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Emotion — Religion

This past week has been a most important one at Gardner-Webb. It has been our annual revival week. In connection with this week, there are a few things that all of us should think about. What is religion? How can we know we have religion? The dictionary says that religion is "An awareness or conviction of a supreme being, arousing reverence, love, gratitude, the will to obey and serve, and the like; as, man only is capable of religion."

Thus we see that not everyone who realizes that there is a God has religion. To have religion we must realize that there is a God and this realization must make us love, reverence and want to help others find our God in any way that we can. Now is a good time for everyone who is sure he has religion to demonstrate it to others.

If we look back to the very beginning of our Christian religion, we find that God made himself known to man for men's benefit, not God's. Many people seem to think exactly the opposite about this matter. If we accept the Christian religion, God will be helping us and not us helping God. Of course you may help God's cause by our actions, but never as much as He will help you.

Many people turn to religion only after they find themselves incapable of doing the task they see rising before them. This feeling of unfitness which comes before the acceptance is usually accompanied by mental-emotional disturbances.

The emotions can play the same bad role of a deceiver in religious matters that they play in other aspects of personal life, if they are allowed to run wild without any attempt to control them. The acceptance of the Christian religion should come as the end product of a well controlled emotional-rational process. Unless this is so, you may find that the emotionalism wears off and there is nothing left but the ashes of a dead religion.

After all, real religion is the joyful balance found in Christ.—(M.W.B.)

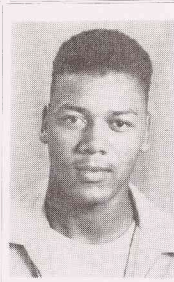
Vital "Statics" on G-W Students

There are students from 47 North Carolina counties and seven other states and one U. S. territory here at Gardner-Webb this year. Among the North Carolina counties, Cleveland is ahead with 107 students. There are 58 students from Rutherford, and Gaston has 51 students. The only other county with more than 10 students here is Haywood with twelve.

The states represented are North Carolina with 341 enrolled, South Carolina with fourteen, Georgia with eleven, and Illinois, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Virginia with one each. There is one student here from Puerto Rico. There is a total of 971 students this year.

The registration cards for this year indicate that students on the campus are studying for any one of thirty different professions. These range all the way from cabinet making to medicine. Among the professions most students have chosen is the ministry with 49. It is followed by the following: teaching, 42; religious education, 24; business administration and commerce, 22; secretarial, 17; nursing, 16; agriculture, 15; athletics, 14; engineering, 12; and mission work, 10.

Most of the students are Baptist (313 of them), but there are seven other faiths represented in the student body. There are 37 Methodists, 11 Presbyterians, five Lutherans, four Catholics, one Christian, one Holiness, and one Moravian.



A Portrait — Tom

By ROBERT WRIGHT

In September, 1949, Tom Mauney became a part of Gardner-Webb College. Since then, Tom has earned a warm spot in the heart of everyone with whom he has worked. Last Year Tom worked in the cafeteria for Miss Janie Odum, and won the respect and admiration of the entire staff. Tom modestly attributes his success and efficiency to the training and encouragement of his supervisors, Mr. Allen, Miss Odum, and Mr. Jones.

This year Tom is part of the campus maintenance staff, and is adding to his reputation as an able worker. He is very interested in the G. W. "miracle farm" and frequently helps in its operation.

Tom is more than just another college employee; he is a unique personality. His warm smile is as much a part of his face as is the chin of some people to theirs. He is quiet, reserved, and easy to please. Seldom does he worry, fret, or become exasperated; he simply does his job and moves on to another

one. His talents are many and varied, his mind is alert and inquiring, and his outlook on life is optimistic. He is the type of fellow you enjoy meeting, and feel privileged to call your friend.

Tom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mauney of Waco, North Carolina. He entered Washington Elementary School at six years of age, and likes to recall his early school days in his Aunt Mittie Border's class. Soon after its establishment he entered Washington High School. Mr. W. Edward Ricks took him in hand and encouraged him to make the most of his opportunities.

Tom was among the first to join the newly organized Boy Scout Troop. His troop made an outstanding advancement record, and Tom was one of its prize scouts. Soon he became an Eagle Scout with 50 merit badges, two palms, and two senior titles. Tom attributed some of his richest experiences to his participation in Scout activities.

Sports, also, attracted Tom. Both basketball and football interested him, and he took an active part in both all four years in high school. The honors he received include a couple of silver balls, a medal, a P. O. H. S. A. letter, and an athletic scholarship. He made a name for himself as a running guard.

His other extracurricular activities were chiefly musical. He sang in the mixed chorus, the junior church choir, and a community chorus called "Youthful Voices." Then came graduation. Tom was ready to take a job and go to work.

Mr. L. A. Allen, on the recommendation of several prominent leaders of Tom's community, hired him and he came to work on our campus. Mr. Allen says he has never regretted his choice. At present the Selective Service is quite interested in Tom's future, and he may be changing employers soon.

If he must go, he can be assured that his many friends on the campus will be looking forward to his early and safe return. Tom has a little motto that sums up his entire philosophy of life. It is "Endeavor to do it better than it has ever been done before."

School Spirit

School spirit is essential to the healthy growth and development of any school, and to paraphrase the old saying, an institution must move forward or fall back; it can't stand still. One of the best ways to develop school spirit is through athletics. The football, basketball, and baseball teams are the one thing that almost everyone on the campus is interested in. Not everyone can play or wishes to play on these teams, but everyone should give those who do play a fully deserved support.

The boys on the teams have no trouble working up a school spirit. The football team works out about fifteen studies each week, about as long as many of us put on our shoes each week. In a game they play hard, win or lose.

Everyone on the campus, if asked, would say that he is very interested in the ball clubs. Most people are genuinely interested, but when there is a game or a pep rally, too many people find something else that they have "just got to do." We have a very good team and fine cheerleaders, but we can't expect either to be any better than the cheering section.

Let's go to the football games here or away, and when we get there, let's yell 'till we turn blue, then get some ammonia and yell some more. Why don't we let our team know that we are backing them to the limit.