

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

First impressions have a way of remaining in my mind for a long, long time. A good first impression is always important. The student body of Gardner-Webb College for the school year 1963-64 has left an excellent impression in the minds of the administration and the faculty of Gardner-Webb. Mr. Linnens, Mr. McGraw, and I truly enjoyed greeting and chatting with the members of the freshman class during registration day. We believe we have met a most courteous and most promising group of students.

The sophomore class has done an outstanding work in preparation for and reception of the new students of Gardner-Webb College. An excellent spirit of cooperation and dedication is evident among the entire student body and faculty.

In our search for deeper truth during this school year let us pledge to give of our best in study, Christian service and brotherly love. I would like to share with you a statement from Dr. Calvin Seerveld of Trinity Christian College. Dr. Seerveld said "Students understandably impatient to be caught up in our vigorous world and its mad problems, check your angels before you drop your parental traces. With all your getting at college, get Wisdom—let Wisdom get you, because the seductive whirlwind of Modern Freedom is a strong, beating wind, and it is suicide. This is what Santayana — no church father but a reprobate skeptic — said before the First World War: Modernism is suicide for Christianity."

Sincerely,
Eugene Poston
President

SILENCE IS GOLDEN

by Clyde Buckner

If you could sit down on Gardner-Webb campus for twenty minutes a completely disregard sound, what would you see. Well, you might see Sonja Turner smiling a sly little smile as she paces spiritedly away from the library. She must be glad her job of student librarian is over for today. Then Mr. Dedmond saunters down the walk with a far away look in his eye and a Mr. Goodbar in his hand. David Traynham kicks an imaginary rock up the walk to Stroup while Brenda Wyatt smiles and hugs her notebook. The smile is mostly in her eyes. Tommy Petree heads toward Decker with his long hair terribly mutilated by the wind. Don Butler paces up the sidewalk from OMC, and just as he reaches the center of the walk, he stops, turns around, and goes to Stroupe. Alonzo Jackson and Peggy Schiefel also leave OMC and stop at this time point on the walk. They go back to OMC and get a book which they had left. Two incidents such as these cause one to wonder if this section of sidewalk exerts some magical power of concentration on those who cross it. John Wafford crosses campus with his right hand in his pants pocket and his left hand in his coat pocket. He returns in seven minutes with his right hand still in his pants pocket, but with a freshly dry cleaned suit in his left hand. Two unknown maidens dressed in raincoats squeal happily as they dash toward HAPY. Frank Mayo stagers along backwards in order to chat with someone "behind" him. Jim Gardner passes up the sleeves of his G-W sweat shirt and passes with the arrogant walk of a college man.

THE PILOT NEEDS YOU

This is the first issue of your school paper, **The Pilot**. We hope each of you will enjoy it. At the present, **The Pilot** staff is very small; there are only five members. In order to publish more and better issues, we invite some of you to join the staff. If you are interested in feature writing, reporting, layouts, typing, or any other part of journalism, we need you. If you would like to help with **The Pilot**, please contact any member of the staff.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Southern Area Student YMC's are sponsoring a Mid-Winter Beach Conference December 27, 1963—January 1, 1964, at the Di Lido Hotel on Miami Beach. All 348 of the colleges in the Southeast serving men have been invited to send participants.

One of the featured speakers for the Conference will be: Mr. Ralph McGill, Pulitzer Prize-winning Publisher of **The Atlantic Constitution**. Mr. McGill has an outstanding record of courage to say what he believes, and students will undoubtedly derive great benefit from his wisdom and experience.

The students have chosen as the conference theme: "Is the Christian Dynamic Adequate?" Under this theme, particular problems to be discussed include U. S. relations in the Cold War, especially as regards conflicts with the Communist Ideology (international students will attend, as will many Cubans), problems emerging with the Atomic Age, mass culture, the race question, and a host of others.

Other speakers chosen to implement this theme are: Dr. Nicholas T. Goncharoff, born in Kiev, Russia, Dr. Goncharoff was captured by the Germans and refused repatriation after World War II. Nick's now a member of the Program Services Staff of the National Board of YMCAs and as an American citizen, he serves on the Soviet Section of the Advisory Council of the U. S. Department of State. Dr. Marcos A. Kohly, a lawyer and diplomat, Dr. Kohly was born in Havana, Cuba. He was Vice-President of Cuba's delegation to the United Nations Conference at San Francisco. Dr. Kohly is now an American citizen and is the Director of the National Office of the Pan-American Union and the U. S. Director of the Organization of American States. Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President of Morehouse College. At the request of President John F. Kennedy, Dr. Mays represented the United States at the State Funeral of Pope John XXIII. Dr. John Oliver Nelson, Professor of Christian Vocation at Yale University Divinity School. Dr. George K. Schweitzer, Professor of Chemistry at the University of Tennessee where he teaches in the fields of nuclear and inorganic chemistry. Dr. W. D. Weatherford, President of his Student YMCA 70 years ago. For many years Dr. Weatherford has been a popular and inspirational campus and conference speaker. Dr. Weatherford has published widely. He continues to be vitally active on several important boards and commissions. All men of national and international renown. Their addresses will be designed to reflect the spirit of the conference. In addition to these addresses before the entire assemblage, these men will also participate in seminars, "firesides", and individual discussions throughout the whole week. Supporting these men will be very able faculty and students.

This conference is the initial phase of an effort to bring students and faculty of the entire Southeast together to discuss problems which concern them. It is the outgrowth of the thinking of generations of students, who felt that some sort of large roundtable discussion was needed.

The feeling is that, given time and resources, students can reach their own conclusions about the world about them. For this reason the format will be informal and no answers to questions are assumed. Any conclusion reached will be evolved from the conference by the participants themselves.

Of course, Miami at Orange Bowl time stands on its own merits. Plenty of open time is planned for the conference to allow for the enjoyment and informal communication so vital to such a gathering. The conference will adjourn with the Orange Bowl Game.

Cost for the conference is \$45.90 (not including Orange Bowl Game, transportation or meals) for December 1 registration. Requests for registration blanks or additional information should be sent to:

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Tickets to the Orange Bowl Game are available to those who register by Dec. 1.