

Dare To Be Educated

You were born sometime between 1933 and 1938. You aren't very old but you have already alienated yourself from home and familiar surroundings by coming to college. You have heard all the oratory, met all the VIPs, and are very sure that you are on the proper road to obtaining an education.

Have you ever toyed with the real conception of education? Does a certificate of completion fulfill the definition? Or would it be good grades and a place on the Dean's list? Perhaps it is a well rounded personality. Social adeptness is certainly a requirement. We could search forever and would never find a satisfactory definition of education.

Education, like God and man, is infinite, for it is the search of the latter for the former. It falls within the realm of no definition; yet each definition is a part of the whole. Can God be defined? Can he be patented and sold from the pulpit of yonder church? As God is, so is education! No man owns it. No man can show you the best route to follow. To obtain an education, you must grope along — in complete darkness at first — stumbling into unseen pitfalls, getting covered with slime and mud; but always retaining your direction toward knowledge. If you would be educated, you must stay well off the beaten path and run the gauntlet of ridicule.

American educators and students have given to knowledge, a definition and are acting on this premise. They are, in this point, suffering from insanity. Instructors implant when they should suggest, they scorn the query with skillfully elusive answers concerning the real essence of life, and the gravest sin of all — past theories are taught and accepted as fact, a closed book never to be questioned! If two and two equal four, there is a reason why. The law of relativity might only be a recondite theory of guesswork. Who knows the law of gravitation to be a certainty? No living man should be a teacher; but each and all a fellow student!

Therefore, devour your books, go eagerly to class and during the midst of a dissertation think and ask why! Should the reaction be scornful stares or bits of wit housed within the English language, stand your ground; with your intellect strip them bare of all artificiality, see the ungainly forms going to bed with their fears and uncertainties, ponder where their theories go when they read Tolstoi, and how they would explain to their mates that their newborn was an idiot. When you have completed these thoughts, you will find that your abstracted stare has beaten the supercilious brow. Before you will stand no longer haughty critics; but fellow students. Then, and only then, will you truly learn.

You will be called an oddity. Fingers will point and above, the averted eye and hidden mouth will tell the tale — the tale of you, the college idiot. These things are ephemeral; they are unimportant. Seek only lasting values. Search always for God, but follow only the way of the heart. God, who is the embodiment of all knowledge, will not necessarily be found in required religion courses or in required chapel attendance. He will be found where and when the heart is ready — a blade of grass, the soft, wet, loveliness of perennial snow — such is God. So often sought; so hardly ever found.



"TO BUILD THE FINEST structure of its type in the States", is the ambition of Mr. J. D. Jamerson, superintendent for the J. A. Jones Construction Co., as he labors to complete the new Campus Center building by early 1957. The photographer is standing near the northwest corner of the foundation looking in a southeasterly direction.

Covering The Campus

Art

Under the guidance of Mr. C. Kenneth DuBois, the painting class is eagerly planning and sketching their first mural. Decorating the wall of Mr. DuBois' office, the mural will be painted in the medium of tempera and will measure six by twenty feet. An exhibition will be given upon completion and the public will be invited.

Dramatics

The predominant interest of dramatic students this year is the new course in play production, directed by Mr. Alex B. McFadden. All of the technical aspects of play production will be studied, i.e., set design, make up, acting, and lighting, etc. Planning to present numerous plays, the class will have to call forth their improvisatorial talents in converting the gym into a theatre until the Campus Center Building is completed.

IRC

The international Relations club met September 27 at the residence of Mr. Frank Harvin. President Louise McTaggart presided while nominations for secretary and treasurer, program director, and advisor were placed before the club. The voting culminated in the choices of Doyle Liske as secretary and treasurer, Jean McCall as program director, and Mr. Frank Harvin as advisor. A formal invitation was extended to Mr. Lynwood Halliburton to act in the capacity of co-advisor without placing official responsibility upon him.

Music

The first of a series of recitals to be held in the chamber room was given Sept. 28, by Brevard's versatile and talented pianist, Mr. Peter Ford.

Delphians

The Delphians were guests of the Mnemosynean Society Sept. 30, at a party held in the basement of the Women's Residence Hall. Members recently pledged participation in the Societies first social event of the year.

Veterans Association

In an address presented at their first meeting, President Pete Beatty called on veterans "to actively support Steve Davis' program of a more effective student government". The roll-call showed a sharp increase in the number of veterans enrolled at Brevard. With Mr. Frank Harvin acting in the capacity of advisor to the group, the veterans are planning various activities including luncheons, dancings, and a series of talks on the military preparedness of the United States.

Canterbury Club

The Canterbury Club held their first meeting Sept. 24, under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harvin and Rev. Frank McKenzie. While basically a club for young Episcopalians, all members of the student body have been extended an invitation to attend meetings.

Student Fellowship

Jim Calloway presided over the first meeting of the Student Fellowship on Sept. 30. The program revolved around the topic: "What Brevard College Offers in Religious Activities." The Student Fellowship meets every Sunday at 6 p. m.

Christian Fellowship

Christian Fellowship met Sept. 25, in the gym. Roger Pearson led the group in a short devotion which was followed by square dancing, led by Miss Bess Francis. It has been learned that Roger Pearson, a ministerial student, has obtained a parsonage in Waynesville, N. C.

Office Of The President Of The College

The student body has been saddened by President Robert Stamey's recent illness. Though not critically ill, President Stamey is now at The Brevard Hospital for further medical analysis and prognostication. The Clarion staff wishes to join the entire student body in wishing our friend and trusted advisor a speedy return to the campus of Brevard College.

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