

Let The Ad People Handle The Mess

The deadline for filing as a candidate for an SGA office is drawing frightfully near. As a result, organizational heads are frantically searching the campus for some poor students who will agree to run for their particular offices.

In our high school days, if our memory serves up accurately, students eagerly campaigned for the various leadership posts. There were political pep rallies, speeches, posters by the hundreds, banners and lots of empty promises and slogans. For every office there was at least two contenders, generally more.

Such is not the case at ACC, however, for we usually see only one name for each office on our ballots. And just as the case is this year, that one candidate had to be begged, coaxed and hooded to file.

It seems that too often our beloved campus-bound students suffer from the stay-out-of-office-itis. Students who are qualified for office either do not want to accept additional responsibilities, are too shy to be in the eye of the public, or are too apathetic to care.

Even when there are several contenders for a particular office there is no excitement, fanfare or heraldry—nothing to get the masses interested in the campaign. Battle lines are often drawn between the Greek and the non-Greek, and in such a case the Greek can often feel that he has it made. After all, when there is a tight race the Greeks can block vote and are assured of a victory.

Just once, perhaps this semester, it would be nice to see a campus election where the candidates numbered over one for each office and where the contenders actually sought the support of the students by outlining their views and opinions, hopes and goals. The Student Government Association is not a kindergarten organization charged with keeping the crayons in order. It is a duly authorized association working for the benefit of the student. But if the students continue in their apathy and apparent unconcern, we will be just as well off letting the administration of the college handle all of our affairs.

Remembrances Of Times Past

By ROBBY KOELLING

The April 20, 1935 edition of the Collegiate is not the most cheerful on record. An editorial stated that the "basketball squad went through a complete conference schedule and played one game in the Charlotte tournament without a single win." This should be of some consolation to those who were upset over the loss to High Point last week. The baseball team was in similar difficulty, after seven games they had still failed to achieve a victory.

Things weren't very bright in the academic field either. The Collegiate bemoaned the fact that only five per cent of the student body made the honor roles, compared to 14 per cent who made it at UNC and 10 per cent who made it at Wake Forest. This must have shaken the students up. A large amount of editorial space for the next three years was devoted to the problem of cheating on campus. A typical statement is found in the May 16, '38 issue of the paper. A senior, in a letter to the editor, said that "more time was spent by some in copying small notes on small pieces of paper, small cards, or actually in the exam book than was spent in reviewing for the test."

You can't knock the students back then about everything, though. The April 22, 1938 edition covered an SGA election. An article said that "voting, however, fell short as only a bare two-thirds majority actually cast their ballots." In recent years it has been considered a good turn-out if a two-tenths vote was cast.

ACC was very much a religious institution in those years. Chapel was twice a week and religious emphasis week was held once a year. The religious emphasis was reflected in other fields. In the Dec. 15, 1938 edition of the Collegiate the editorial read, "Twice since September long editorials have been printed about dressing for meals. . . The request is a simple one—will you please wear a coat and tie to dinner. . . Think it over carefully and see if your own sense of common self respect does not tell you we are right." There was also a letter to the editor which read, "When I entered this college I understood there was to be no card playing of any kind." The letter complained that this was not true. ". . . at first the boys would play cards late at night and kept their doors locked." Unfortunately, they began to spend all

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HONEST JOHN'S EDUCATION LOT



"SURE IT COSTS MORE KID, BUT IT'S PRIVATE OWNER KEPT IT JUST ABOUT LIKE IT WAS IN 1902"

'Alienation, Activism, And Apathy' Or: 'How To Sleep In Chapel'

By JIM ABBOTT

It was cold and windy as the students filed into the gymnasium for this semester's second convocation program. The speaker was Dr. Clifford B. Reifler, who received his Ph.D. from Yale University and is presently serving as the senior psychiatrist at the Student Health Center at North Carolina University. Soon after Dr. Reifler began his talk this reporter sensed that the cold atmosphere that prevailed on the outside of the gym was also prevalent on the gym's inside. It appeared that while Dr. Reifler was talking to the students, the students were talking amongst themselves. (I even noticed one faculty member nodding his head in silent slumber).

Dr. Reifler's comments dealt with a subject that is of contemporary significance, "Alienation, Activism, and Apathy." Systematically breaking down the different causes of alienation among young adults, Reifler noted that there are three dehumanizing causes or rebellions in modern society: a Red Rebellion, the Communist movement; a Black Rebellion; the strivings of the negroes; and finally there is a Green Rebellion, or the demand for hallucinatory drugs. It is in one or a combination of these rebellions that the main causes for student alienation may be found.

Dr. Reifler went on to say that the uninvolved of faculty members with the students is another prime cause of student

Percussionist To Visit ACC

William Youhass, percussionist from Memphis State University will appear in a percussion recital Feb. 23, in Howard Chapel, at 3 p.m.

night at it. The writer concluded by saying that if ACC was to live up to its name this should be stopped.

1938 was another great year for athletics. The basketball team won one conference game an improvement over 35's record) and the baseball team bombed out again. Totally. On second thought this steady diet of losses must have had an effect on the student body. Next week I'll elaborate on this with a commentary on a short-lived sport which ACC excelled in—boxing.

alienation. Also on the subject of professors, Reifler noted that students have been trying the patience of professors for hundreds of years and that St.

Competition Deadline Set For Denny Cup

The Denny Cup for Creative Writing, formerly The Denny Essay Cup, will be awarded to the student at ACC for the best poetry or prose submitted to the Crucible. The deadline is March 15. For further details contact Mr. Russell Arnold, Art Building or Mr. Robert Hollar, Science Building.

Pine Knot Editor Needed For 1970

Are you bored? If so we have just the thing for you. The 1970 edition of the Pine Knot needs an editor. The job is positively guaranteed to take care of any leisure hours that you don't know what to do with. It takes a lot of hard work but there are also many compensations (including many fringe benefits which are not usually considered). You must have a 2.2 average and it is preferable that you be a rising junior or senior. Anyone interested please contact Ben Casey or Robert Koelling. We are an equal opportunity employer.

Fire

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Similar training projects are also being undertaken in various industries around Wilson.

The major point offered was the need for increased participation. Mrs. Herndon and the 10 students agreed to "talk the project up" and try to stimulate interest.

Women will receive special instruction in setting up first aid stations and clothing stations. The possibility of a fire during shower-times makes such a plan highly advisable, Smith added.

Augustine resigned as a professor because of difficulties with students. (A bit of humor was interjected at this point in the lecture when Reifler said the students can try even a Saint's patience. . . no one laughed.)

Moving on to the subject of parents and the generation gap, Reifler said the present generation chasm is caused largely by a lack of continuity in the beliefs and ideal of the older generation with those of the younger set.

Things perked up somewhat when the lecturer touched upon the subject of sex, saying that the human today is biologically prepared for mating in the early teens, but that psychological preparedness comes later in life. The youth today, said Reifler, need both sexual and vocational identities, not just one or the other.

"The activist student," Reifler's opinion is often a person who has been raised in an environment that was concerned mainly with humanistic ideals rather than materialistic gains. The activist is a person who is able to commit himself to a principle or ideal, witness the political activists of this past year.

Finally, Reifler discussed the third and largest group of students, the unengaged or apathetic ones. "For them," he says, "their lives are nonchalant carefree, they go through the educational experience only to obtain the degree, their horizons are not widened, their beliefs are unstrengthened, and their imaginations remain inactive."

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We are continuing to work and to try to improve our vocation. The students must remember that it is still in the experimental stage. I think our student body is an excellent audience and I regret that sometimes our speakers don't deserve them, but I hope that our speakers will improve in ability. If any one of the students has suggestions for speakers who I think would be of interest to a large portion of the student body, I would be glad to receive your suggestions.

Chaplain Hensley