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Un-Indispensable Mis-Information

By Informant

Paul Williams

Dear Freshmen:

So you think perhaps you can't pass your coming year's work. Why be in doubt about it? Why not make sure you can't? I am submitting some information which is not only greatly needed and essential, but also essential and greatly needed.

Drop in at G-W on the appointed day. Drop over and register at the appointed place. Drop around to your classmates at the appointed hours. Drop dead!

PAIN IN VAIN

Let's consider your English course. Freshmen almost invariably have to take that. English is a course in which you learn to not never split infinitives or use double negatives. It took special pains to learn those two. In fact, I'm still schling. Don't believe it if someone says you have to write a research paper the second semester. Just wait and see.

Next comes mathematics. Now there's a course that's a breeze—that is, if you have up enough breeze to blow you overboard. In fact, Mr. Dixon even suggests carrying a small hurricane to help you along.

DUBIOUS

Music is an integral part of this school. (I wish someone would tell me what integral means.) I don't know much about the music department other than that if you're a beginner, you start into works by such composers as Johannes Sebastian Chopin but if you're a beginner, you get more advanced works like "When Old Shap was a Lad and I was a Pop."

SUPPRESSED DESIRES

Physical Education is a course you'll really get a kick out of—and perhaps some broken bones. If you think you don't want to take this course, this column urges you to state your case to the Dean, telling him that you'd like to be excused from it. You'll really get results! Since we don't know of anyone who has lived to tell the tale of how he was excused from Phys. Ed., this column advises against stating your case to the Dean.

DOUBLE TALK

When we asked a German friend what he thought of the Latin course offered by this college, he replied, "Weiderbosodolt! Ech Zattsfoegen-blogen eckhenkrodt outh?" In English that means, "Gee!"

It is compulsory that we consider Biology. This is a very useful course—if you intend to major in Biology. The first half, Zoology, tells what makes different organisms tick. The second half, Botany, tells what makes watches tick. I'm not too sure about that information on Biology. Don't rely so much on it. We did, however, find another foreign friend, a Mongolian, whom we interrogated concerning Biology. He said, "Mokkxpe chpt hxxd bitkney dwy bvd!" Not being a Mongolian scholar, I found it extremely difficult to translate that. After much

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A Statement of Policy

Freedom of speech and freedom of the press were two established rights insisted upon by the founders of the New World. A free press has always been used as a weapon against those things which would crush the common man. In his message of January 6, 1941, President Roosevelt announced four essential human freedoms, the first of these being "freedom of speech and expression."

In our judgment, a free press is not instituted by the government, but rather provides the government with the strongest possible insurance against tyranny. Certainly Thomas Jefferson saw far beyond his day to such insurance when he said, "If the choice were left to me whether to have a free press or a free government, I would choose a free press."

As the monthly news voice of Gardner-Webb College, The Pilot will attempt to give the students and officials of the college an accurate picture of every campus event worth reporting. Editorially, The Pilot will attempt to interpret campus news of the day clearly enough for our readers to form their own opinions, with a jealous guard against any disrespect of opposing views and convictions.

The news policy will be that of stating the facts on both side of every event and issue, with no personal opinion whatsoever included. Feature articles shall be handled freely enough to allow the respective authors room for creative expression and original interpretations. The news columns will be open to all events worth printing, and the editorial columns will be open to all letters and opinions that are fit to be read.

The Pilot realizes, however, that free enterprise and individual initiative are secure only in the hands of those who respect the dignity of responsibility and the blessing of free expression. There is no room on The Pilot for a free will gone berserk.

The moment The Pilot fails to be free and responsible will be the moment The Pilot fails to be.—R.D.C.

analyzing, though, I found that it means, "No spika da English!" Feed these last minute directions. When the day comes, go and register early—and often; if anyone comes toward your arm with a needle, pay him no attention.

Don't go to too much trouble thanking me for this valuable information. Just accept my felicitations, and consider me your informative informant.

The Boiling Springs

Everyone has probably looked from cover to cover for the campus "social" column, a yearly phenomenon of chatter and bellow. Last year the chats were known as Gardner-Webb's "Newspaper." This year the "social" column will attempt to mix and melt, and melt and mix, until a genuine brand of democratic reporting boils up in what will be called The Boiling Springs.

Tips From Former Editor

The following letter was received from John Roberts who is attending Furman University this year. John served as editor on The Pilot during 1948-49. (Editor's note: Furman University September 9, 1949)

Dear Ramona,

As editor of The PILOT for 1949-50 you are in a position to be a major influence on life at Gardner-Webb. Whether that influence is an asset or a liability to The PILOT and to the school depends on you.

I was on the staff of the PILOT for two years, and was editor during my second year. In that time, I learned that a newspaper is a great deal of work, and just as much joy.

AGAINST SELFISH INTERESTS

You may think, as I did, that irresponsible criticism will come from some few concerning anything you print. It should be remembered, however, that some readers are more self-centered than informed.

There will be some who will attempt to have you use The Pilot for selfish interests, to give privilege and responsibility to use your judgment in deciding what will be printed in The PILOT and what stand you will take. Remember your duty to your readers and remember, too, that the free press is one of the great safeguards of our society. It comes from a source higher than our government. Governments are instituted among men largely to preserve human rights. A free press is one of those rights.

CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM

If all this seems rather pessimistic, remember that for every individual who finds fault with your work, there will be ninety-nine who are considerate, pleasant, and constructively critical.

Exercise your right to do what you think best and hold to your policy in spite of criticism. Then when your last issue is off the press, you can look your fellow students in the eye with a feeling of honest principles still intact. You should have conquered the task.

On the other hand, if you allow The PILOT to become a parrot for the petty whine of the inconsiderate, you will be like the broken parrot who stands helplessly at the execution of a wayward child, with the uselessness of being too late to create anew.

I feel sure that you and your staff will have a good paper this year. I have found the faculty, students, friends, and business supporters wonderful people to work with. Give The PILOT your best, and it will be the best, and nothing less than the best is good enough at Gardner-Webb.

Sincerely,

John Roberts

After Betty Logan had finished singing, a lady complimented her with a mellow voice. Betty, not knowing what mellow meant, looked in the dictionary and found, "soft, almost roarin'."

where all meet and mix and learn. No privileged few or special groups will be stirred too frequently; then the new will be stirred as frequently as it is made.