

## EDITORIALS

### Extra-Curricular Activities . . .

It is true that the main objective in going to college is to become better educated but that doesn't necessarily mean that you should spend all of your time with your nose stuck in a textbook. If you fail to take part in extra-curricular activities you lose an excellent opportunity to become better educated. Extra-curricular activities are not designed wholly for the benefit of the school as many people seem to think but primarily for the benefit of the individual student.

Participation in various activities enable a student to better express himself; and if he is sufficiently interested it becomes a pleasant pastime. Activities help to promote friendships among students with similar interests who might not ordinarily have a chance to associate with each other. Activities teach co-operation and the ability to work with others is one of the most important requirements for success.

There is a place for each student in the wide variety of extra-curricular activities sponsored by PJC. After becoming a member of an organization comes the hard part. Don't just join an organization to be able to take part in its socials or to get your picture in the annual but stay with your organization and help it to accomplish something. You will find that you will profit by gaining initiative, co-operativeness, and above all SCHOOL SPIRIT!

We would like to take this opportunity to point out a few of the advantages of the college's new library. It is one of the most comfortable buildings on the campus, well heated, well lighted, and well furnished. It is quiet and affords an excellent place for studying. The library contains a wide variety of books and new ones are being added all the time. You can catch up on the latest news in the large selection of newspapers and magazines to which the library subscribes. We are very fortunate in having Mrs. Skinner, whom you have all met in the course of her talks in chapel, as our librarian this year. We are sure that you will find Mrs. Skinner willing to help you in any way that she can, so step across the street and broaden your horizons, won't you?

Frankly speaking, we, the editors of the Sandspur are quite Put Out over the many things we find lacking, to name a few, co-operation, interest in school affairs and general school spirit. The failure of the student body to back the homecoming dance and the failure of some of the students to have their pictures made for the annual and the failure of college students to take interest in something as important as a national presidential election, to mention a few specific incidents. We believe that our student body could just about take the cake as the most self centered disinterested group of individuals to be found anywhere. Perhaps a pool taken to find just why so many people are attending this particular school when they for the most part appear to be so disinterested in any of its activities would reveal something helpful.

We have asked ourselves what we can do to improve these conditions, we apparently have failed, now, if you are interested, You tell US!

### A Word To The Wise . . .

This year P. J. C. has a new form of student government. It is headed by a student council, made up of seven democratically elected members, which tries all cases of students charged with any wrong. That has a bearing on students charged with any wrong, that has a bearing on amazing thing about this student council is that it really works! or it will work if you'll give it half a chance. In other words, somebody has finally gotten wise to the fact that as long as a board of faculty members tries students charged with acts that really reflect on the student body and not on the faculty, there's going to be conflict. Now, if and when you get the tax, you'll have no gripes coming. You'll have known before hand exactly what you can't do and if you're caught doing it, you know what the punishment is. That doesn't mean you're expected to act like a bunch of monks. It only means when you have your fun, pay attention to those little clauses you find here and there in the constitution and meet all they ask! As for the few who cannot abide by those rules, it is advisable that they apply for entrance into some state supported institution that is not quite so strict on certain matters as is P. J. C.

There you can get looped every night—of course, you'll probably flunk your courses, but who cares about that as long as you're having a good time!

So, let's all back up this student council now that we have it. Let's make it work! Make the slogan of the week read, "Come kiss me mama, I'm on the wagon now!"

Although it may seem that this paper is rather radical in some of its viewpoints and unduly critical of certain organizations and student groups I should like to state here that the purpose of this criticism is not to cause dissention but rather to be of help. We feel that constructive criticism will justify itself in the long run and if you cuss is now, who knows you may bless us later.

## The Roving Reporter

This question has been puzzling me since the "Scotties" opened their football season in Laurinburg. "Why haven't the students turned out at the pep rallies and the games?"

I think the majority of the student body does not have what is commonly known as "school spirit." Some of you students may ask what I call school spirit. Well, for the benefit of those who may ask me what it is, I will try to give my interpretation.

School spirit, as I see it, is displayed when students turn out to participate in sports and to take honors in school work. Then those who can't play on the teams should support them in the cheering section and let the team know that they are behind them all the way in VICTORY or DEFEAT!

Some of you may say it doesn't cast a reflection on you. No, it doesn't reflect on the individual, but it does reflect on the team and the school.

Maybe I'm wrong in attacking you this way, but I definitely am sure about two reasons why I think the school spirit could be improved.

1. To begin with, I think most of the students have become discouraged in witnessing the "Scotties" suffer defeat after defeat. But I ask these students to recall that most of the boys that are on the team are inexperienced, and that they are decidedly showing improvement!

2. Mr. James has been considerate enough to set aside one night a week (Friday) for us to have pep rallies and to eliminate study hall on that night. Once again the student body participation has been low, and, as usual, it is only a small number, twenty-five to be exact, who attend these rallies, and believe me, they do a swell job! I know some of the students date girls over at Flora Macdonald, but can't you set that date a little later during that night? The pep rallies do not last long and it will help the morale of the players a lot to know that we are behind them.

I have aimed these attacks at those students who haven't taken time to participate at the games or rallies. To those who have participated in these events, well done and keep it up!

Once again, I may be wrong in my statements, but to let you hear both sides of the question, I have been roaming around and asking the faculty and student body their opinions on this question. Ready?? Here come the answers.

Mr. Ferrere: The school spirit as a whole, is much better than last year. The main trouble is, the students do not follow the cheer leaders in yelling. Pertaining to last week's game, I believe the reason why we had so little student participation was that the six weeks test were over, and most of the students went home.

Rev. Parrish: We are confusing success with the winning of games. We should enjoy a good clean game and stay behind the team whether they win or not.

Coach Doaks: The students are doing fine at the games in using the cheers.

Richard Harrison: "Not worth the gun powder to blow them up."

Well, fellows, there you have the story and the way some of us feel. It's up to you to turn out at these events. Besides who wants a date on the night P. J. C. has a home game ??? It costs only a little to see a good game, but it costs more when you have a date. Need more be said???

Pruden Gravley

### SANDHILLS LAKES OPENED TO PUBLIC FISHING

Seven lakes totaling 249 acres of some of the finest fishing waters in North Carolina were opened to public fishing on October 20, according to Clyde P. Patton, Executive director of the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission when Broadacres, McKinney, Kinney, Cameron, Scotland Gum Swamp, Crawford's and Crappie lakes in the Camp McCall area were removed from a wartime ban on fishing.

Fishing in the Sandhills lakes will continue through November 30. Persons fishing in the lakes will be required to have a daily

## A Sermonette

By Alfred Thomas

"I am the way the truth, and the life." John 14:6

Jesus was talking to His disciples and comforting them. He said that He was going to prepare a place for them; then He would come again and receive them unto Himself. Jesus said also, "Whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." Then Thomas said to Jesus, "Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?" This is when He said that He was the way, the truth, and the life.

Truly Jesus Christ is the only way to eternal happiness. We see great scholars and political leaders trying to solve the present-day problems in legislative halls. Great men from all over the world are meeting together to form a compromise which might insure peace. Scientists are searching for keys to the creation of life, and also for the destruction of life in the form of the atom bomb. Why don't we succeed? Do we think that we can settle these problems without the help and guidance of God? If so,

that is where we are wrong. All these leaders are wise and thoughtful men. They intend to do good. But they are lacking in one thing—the spirit of God. He wants to help us and to serve us if only we will accept Him.

By translating faith into action, we can succeed. A combination of faith and works is more powerful than any atomic bomb which might be created. If only the people will see the real facts and face them with the courage of a spiritual dynamo, they could solve this turmoil in a short time.

Just because we witness gigantic buildings going up and see the great industries at full blast, we conclude that everything is done by our hands and power; therefore, let us get off our pedestals and admit that we need God's help. We aren't too good to follow someone else as a leader. A little humility is good for a person. It reminds us that we aren't perfect in any shape or manner. So look to God for all the answers and abide by them.

## MINISTERIAL CLUB NEWS

By JOE STOWE

"Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the Gospel."

The Ministerial students met to out some of the things they plan to do during this year. Lawrence Avent was elected president; Joe Stowe Vice President; and Thurston Fox, Secretary Treasurer.

The club this year is composed of boys who are planning to be ministers, prison chaplains, missionaries and chaplains in the armed service. It is the desire of the club to be of help in any way that it can. The members are ready to take part in any activity of the school or outside organization that desires their help. We trust that we can come to know everyone on the campus and have a year of Christian Fellowship together.

### S. C. A.

The SCA, an organization of which all students are members, has gotten off to a good start for the year. The regular Vesper Services are being conducted each Thursday evening at 6:30. Dr.

Thornwell was the speaker at the first meeting; Mr. Simonis at the second; Joe Stowe at the third; and Alfred Thomas at the fourth. The attendance has been good, but there is still a lot of room for improvement. We invite all of you to come out and make these Vesper services a success. The SCA is also sponsoring the Dormitory Prayer Services. Your cooperation in this will be greatly appreciated.

The SCA Council with the direction of Rev. Charlie Parrish is looking for a man, whom we think most of the boys would like, to hold our services during Religious Emphasis Week. Any suggestions that you have should be turned over to Mr. Parrish.

Also any suggestions about the improvement of the SCA will be appreciated and the council will try to see these improvements are made. Remember YOU are a part of the SCA and your help is needed to make it a lively organization. With your help the SCA can accomplish a lot of important things and have a successful year.

fishing permit costing 60 cents in addition to regular fishing license requirements. Special permits will be on sale in Hoffman, and from commissioner employees living on the area.

Orthoair motors may not be used except those of the electrically operated type which may be used for trolling. Fishing hours will be from sunrise to sunset each day the lakes are open.

Melton: Who was that blond I saw you with Wednesday and Thursday?

Javens: That was the brunette I was with Monday and Tuesday.

"Call for Mr. O'Brien! Call for Mr. O'Brien!"

"Vait a minute, boy. Vat iss de initial, please?"

"What's the matter, don't you love me any more?"

"Sure, I'm just resting."

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