

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

My Views Of Gardner-Webb

By DR. P. L. ELLIOTT

What kind of college would I select if I were going to school again? That would not be difficult. I would select a college which was accredited by the highest accrediting agency within its reach; and therefore, its graduates were readily accepted in the junior classes of the leading colleges and universities. Its curriculum must be almost completely liberal arts and meet the background preparation for any occupation or profession one might choose. The faculty must be well trained and dedicated to teaching. The students, therefore, would not be taught by student assistants. A standard ratio of one teacher to sixteen students would permit and encourage personalized teaching and counseling. The fact that students were not housed three and four to the room would contribute to better study conditions.

The college must be small. I attended small colleges. They have grown much larger, but I seriously doubt if they can approximate the high standards which they maintained when they had no more than 50 students. It is possible for the large college so to organize and so to build the staff that comparable individual teaching can be achieved as in the small school, but I do not know a single one that is doing so. The small college, especially the junior college is not plagued with the multitude of problems and restrictions that infest the senior institutions. In my judgment it was this and similar facts that led Dr. Ernest C. Colwell, Vice-President of Emory University, recently to say:

"The last bright hope of liberal education is the junior college."

I would want a college where the compactness of the organization, freedom of contact between student and student, student and teacher, the high standard of scholarship and the spirit of learning which soon separate the sincere and hungry from those who are not, the attractiveness of surroundings, the freedom and mutual respect one for another combine to make the college what it is.

In such a school one comes to expect the spirit of democracy, which is in fact the spirit of religion. This spirit has for its goal the elevation of human beings in dignity and respect and makes human decency and integrity the basis to every privilege and the lack of which the only bar. This makes it Christian and a very fine place to be. It would be difficult to find a better.

NEW PEP CLUB UNDER CONSIDERATION

By RON BEANE

How would you, the student body of Gardner-Webb College, like to have a Pep Club?

A new Bulldog Pep Club is being considered and it needs the support of the entire student body. We are trying to organize this club before our first game that is to be played in Shelby, October 15.

You can support your team in a more beneficial way and participate in all Bulldog events for the betterment of the school if you join.

If you are interested in joining such a franchise, you can contact either Mrs. Haynes or myself.

You are urged to support this proposed organization.

ANNOUNCES CONTEST

By RONALD WILLIAMS

In the next issue of the Pilot, there will be a contest about Gardner-Webb and Boiling Springs. This contest will consist of about five or six questions, and these questions will have to do with the school you go to and the town this school is in, so start asking some questions. Here is an example: Who is the present Mayor of Boiling Springs?

The prizes will be given by the local merchants, so get started.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S VIEWPOINT

The Purpose, Poll, Advertisers, Pearsall Plan

PURPOSE OF PILOT

Many of the students of Gardner-Webb do not understand the true value of the Pilot. From past experience it seems that the majority of the students regard it as some merely to be glanced at or see if one's own name is in the gossip column for that issue, and then hastily deposited in the nearest wastebasket.

It may surprise many people to discover that the Pilot is one of the best methods of advertisement available to the college. In each issue approximately 75 copies are sent to as many different high schools and colleges in the Carolinas. One copy is sent to Colorado, so it can plainly be seen that the humble Pilot is a far reaching thing, yielding either good or bad opinion-forming power.

As is the case in any job, editing this newspaper has its rough times. Wondering whether his pictures will be in; running down his staff members to get their articles, and spending many hours of time which could just as easily be used for study; these constitute an editor's day.

The writer does not propose that any thanks be given to those who edit and publish the paper. This article is written merely to give a further insight of the trials of a school paper editor to its readers.

PRESIDENTIAL POLL

The editor of the PILOT has received a letter from the DAVIDSONIAN, publication of Davidson College, in which Jim Batten, editor, has requested the co-operation of our staff and the student body of every college in the two Carolinas and Virginia which has a student newspaper.

His letter states, "With political fever running high on all our campuses this fall, I feel that an actual tabulated vote of a large number of colleges on the presidential preferences would prove to be quite interesting and newsworthy."

He asked the PILOT staff to take a poll of the student body to vote on their favorite political candidate for the coming presidential race.

The results of the vote on campus will be sent to him to tabulate the overall viewpoint of college students in the Carolinas and Virginia.

The PILOT lists results of the poll on Page One. The overall result will be printed in the November issue. The results should prove to be interesting, for even though many college students do not vote, the country can be shown that college students are have very definite opinions of their own.

ADVERTISERS

Patronize our advertisers. It is through their continued support that the PILOT is printed and circulated to our students and to the exchange editors of other schools, our trustees, and various other people.

In this, our first edition, we have ads for College Cleaners, G. T. McSwain's Grocery, Wallace's Barber Shop, College Service Station, College Snack Shop, Crawley's Super Market, O. J. Hamrick and Sons, and Boiling Springs Drug Store, all of Boiling Springs. From Shelby we have ads for Penny's, and Gilliland's Florist, Miller Furniture Company and Hawkins Hardware of Cliffside both have ads in this issue.

So readers, let's look at these ads, and patronize these and our future advertisers.

PEARSALL PLAN

Much has been said about the recently passed Pearsall Plan. One column in this publication is a poll of opinion on this theme. The RAMBLER, from Central High School, Charlotte, is another school to recently do the same.

From these two surveys it is clear that many students are not aware of the actual meaning of the plan. Many students from both places, when asked of their opinion, stated that they didn't know enough about it to state their thoughts.

It seems that students, who will be the ones affected by the plan if and when it is put into practice, should be better informed about the plan itself. What causes this lack of knowledge is not quite clear; whether it is lack of reading and listening to competent authorities, or the attitude of "Oh, well, I can't vote anyway, so why bother myself with this stuff."

Any course of action of today determines the laws of tomorrow. We are the ones who help to determine those courses of action. Remember, the events of today are the history of tomorrow.

At Central seven people were against the plan. Two were for it, and two did not make their positions clear.

On our own campus seven were for it; three were against it; and four had formed no opinion.

This probably proves nothing except that students are entitled to their opinions, but in view of the segregation vote taken on this campus last year, it seems reasonable to remain about as they were then.

A DISSERTATION ON BEING FRIENDLY

By RAY ROLLINS

Tradition has it that the Gardner-Webb Campus is a friendly campus. One of the main advantages of a small junior college, it is pointed out, is that everybody gets to know everybody else. When we walk across the campus, we are supposed to extend a friendly greeting to each student we meet. We do it, too, but why do we do it. Is it because we are expected to?

Any observant person can note that when two students meet on the campus and there is the usual "Hi" or "Hello" or "Morning," too often the expression of the face or the tone of the voice clearly indicates they had rather not speak at all. Is this an example of friendliness or mere social politeness? Why do we speak to each other as polite strangers? Is it because we have become conditioned to it or that we are so aware of our duty to speak because it has been instantly drummed into us?

I'm not advocating a "don't speak" attitude. In a situation like that life would certainly become very boring, but let's not consider it more of a duty than a pleasure. Let's get rid of those dead-pan expressions, that robot-like nonchance that make look like a friendly greeting. If you're embarrassed about meeting your fellow-student on the campus, why start rebuffing your shirt or shifting your stack of books merely to avoid him? Or if you may have a right to be embarrassed if you SHOULD know the other person's name and must admit that you haven't bothered to learn it.

Let's do something about it! Let's make it a point to know something about the other student we meet on the campus. Who knows, we may have more in common than merely sharing a Gardner-Webb tradition.

Poll Of Opinion — What Do You Think Of The Pearsall Plan

By RAY ROLLINS

Our Question:

What do you think of the Pearsall Plan?

"It has lots of holes in it, but it is the best boys has come up with yet,"—Walter Pope.

"Whatever it is, I want it!"—Kelley Kee.

"As a veteran, it makes me no difference, but for the sake of the kids, I'm in favor."—Sam Jarell.

"Basically sound, but it could be improved!"—Furrel Conder.

"I don't know enough about it to say."—Doris Forster.

"What's the Pearsall Plan?"—John Powell.

"It stinks; it's unconstitutional; it'll never work!"—Charles Loftin.

"I approve of the plan in that it will prevent such situations as in Tennessee and other Southern states."—Gloria Borch.

"I agree with Gloria!"—Margaret Gold.

"The consequences of it CAN be dangerous."—Mr. Godwin.

"Well, I'm against it!"—Miss Gail Baucom.

Faculty Opinions About The Trend Of The Time

(EDITOR'S NOTE):

"This month, or this semester, the PILOT staff has added a new column. This column is a faculty member's opinion about a specific subject.



Mr. Paul Stacy, professor of Biology, is our first faculty member.

"There are those who believe that America is decaying within. I disagree, because America can never decay within, provided that the youth of the land do their dead level best every day.

To do your best you must have patience and endurance. If you do not possess this you may develop and cultivate it.

The one big difference in success or failure in college is lack of concentrated effort or industry toward the job.

We must forget our little biased prejudices and differences. No man is better than another except as he lives it.

We can succeed at any job if we work enough at it.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

It seems as if many students were baffled to find that many of the so-called "crip courses" have been turned into "stiff courses". This leads everyone to the thought of having to burn midnight oil. Why are the theory students staying up late at night studying? And what about those dramatic studies? I hear they're meeting twice a week NOW. They don't seem to feel that it is so easy. Well, it could be that all the crip courses have died and not just faded away.

Dillard Hlatt.