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EDITORIAL

Most of the news in our paper this time is especially for the freshmen, and I would like to start this editorial by extending to every freshman and to all other new students a warm and sincere welcome on behalf of all returning students and faculty, and especially on behalf of the Pilot staff. We not only want to welcome you to the campus but to all forms of activity on the campus. We already have some talented freshmen working with our paper and we think worlds of them, but we would like to have anyone else who has interest and ambition for a school paper.

We hope you have found that our campus is filled with Christian fellowship and friendly association toward everyone, and also that you will enter into the Christian spirit and make it even more friendly. You are not compelled to attend the social meetings, go to church and to other religious meetings, or even to say "Hello" to a classmate passing by; but if the spirit of our campus is what it should be, it will quickly influence you to do so.

As a general rule, most of us come to Gardner-Webb to learn. A good rule to follow in trying to learn is to study a little everyday. If a person gets behind in his classwork, he is tempted to quit. We have one of the best faculties of any junior college in the south, and we should make use of the opportunities offered to us. It has been said that experience is a dear school and fools learn in no other. Our own experiences are good teachers, but we can also learn from the trials and errors of others. Insane asylums, penitentiaries, county homes, and streets are full of people who would not hear the call of the best within them, nor heed the advice of those who sought to help them.

I admit that it is hard to do our best in our work when we know that tomorrow is so uncertain. We should each set a worthy goal early in life and then build our lives steadily toward that goal, growing in grace and knowledge day by day. This will lead to a happy life devoted to useful things, not a life of drudgery. The latter days of this kind of life can be spent in sweet remembrance of deeds done for others, not in mourning over lost opportunities and atoning for past mistakes.—(G.W.)

Baptist Student Union

The Baptist Student Union is an organization for all Baptists in institutions of higher learning. Its purpose is to minister to the spiritual needs of thousands of Baptist college men and women all over the South, to extend the influence of the church to the school, and to make Christianity collegiate. It seeks to promote spiritual development of students through Christian comradeships, Bible study, prayer, loyalty to Christ, and Kingdom achievement. Any Baptist becomes an active member when he joins a Baptist Church at the school, or any other unit organization representing in the BSU Council. The organizations are the Sunday School Training Union, Y.W.A. or Volunteer Band.

This year the BSU will sponsor a campus revival from October 8-12, the annual Christmas banquet on December 17, and Student Evangelistic week from February 4-10. Other events sponsored through the Student Union by the unit organizations will be announced throughout the year. The BSU functions through a BSU Council elected annually by the entire BSU. It represents all the voluntary religious activities promoted President; Joan Bridges and Mariana Vance, Vice-President; Frieda Moss, by the Board and agents of the Southern Baptist Convention. Officers who comprise the council for this school year are Gaylord Lehman, secretary; Frank Haddon, treasurer; Charles Rabun, Sunday School Superintendent; Jait Johnson, BSU Director; Jo Lena Bridges, YWA President; Max Linnens, CVB President; Mollie Hawkins, Music Director; Marquene Ross, pianist; Jim Trantham, Publicity director.

School Spirit

By Glenn Pettyjohn

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome! — That word has been uttered so many times that we should deem it trite, to be reiterated in this column, but it is quite the contrary, for never has Gardner-Webb been quite so proud to welcome such a fine group of freshmen. This is one sophomore class that will have to step lively to keep up with these "greenies."

It is our task at this time to enlighten not only certain groups among us, but everyone here in the ways of well rounded and outstanding life and service on the campus. This good to be early in the wisdom of the conventionalists and the taboos.

By looking perspective over the situation, it can be said in total in one phrase—"School Spirit." Yes, we've heard it before. In high school, it was preached to us. But for just a few minutes let's be open-minded, drop our misconceptions, and view the situation.

There are some among us who are wholly enthralled with music; some entirely devoted to learning; others, still, are just as preoccupied with athletics, clubs, and all sorts of various extracurricular activities, and this variety among us is very good. In fact, it is essential if we are to proceed with the advancement of the modern colleges in the nation. One of the best college general consensus that the possibilities of our student body are exceedingly numerous. Therefore, since we have so much to our credit, the thing we want to do is develop these potentialities, broaden our interests and activities, and work together in building the best of the best college programs in the nation.

As a suggestion for carrying out our intentions, we might consider this: You know that we sometimes think of school spirit as something we recommend our institution to others, or the way we whoop and holler at ballgames. But how many of us stop to consider that there are many other things concerning things like being on time for chow, keeping the grounds and dormitories as clean as possible, helping in little ways to make other students like being a part of the business. Even things like little words of encouragement, advice, and sympathy are major parts of school spirit.

While we are interested in music, for instance, we should not rule out our association with the commercial students. If there is a piano recital, the football boys wouldn't condemn it as a laborious task to witness it. The fact that it will strengthen one's culture to interest himself in such events, not to mention the boost he gives the music department, he attests to by their exhibition, and consequently building up the school he attends! And vice-versa, the music students will want to encourage the football boys by coming out to the games and yell "Victory! We want Victory!" And the same for basketball and baseball games. They don't cost a penny, and won't take more than two hours of anyone's time. There is one thing it will do, though. It will offer a good time and a chance to open the lungs and get some fresh air, while we entertain ourselves in good, clean, interesting recreation.

There is also another angle to consider. Our regulations don't quite please all of us, but if we were presented there would be rules to follow. Wherever we go, we have rules of some kind, some we like, some we don't. But they aren't made just to make somebody resent them

or break them. Every one has a purpose, and the older we get and the more intelligent we become, the more we realize it. When that time comes, it's a true sign of real maturity. Think about it and reach your own conclusion. They were made by humans just like those of our number, people with the same interest. So instead of being resentful, let's co-operate together, and pool our interests for the betterment of the whole. Whether it's good or bad," said Shakespeare, "but thinking makes it so." So it is with our regulations.

Everyone of us has important parts to play here at Gardner-Webb, and we want to be early in finding what it is. One of them is support. The support of everything we try to do, is the support of the Dean of Women gives a party, or the Athletic Coach has a ballgame, let's be loyal in our support. Let's build our college by building the little departments therein. The ultimate are the same—a bigger and better college, and happier, more loyal students. Let's give it a real try!

Sigma Phi Alpha

There seems to be a growing interest in the Modern Language Department at Gardner-Webb. The members of the Sigma Phi Alpha Fraternity are anxious to be claiming some credit for this interest. They have talked up this fraternity and its requirements for membership in the past, and the freshmen are determined to get "invited."

It is indeed an achievement to be a member. The Sigma Phi has a chapter at such major colleges as North Carolina State and Meredith.

The purpose of the fraternity is to stimulate interest in, and to acquire a more intimate knowledge of the geography, people, life, history, customs, industries, and culture of foreign countries, and to make a contribution toward bringing about a better understanding between these countries and ours and a better knowledge of them.

A member must be a student of foreign languages who has an unusual interest in languages and who is of high scholastic average, or a faculty member in the department of languages or someone who has acquired, through residence or otherwise, an intimate knowledge of the language, life, history, and customs of foreign countries.

The officers are: president, Zeb Wright; vice president, Jim Trantham; secretary, Margaret Swann; and program chairman, Margaret Swann.

Membership is the low this year because of the large number of members graduated. The fraternity membership is expected to increase greatly after the first semester because of the new students. There will be at least those measuring up to the qualifications.

Present members are: Mrs. John Coffey (sponsor), Lorene Wood, Jo Lena Bridges, Martha Coffey, Zeb Wright, Jim Trantham, and Margaret Swann.