F. Warren.

All of us knew "Droopy" long before he ever thought of becoming May King. You don't have to wonder at how he was elected! He is known by everybody as one of the best all-round fellows on the campus. I can't say that I have seen a more friendly person any place. Always willing to lend a glad hand to everyone around. This friendly personality has and will continue to carry Droopy a long way in life.

Mr. "May King" belongs to and is president of Sigma Alpha Fraternity. He is also president of the Pan Hellenic Council. This is a very high position since it is the governing body of all Greek letter organizations on the campus.

Mr. Warren is a senior of very high standing since he will graduate at the end of the present semester. He is now doing his practice teaching at the high school and from all reports, has turned in a fine job in that department.

So much for this time. We have said enough about Droopy. All of us know him for the fine fellow he is. We'll miss him when he leaves. So for this month it's hats off to our May King, Droopy.

Well, this personality may not be a beauty queen as last month's was, but she is one of the Queen's best friends. Just because she hasn't got the prettiest head on the campus, doesn't mean that her head is empty of brains. I guess you know that I'm talking about Marguerite Noe. If you didn't, you're stupid because her picture is just above anyway.

Marguerite is a very dignified and argumentative president of the senior class. She usually wins her arguments which are, as a rule, well-grounded. She is better known I believe as Maggie. She may not like it, but that's what she's called and what we are going to call her.

Maggie sweated, spit, and spurned over this dear ole paper last year and did a mighty fine job—mighty fine. In fact she really got the paper started again. She also served as president of the Dramatics Club last year. There was no director, for the plays, but plays were given just the same. They were good too. Maggie was one of the main people in the play given recently on the campus.

I guess this is enough about Maggie. I could go on and on telling about the things which she does and has done since she has been at AC. She was selected by her class as the Most Likely To Succeed. I know that she will succeed in whatever she attempts, and I would like to wish her a happy landing.

Student by all means feel proud of yourself! Why? You may ask. Well, there appeared in the Wilson Daily Times some few months ago an editorial with a phrase containing a thought that the students attracted by AC were not from the best homes. This editorial was resented, and we trust that it was a slip of the pen. We have no doubt but that this statement is false in every sense of the word, and this paper would back up any article defending the students against such a remark. However, our actions during chapel last Wednesday would have been rather difficult to explain to the thinkers or originators of this much resented observation.

Many times in the past we have had speakers on our chapel programs who had very little to say along with a boring manner of presentation. Aren't our own fellow students entitled to this same respect? Sure they are! It is common courtesy and can't be denied. Courtesy, however, shouldn't have been the factor that might have held the attention; we, as grown-up, supposedly mature, well-balanced students attending college should have listened to the thoughtful ideas designed for our reception and action. We didn't listen; furthermore, we were wrong. Let's admit it and seek to improve upon our mistake.

Someone has remarked that at the root of the problem was the lack of school spirit. We may or may not have school spirit. If we haven't, we have a student body that is capable of building anything that is missing in our college. It has been said that a college is only as strong as the students make it. It is our job to do something about ourselves, not a job for the faculty of administration. We by no means need the most beautiful surroundings, irreproachable faculty members, and even a glory shrouded football team. There is a world of benefits to be derived from AC, and it is our job to find, materialize, and grow from the opportunities we have at hand. AC can be our "light of life" if we will put our energies to work. We only derive from a thing what we put into it. In the future, let's make a beginning toward those things which we are supposedly missing by conducting ourselves in a manner which are becoming to a mature student body.

Join The Christmas Spirit

As Christmas draws close at hand, it is well to remember the true spirit of Christmas. Some say it is not the same since the war, but it takes the people to make a Christmas as it should be.

It seems that Christmas at AC brings the students closer together than they are at any other time during the year. There are many who do not know what Christmas here really means. The best way to find out is to

participate in every activity planned during the season.

Go caroling, even if you never have before. You will never forget the radiant smiles received from the patients in the hospitals and the shut-ins when they are visited. Attend every party; put your whole heart into the Yuletide festivities; and you will be able to look back to the time when you enjoyed your "Other Christmas" away from home.

THE MERRY MIX-UP

By Mel F. Warren

YOUR CHILDREN, MISS WARD'S CHILDREN, AND MY CHILDREN—As was told you in Chapel on day recently, for twenty-five years the students of Atlantic Christian College have helped in the drive to make the underprivileged children of this community happy on Christmas morning. It is indeed great to be able to give to such a worthy cause and profit by knowing that you have done such a noble deed. We are so pleased to know that the names of these children were taken and each will have a Santa Claus. When you buy the gift use discretion in your selection so that the child will really be pleased. One year in the past a boy bought a hatchet for a five year old... poor child! But you have the age so if you can not think of anything that you think appropriate ask Miss Ward or someone equally competent or write to Santa Claus; he will be able to help you. But if you took a name by all means buy a gift because we want our unfortunates to have a Merry Christmas also.

PERSONALITY PLUS—Charles Atlas Courses, corsets, powder, and many other samples of such articles are not all that Doc Hardy is known for lately. Of course I won't attempt to reveal any of his secrets, but I hear that Miss Brandon is learning some Geography that she never had in school before. Last week there was a chapter on Rice. Mr. Hardy had a most interesting tale of woe about rice as he proceeded as follows:

"When I was flying at 30,000 feet when I spotted a bunch of little Japanese below. I dived down at them and saw that they were picking rice and putting it in little bundles. What a mess! We knew that they were going to feed the Japanese soldiers so my squadron decided that we might as well have the rice for the little United Statesian Pilots, so we dived down and picked up every bunch of rice that they had picked." At this moment another bright student remarked that he was certainly surprised that pilots could do that. Doc replied, "If you are surprised, you should have seen the expression on the little Japanese rice pickers' faces." Miss Brandon is still trying to figure it out, it is rumored. But Mr. Hardy is not allowed to make any more reports in that class.

FRIENDLINESS IS A GOOD POLICY—In a school of this size there is no need for anyone's "not seeing" another student on the campus or elsewhere. It seems to be a habit for some to go about their merry way, day by day, just seeing their own little crowd. And there are some who are just so busy that they don't have the time to speak because they are just too busy hurrying to some place where that meeting or group just has to have their presence to get along... but what do they do? It all goes back to the old "big happy family" and we should feel toward each other as if we were in our own homes. If we feel that we are better than some and do not want some particular person as a friend, then do not associate with him, but you can at least speak to him. It pays to have friends. Certain faculty members could take a hint!

LOVE—Isn't love the most wonderful thing! Our congratulations go to Misses Jean Lsenby and Thelma Hardison this time because they have accepted engagement rings from their favorite men. But all of the men on the campus are wondering why all of the best looking women have to go and get engaged so early in life when there are so many men around. But those diamonds are really swell looking sparklers, gals, and you both have a man that all of the women wish for some day.

But the women are not the only ones that are getting engaged. Ed Thompson is engaged to a really beautiful little Nurse down at Woodard-Herring. The wedding is to be in early spring. Are we to profit by our elders' mistakes? That seems to be the case in "Introduction to College"... those papers on LOVE... (This was not my idea, but my freshmen friends seem to think that it should be inserted!)

NEW BARRACKS—Did you know that there is another barracks in construction at the present time? Maybe we are going to see the Building Fund Grow yet. This new building is on Gold street just below Sigma Alpha Fraternity House and should be ready for occupancy soon. It is rumored that there are to be no individual rooms as in the Housing Project on Roundtree. If not, what is going to happen? That should be a good time for the Quiz Kids to figure out. It'll probably take a few psychologists to straighten the occupants out at the end of the year. But maybe there will be partitions; who knows?

SAFETY FIRST—I saw a very interesting motto last week and I would like to pass it on. There were several wrecks en route home and back during the Thanksgiving recess and I think that something should be said about

it since so many lives seem to be at stake. Just remember when you go whizzing down the highway like a bat out of you-know where, THAT: "The faster you go, the sooner you are gone." Don't jingle too many bells!

Miss Ola Fleming, our very capable librarian who is always ready to help you solve any problem that might arise, attended the meeting of all college and university librarians held in Greensboro recently. We must give her credit for tryin' to make our library one of the best in any college in the state. She deserves the important place in the faculty that she now has. Our best to you, Miss Fleming.

To Miss Sarah Bain Ward goes my sympathy. It is indeed "sympathetic" for a student body to make the noise that is heard when she is making announcements for the benefit of the student-body. We should realize that she is doing us a favor and that we should give her the respect that she truly deserves. But as for certain other speech makers in the Dining Hall I pity and might add that I always will! We fully understand that we are of college calibre even if at times we do forget it. There are other times when I think that conduct in the Dining-Hall is permissible when there is a little noise. For example, recently there was a major election on the campus. During the meal the winner was asked to stand. There was a great ovation and as usual there were some who wished for the winner to make a speech. What was so wrong with that? I've seen it done at banquets, and even a dinner where the Governor was the one who was asked, by the same method. He certainly did not ask anyone to leave, but thanked them! Frankly, I think that there had better be something of a higher calibre on the campus than the students! Again, I hope that in the future we will give Miss Ward our attention when the bell rings for announcements.

QUEEN—Although in the last issue you read the story of the Pine-Knot Queen, this column had already been written so I did not get the chance to get in the congrats. So, Miss Lib Leach, we are proud to have you as Queen for this year. Miss Leach is so "queenly" that I am sure that Ronald Reagan and Jane Wyman must have seen just that when they were selecting the winner. Again, our congratulations to you, the runners-up, and to all of the Princesses of the Ball.

SICK BAY—We are glad to see Beulah Tew back on the campus again. She says that her recovery is due to "talking to my Lord." She had a slight case of Flu and on the night before she left the Infirmary, the weatherman said that there would be rain the next day. And if it rained that meant that she would not be able to be discharged and go to the Delta Sigma dance the next night. But the next day the sun was shining and it was nice and warm. "How could that happen?" someone asked and Beulah told us that she had prayed so that she could go to the dance and ended by saying, "He has answered my prayer so far, but I sho' hope that He doesn't foul me up tonight." And He didn't!!!

Let us give you fair warning right now... Ed Thompson is out of a cast now and that old left foot is back in circulation... it can give just the same old swift kick.

OUR GRIDDERS—To our football team and their coaches go my congratulations for the season of playing that has just ended. Although the wins were a little on the side of the fence that we do not exactly like to have, we know that they were in there fighting all the way. We are still proud of all of you men and are looking forward to the next season when we will be backing you again whether you win, lose, or draw.

And now comes the time when there should be mentioned the hopes and wishes of the staff that each of you will have a very Merry Christmas and a pleasant New Year. May Santa Claus fill all of your stockings with goodies and many beautiful gifts. And remember, don't jingle too many bells!

HANDEL'S (Continued from Page One)

Basses: Francis Ammons, Gene Barnes, Cecil Brown, C. D. Gurganus, Franklin Harrell, Corley Lineberger, Madie Smith, George Taylor, and Jack Holton.

Before the singing was begun, gifts for the underprivileged children of Wilson were placed in the front of the chapel. Each year the students play Santa Claus to the children. This year approximately 240 children were given gifts by the students.

It is estimated that 460,000 houses in Britain were totally destroyed or rendered uninhabitable during World War II.

A Little Sermon

Faith is the supreme antidote for fear of any kind. As our faith increases, our fear diminishes. We all have faith in something or somebody. Without it mankind would be lost. If you have no faith in yourself, then your life is without meaning. Displace hate with love, distrust with understanding, and fear with faith.

Let's Have Clean Elections

The recent election for King and Queen of May has brought into light the fact that there is a great need for cleaning up the politics on the campus.

It is all right for a person to put in a plug once in a while for his candidate. That is expected. But when someone deliberately looks over another's shoulder to see if he is voting for the person he was told to, it is going just a little too far. Everyone is entitled to his own opinion in everything, but no one has to tell a fellow student who he should or should not vote for and stand there and see that he does as he is told. Most of the victims are the freshmen and other new students who are not familiar with all the candidates nor the campus voting procedure. If votes have to be forced out of people or obtained by other means, the person running deserves to lose the election.

At one time during the past election there were about thirty people crowded in the room and a freshman was in charge of the votes. It was believed that the Executive Board was in charge of elections, and as yet there has been no freshman named to the Executive Board. This is not an implication that the girl was dishonest in her management, but that the students could have and probably did take advantage of her "greenness" to the job. It is rather difficult to watch thirty people crammed into a small room voting in secret (?).

What really should be done is to devote a chapel program for campaigns for the nominees before each major election. In this way each student will know who he is voting for. The candidates should have campaign managers who would make short speeches telling why the person should be elected, what kind of student he is, and the activities he has participated in while at the college. If the person eligible for election wished to say anything, they would have an opportunity to do so at that time. In this way, each member of the student body could hear what had to be said about the nominees at one time instead of being cornered by a dozen different people and told whom to vote for.

We are not trying to say that the election which was just held was not on the up and up, but that we think the politics on the campus have gotten out of hand. Many of the underhanded and sly ways of getting a person into an office could be averted if the polls were properly supervised and the students were better informed about the people eligible for offices.

Mature Student Body??

The probability that the present student body is perhaps the oldest group on an average in so far as years are concerned, is almost too obvious to point out. It should be the most mature group ever assembled at this institution.

We have a group of veterans as large as the total number of students enrolled during any pre-war year. The veterans and non-veterans have had time and ample opportunity to grow up and develop points of view far in advance of the average college student during normal times. In many respects, this group of students have proven to themselves and to the watchful eye of the world that they will take advantage of their vast and varied experiences and seek to salvage from the chaos of this post-war world better citizens, not only of an international type, but of the communities into which they will be thrown as leaders with a so-called well-rounded college education. Above and beyond the petty issues that attempt to muddle the argument, this is our job and responsibility as the future citizenry of tomorrow. Should we not seek from every source to train ourselves to carry out these responsibilities, then we will let ourselves down and the generation that is to follow.

We are all fortunate that we have been able to attend a college, but have we demonstrated by such an attitude as was shown in response to the program presented by our fellow students in chapel last Wednesday that we fully deserve our good fortune? The program presented was, whether we realized it or not, of interest to every student on the campus. A great deal of thought and hard work had gone into the preparation of this program with the primary purpose of helping to awaken our mature, but somewhat lackadaisical student body. Many students attended chapel that day with the intention of listening to and profiting by what was said. Their attention was rudely enough distracted by a certain faction that seemed to have no interest whatsoever in what was being said. Is this faction a desirable element? Are you a member of the faction? If so, Mr.