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## EDITORIAL

The month of November has two of the most important holidays on our present day calendar. These are November 11th which is Armistice Day, and the last Thursday in the month which is Thanksgiving Day. Both of these dates are very important in American history and are National holidays.

Armistice Day is especially significant in the present generation as it commemorates the closing of the greatest war of all times, The World War. Our own United States spent millions of dollars and gave up the lives of thousands of her noble sons in order that there might be peace in the world. On November 11, 1918 at eleven o'clock firing ceased and an agreement was reached between the allied forces and the central powers. For these reasons, we should not allow this day to pass without giving some thought to its meaning.

Thanksgiving Day is a day set apart in the United States and Canada for giving thanks to God for our many blessings. The first Thanksgiving in the new world was celebrated in the Plymouth Colony. Governor Bradford set aside a day after harvest to give thanks to God for the bountiful crops. The day was spent offering prayers and songs of praise. This probably was an outgrowth of the English harvest celebrations.

The idea rapidly spread through the other colonies. Each had its own Thanksgiving day or days, but there was no National Holiday. Mrs. Sarah Josepha Hale sent out pleas through the columns of her journal for a nation-wide Thanksgiving for about twenty years. Finally in 1863 her efforts were awarded, for President Lincoln set aside the last Thursday in November as a National Thanksgiving. Mrs. Hale won the title of the "Mother of Thanksgiving."

Today we celebrate Thanksgiving in many ways, such as hunting, having banquets, and going to football games, but with all this let us not fail to remember the true significance of the day.

Hallowe'en is a time in the year when all of us, both young and old, think of ghosts, bonfires, and the like. At this time we find our young people out playing mischievous pranks on their neighbors. However, Hallowe'en has a significance that many of us do not recognize, I venture to say, do not even know about.

Hallowe'en is the name given to the eve or vigil of All Hallows or All Saints Day. It is the evening of October 31, and is the oldest of all Christian holidays dating back two thousand years before the birth of Christ. It was first celebrated as the New Year's Day of the ancient Celts.

The Hallowe'en customs of ghost stories and bonfires are relics of Paganism. Sometimes even more superstitious things were done—such as, charms to discover who should be the husband or wife of the person inquiring.

With the spread of Christianity the Church designated the date November 1 as All Saints Day. Therefore the true meaning of the word Hallowe'en is Holy Eve. It was a time set apart as Lowell expresses it in his poem, "All Saints," to honor the memory of—

All Saints the unknown good that rest  
In God's still memory folded deep.  
The bravery dumb who did their deed,  
And scorned to blot it with a name;  
Men of the plain heroic breed,  
That loved Heaven's silence more than fame.

On Hallowe'en of 1517 Martin Luther nailed his famous thesis attacking medieval superstitions on the church door. From this dates the Protestant Reformation, and for this reason Hallowe'en is known in Protestant circles as Reformation Day.

## The College Brewery

(E. D. C. B.)

As the result of constant and noteworthy bull sessions held by the students of Rutherford College this startling contribution was added to the illustrious list uncovered by the modern Shakespearean students: namely, Mr. Shakespeare's indulgence in the all too modern habit of "dear stealing" which ended in his marriage, as usual, to the movie actress, Miss Jean Harlow, with the customary divorce immediately after, it is presumed. This discovery was brought to light through some of the answers to a questionnaire compiled by the head of the English Department, Prof. William B. Garrett.

There are three classes of people, namely: (1) those who take things as they are and make the most of them; (2) those who take things as they are and do little about them; and, (3) those who change things to suit themselves and make less of them.

A new course is clamoring for admission into the regular curriculum at Rutherford College. An art begins with the desirable while a science works from the undesirable to the desirable. Provided we accept these differences between arts and sciences this new course would not, strictly speaking, fall into either of the above categories since it begins with the undesirable and develops into the most undesirable. The foresighted college with a jealous eye for its future will make a detailed study of advantages and opportunities presented by this rising crowd disfigured, at present, by the feathers of indecency, aimlessness, procrastination, and general undesirability. If this study is not in vain it will result in harnessing this newborn satisfaction of an age-old human desire and directing it into such lines of endeavor as to diminish the undesirable and magnify the desirable to the extent that it could be termed a science leading to a B. S. S. degree, denoting the Specialist in Bull Sessions.

The "absent-minded" professor has been preached to college students until some of them are beginning to conceive of the probability of the existence of such a creature. After seeing Prof. Garrett run through red lights with the cop's whistle ringing in his ears, we suggest the possibility of their being color blind and deaf. Their dumbness will next be questioned.

A few women among a number of men feel their importance while a few men among a number of women feel embarrassed. That is a true saying and worthy of all acceptance. The Co-eds on the campus are a shining example of this proverb.

The pessimist sees the obstacle in the opportunity; the optimist sees the opportunity in the obstacle; and, the remainder of the people could be classed as neutral since their time is so filled with politics and football games that they miss both the opportunity and the obstacle.

Spring represents the resurrection; summer is the period of activity and life; autumn is the harvest; while winter is the time for sleep. "The Brewery" notices signs of winter during lectures and sermons from time to time.

## OPEN FORUM

To the Editors of The Rectangle:

Rutherford College is as nice a looking school as any Junior College in the State. But why must our visitors drive to our back yard when entering the campus? Approaching the College from the road, one sees our pretty campus and buildings surrounded by shrubbery. Why can't we have a drive-way leading past the front of Burke Memorial Hall and the Administration Building? This would surely leave a good impression upon our many visitors.

When one comes up our present drive-way, and enters the college from the back, he does not know whether it is the front or the back of our college. Of course our back yards are not bad looking, but let's turn our visitors in at the front gate, so that they may see how beautiful our college and campus really are.

Frank M. Bolick.

Well, Bolick, you have the right idea. Not only about that proposed drive-way across the front of our beautiful campus, but also about the purpose of the Open Forum as instituted in our monthly paper. Students, this article is a shining example of the possibilities presented the student body for suggestions and manifestation of literary talent that would otherwise continue to sleep—dead to the possessor and to the world. We thank you, Mr. Bolick, for this successful beginning of what should develop into a helpful and spirited addition to The Rutherford Rectangle.

Another type of letter that might be successfully used here is the one that incites contradictory views on the part of the remainder of the student body. In simpler words, this column could be the medium through which a controversy might be carried on.

In this bit of space, also, there might be a meeting of the views of the faculty and student body. Our faculty, we are sure, wishes to meet the student half way on all matters. The student, on the other hand, wants and needs the assistance of the faculty. If the desires and expectations of these two great factors could meet in this column it would tend to develop our school along those lines necessary to the smooth running of a Junior College.

Come on, students! Let us have your ideas and views about the multi-

## Debate Council For Year Is Formed

Two representatives from the two men's societies met to form the regular Debate Council. This council, together with its adviser, has the authority to negotiate with other colleges concerning the arrangement of the debate schedule for the year, and set the date and rules of the try-outs for those interested in debating this year.

The council is composed of the following men: John Gibbs and Wayne Sexton from the Platonics; E. D. C. Brewer and Allen Surratt from the Newtonians; and, Prof. W. B. Garrett, faculty adviser.

Prospects are indeed favorable for the Rutherford College Debate Team this year. Three intercollegiate debaters are back while several new and old men from both societies are showing up exceptionally well.

These prospective men are:

Platonics—Avery, Avett, Boles, Brandon, Campbell, Gibbs, Lawrence, Sexton, and Walters.

Newtonians—Beard, Brewer, Huncy, McFalls, Sommers, Surratt, Whitner, and Womble.

## Ministerial Club Is Wide Awake

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Miller went to Morganton and occupied the pulpit a second time that day for Rev. Wellman with Brother Willis preaching.

The band is saturated with enthusiasm and is endeavoring to prepare its members so that they may be able to lift high the Banner of Christianity and be more efficient in advancing the Kingdom of God.

Gilbert E. S. Miller.

"Let there be light and there was light."

The Co-ed: Let there be darkness—and there was heat.

tude of subjects common to the daily life of any college student. Please limit your articles to 250 words, which must be in the hands of the Editors one week before the publication of The Rutherford Rectangle. This means all articles should be ready by the seventh of December for the next issue.

Students, let's boost this movement!  
The Editors.

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