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SCRIPTURE

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me,
and know my thoughts.

PSALM 130:23.

Welcome, New Students!

The staff of COLUMNS joins the college in extending welcome to the new students entering our campus family with the new semester.

To the ex-service men we feel a special debt of gratefulness—one that leads us to wish to repay, at least in small ways, in which we are capable, the debt we never can wholly pay. We wish to help toward their realizing success as they join us in college opportunity. It is no doubt the wish of campus organizations to open wide their doors and offer their services as well whenever possible.

Already we feel the contribution they can make to us, and we hope to match that contribution with something of our best.

Challenge

Are we proud of our campus, the unsightly spots here and there? No, likely you are not; and, if you are, why are you proud? These questions lead to a very common question—why not make some improvements? Talking without actions accomplishes nothing; so why not begin now to improve this campus of ours? We have waited long enough, and there is no better time to begin than now—not tomorrow, but today. Improvements should be made today so that, looking back tomorrow and seeing what was done yesterday, we can feel pride, made possible by worthy accomplishments.

We as students should strive to keep our campus clean. Throwing trash from windows and here and there on the campus discourages any idea of improvement; so we should learn to place cleanliness ahead of carelessness. Unless an effort is made and thoroughly stressed, nothing will ever be accomplished in this direction, because, without conscious effort, carelessness and thoughtlessness will be dominant habits.

A clean-up and keep-clean drive would be helpful as a beginning of our campus improvements. Many a person will think twice rather than disregard a helpful suggestion. Also, if one person refrains from a non-cooperative act, some other person or persons will almost certainly do likewise. A clean-up drive is not a drive merely to be mentioned but to be put into action.

Maybe the wise move would be for the students to work cooperatively with the administration to effect some improvement. Working together in this way could effect a beautiful change.

Perhaps we need an up-to-the-minute realization that places as well as other things are usually judged first by their outward appearances. Let us think for a minute and tell ourselves how our campus rates; then let us decide that we will do our part to make it rate higher.

Religious Emphasis Week

One of the most honored of Louisburg College traditions is the observance of Religious Emphasis Week. That special program planned from year to year is rich in educational and spiritual values.

Think of the time we waste. Did we utilize our time during Religious Emphasis Week so that we could attend the services for our needed development in Christian living? Did we sponsor a goal within ourselves to maintain a record of one hundred per cent attendance?

We are privileged to attend a full week of religious activities only once during our college year.

If the values of Religious-Emphasis Week were for only a week, the urgency to make the most of it would be lessened; but it is hoped that the values gained will last long past the week—indeed, if they were real values, they will be permanent the better part of our lives.

To deny in our day the worth of non-material values is to run at cross currents with what both scientists and statesmen of our day are saying—indeed it is to run at cross currents with the essential nature of our universe and of our own natures.

Religious-Emphasis Week has come and gone; Mr. Russell, our minister for the week, has been among us, given earnest uplifting messages, and gone; but let us each one see to it that his contribution be not gone, but that it remain within us and among us to make our individual lives and our group life the finer and the worthier day by day.

Dear Family

Dear Family,

Well say Mom, we are having what we call Religious Emphasis Week! We have a guest speaker that talks to us every night, and he really brings some interesting messages, not the long kind that you wish would stop but the short kind that you wouldn't mind going on. A Religious Emphasis Month wouldn't hurt us; in fact, we ought to have something of the kind to last the whole year—maybe something we get this week can last the whole year.

You know Christmas I told you that we had some veterans coming in for second semester? Well, some are already here. They certainly are here to work too, Mom. Already they have shown us old students up. We are really going to have to buckle down to the jobs to keep even half way up with them. Guess there will have to be less loafing for me!

Mom, when you get my grades, don't be too much upset about them. I would have done really well, but the teachers pulled some tough exams that set me back. I'll make those grades up next time, though—don't worry.

Say, Pop, did you send some money to Mrs. Perry? If so, did you send a little extra? I surely could use it, for some of that last had to go for exam blue books and some second semester books, you know. Besides I must give something to the March of Dimes and finish my WSSF pledge.

Mom, you'll be glad I'm helping out the Europe, China, Philippines clothing drive with something I'm not ashamed of and could even use myself—that sweater I bought on my way through Raleigh that day, a sweater I had to admit to you I didn't really need anyway.

(Your devoted (but broke) son,
WILLIE.

Rolling Stone

Exchange Column

The laws of mental and spiritual harvests are as inevitable as those of the field and forest. *Bridgeport Post, Connecticut, Creek Pebbles, Campbell.*

Mr. Long: How are you getting along at college?

Girl: Oh, pretty well, thanks. I'm trying awfully hard to get ahead.

Mr. Long: That's good. You need one.

The Twig, Meredith College.

Someone once suggested that all groups and individuals could be classed according to topics of conversation. The first and largest group . . . was occupied with conversation about people—the mother-in-law, the neighbor's daughter, the iceman. The second group, somewhat more select, was engaged in conversation about events—the train wreck, the President's fishing trip, the strikes. The third group, smallest and most select, was absorbed in conversation about ideas—education, democracy, brotherhood.

In college we are continually encountering and absorbing new ideas—ideas which should be so stimulating and provocative that we could not resist talking about them. And yet it frequently seems that the ringing of the bell after classes or chapel is the signal for us to drop these new ideas from our thinking and conversation.

The Twig, Meredith College.

Student Interludes

UNAWARENESS

What thought have we for today? Every minute somewhere during the day God is bestowing gracious gifts upon some thankless creature below. We are miniature players on the stage of life, living fast and greedily, rushing with hunger for some personal gain to satisfy our own pleasures. Occasionally we give pause in a moment of consciousness of self and thank the dear Lord for giving us a new automobile or fur coat. But what about the more inclusive or even small, continuous gifts granted each day by God? Seldom does He feel the gratifying warmth of our humble thankfulness given in return for His blessings. Still He never forsakes His charge; He is ever faithful and hopeful. It is ours to see that His trust be not in vain. Let us seek God during this Religious Emphasis Week—and in finding Him, let us lay hold upon His glory and vision. During every minute of the day God is casting our way His wonderful blessings. Have we found them?
—Helen Thigpen.

Southerners Discover the North
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thousand other people must pass, you'll naturally begin to wonder, "When do we eat?" and naturally too you may begin to realize that those few minutes you stand outside the L. C. dining hall are the molehill that you make a mountain. (Abner found that arriving early reduced the waiting time at the cafeteria.)

If you want a chance to feel proud of Louisburg alumni, just watch Troy Barrett (now at Duke) and Ira Helms (now at State) at an Urbana conference.

If you haven't learned about Texas, you'll have a chance at the conference, for Texas will be there—she always is, going strong. If you have thought her a state of the Union, you'll learn better about that little nation between the U. S. and Mexico—the one that, we were told, was grateful to the U. S. for having helped her win World War II.

At Urbana you'll be treated so cordially that you'll probably decide Northerners don't study United States history any more and don't even know there ever was a war between the states or that there used to be Rebels.

If you say "I reckon," you won't need to mention that you are from the South. (Naturally Barbara's speech was something of an enigma, geographically speaking.)

If you are sure you never say "you all" when you are referring to just one person, don't argue the point with your Northern friends.

"Though you may" convince [them] against [their] will," they'll probably be "of the same opinion still."

If you see your Northern neighbors looking especially interested as you talk, don't think they are necessarily interested in what you are saying—they are probably merely listening to your Southern drawl.

Don't pretend you are a professional ice skater. (The effort wasn't a huge success when Jack tried to show Betty how it is done.)

If you find that those Northern students are further advanced educationally than you are, don't develop symptoms of an inferiority complex; just return to L. C. and study that history, comp., Bible, psychology, ad infinitum a lot harder than you've ever studied them before (the results may surprise you).

At a conference like the one at Illinois you'll have a chance to increase your vocabulary, hearing a lot of big words and big ideas that will be like a moral and intellectual tonic.

If you've lost faith in humanity, get a new supply of assurance by

MAYBELLE

Without having known Maybelle, one has not known fully all the influencing personalities at Louisburg. Who else would take your socks, which you thought too dirty to keep, wash them out, and place them back in your room? Who would admire your new curtains, your new room arrangement, or new photograph of "The One?" Yes, she does the many little acts that help to make your stay here a pleasant and unforgettable one. Keeping the halls and classrooms clean is her duty, so it is said; but, as many worthy people do, she maintains the standards of our school, not only in health but in morale also.

Too often, at the first of every year when freshmen are weeping, and wailing over their ill-fortune of ever coming to college, veterans will make them feel like outcasts or absurdities; but not so with Maybelle: her psychology is quite the opposite. She is constantly telling stories of previous unfortunates who felt the same way, and she convinces them that they will not be the last ones.

Everyone loves her and looks forward to her daily contact, whether it be with just an exchange of greetings or a few minutes of local gossiping; and she is truly as much a part of Louisburg College as the very impressive columns themselves.

—Carolyn Driver.

THE MODERN "PEACE ON EARTH,
GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN"

After long years of suffering and bloodshed, peace has come. Good will has yet to come. Without good will the peace means nothing. What are some ways by which one can initiate good will in this broken-down world?

The best start is to get others to trust one. This state cannot be created by arming one's self. An armed nation rouses suspicion. When did implementations of war mean peace? Never—they mean exactly the opposite. It is impossible to win the confidence of others with arms. Due to this fact peacetime conscription does not make peace secure, but it actually endangers the peace.

Another way to boost good will is to make friends with other peoples regardless of their nationality. Friendship with all is necessary for world peace, because all people make up the world's population.

Helping a person when he needs help is the best possible way to make friends with him. Today most other people need help. They are in need of food. It is possible for America to help them. There is enough food produced here to share with others. Indeed, the amount wasted and the amount needlessly consumed would go a long way toward feeding the starving, including the Japanese and the Germans. Some people argue that since the Nazis and Japs starved their prisoners, starving them now is justified. But why should one let the Nazis and Japs set his standards for him and induce him to be as brutal as they were?

These are only a few of the ways one can bring about the good will necessary for a lasting peace.

—Harold Jernigan.

VOICE OF EXPERIENCE

Some students combine study and fun. (I should know.) While these students may never seem depressed by homework, they are usually those who seem most depressed in class; also they are those who never seem to finish their work.

—Billy Meggs.

Ann Johnson Will Reign as
May Queen

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The May Day festivities this year will continue a long line of May fetes on Louisburg campus, the only recent exception having been in 1942-1943, when the observance was suspended because of war conditions.

attending an Urbana conference of over a thousand people where coats, books, paper, scarves, etc., etc., are left around and later promptly found, and where beautiful Christmas trees remain in their decorated loveliness though in crowded hallways and lounges.

And seriously now, Urbana conferences and Urbana associations give a lifted horizon and a broadened world that make life seem different—likely ever after.