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## Is Johnnie a Dull Boy?

"All work with no play makes Johnnie a dull boy." This I tell you is true. "All play with no work makes Johnnie flunk out." If you believe this is a false statement, check with the registrar, the ticket seller at the bus station, or look under the bed for your roommate. He's gone. But should he be? The answer should be a definite "No."

A new semester has begun. As students, we should be stern budgeters of time. We must know when to go to the movies, how long to play cards in the Lighthouse instead of doing some of the better things it has to offer, how late to permit bull sessions in the dorms, the right time

to punch," and/or how much time to devote to study.

Study is an essential factor in obtaining a degree from college, but there are other things that are almost as important. Be educated in all phases of your life. Don't let the minor factors graduate you early. Be a smart Johnnie. Mix your work and play so that you will be balanced in every way.

Yes, I know, some instructors give you a "hard time" anyway, but had you studied from the beginning?

Let's have flunking Johnnie—with his shades, weird haircut, high water cuffs, kinky hair on the side of his head, his slovenly speech, attitude, manner and grades become obsolete.

## Open Letter

Dear Melvin,

I am grateful for the services which you have rendered to the College newspaper. You have performed your tasks well as Sports Editor. Your coverage of the athletic activities on and off campus has been quite an asset in improving the sports column in the *Compass*.

Your loyalty and willingness to work in improving the College newspaper is unfortunately a rarity. If more of the staff members obtained the initiative which you had in your work, the *Compass* would undoubtedly receive a grade "A" rating in any student newspaper convention. I am sure that I can speak for the members of the staff and the advisors in extending best wishes to you as you "commence" to face the challenge.

—Ulysses Bell  
Editor-in-Chief

People aren't born successful. Destiny doesn't dictate your future. Your attitude and your self concept, not genetics determine where you're going and what you will achieve.

—Gary Gariepy

Remember that of all the creatures on this earth, only man has an intellect which gives him an immeasurable potential, and yet only to man has God given the gift of laughter. I believe that the latter was meant to compensate for the awesome responsibilities of the former.

—Alfred Hitchcock

## Faculty Notes

Wedding Bells During the Year

The former Miss Jeromean Watford of the Business Office became Mrs. Clarence R. Moore when the two were wed in Harrellsville, N. C. on December 22, 1963. Mr. Moore, a native of Aoshkie, is presently a welder in Hampton, Virginia. Mrs. Moore, a native of Colerain, continues in her present position.

Dr. Naginder Singh Dhillon, chairman of the Social Science Department, wed the former Miss Sharanjit Kaur of Ludhiana, India, during the past summer. Dr. and Mrs. Dhillon have plans to reside in Elizabeth City.

We wish for both these new couples many, many years of happiness.

### Meetings

Dean William E. Anderson recently attended a session of TEPS (the NEA adjunct, Teacher Education and Professional Standards) held in Washington, D.C. Dr. Anderson and Mr. L. R. Ballou attended the meeting of the Sub-Committee on Research of the Division of Higher Education (North Carolina Teachers Association) when it met at Shaw University (Raleigh) on February 1.

Dr. Coragreen Johnstone and Mr. Cleary P. Fiere were in attendance at the Modern Languages Association's meeting, held in Chicago during the past Christmas Holidays.

## New Director At Lighthouse

Arlene Marie Pierce, the new Program Director of the Lighthouse College Center, was welcomed at a reception sponsored by the Board of Managers of the Center on Sunday afternoon, January 5, in the Lighthouse.

Miss Pierce, whose appointment by President Walter N. Ridley became effective January 1, 1964, is a native of Chicago. Before receiving the Bachelor of Science Degree from Morgan State College, Baltimore, Maryland, she attended the Crest Modeling and Finishing School of the E. M. L. School of Creative Arts, both private schools in Chicago. She has further study on the graduate level in the area of group work techniques at George Williams College, Chicago and Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

While attending Morgan State College, Miss Pierce was active in numerous extra curricular activities and traveled extensively as a delegate to meetings and conferences throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

She was a member of Morgan's Debating Society, Dramatic Club, Student Union Governing Board, Collegiate Council of the United Nations and was feature writer for the college newspaper. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

From 1960 to December 1963, Miss Pierce was on the staff of Prairie View A. and M. College, Prairie View, Texas. She served as Assistant Program Supervisor at the Memorial Campus Center.

Among her hobbies are arts and crafts, dancing, sewing, cooking, reading and talking. Miss Pierce is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Pierce of Chicago.

Welcome to this new staff member!



FRANK PEREIRA, a lively force in ESCO Negro History Planners, has an article on p. 4-5 This Issue, Take A Look.



Infrequent Question:

## "What Can I Do?"

I think that on a whole, this question is one of the least asked by college students. Too often these days, students want to put themselves on the receiving line without making any effort to earn that position.

Many of our young men and women come to college because they have heard of campus strolling, dormitory jam sessions, dances, and in general the social life. They enter college with no real objective, consequently they find satisfaction by merely passing. Have you ever tried writing down your objective in life? It would prove to be an eye-opening

experience. It is certainly worth a try to college students who are being exposed to the big ideas which have inspired men down through the ages.

If you have not, then let's all take a new perspective on ourselves. We can look at this college as a producer of future products. The student who spends much of his time in the Chemistry lab could be our country's dedicated scientist; while the debater, a politician; the drama student, an actor; and the student body president, a governor or even a president of a country. In any case, what would you be? What could you do?

—Jimmy R. Jenkins

## It's Up to You

Education rests over the head of anyone who is determined to succeed. You must remember that one must have "will power" before he can succeed. For self examination, ask yourself these questions: Do I have will power? Where can I obtain will power? Am I really concerned about my education? What am I doing in college?

If you do not have will power and want to obtain it, come down to earth and learn to use the library that is convenient to all. Be the best listener.

Attend assemblies, vespers, and concerts for moral, cultural, academic, and spiritual development.

If you can set a goal that you are determined to reach, you can be sure you have will power which will open the doors to success. The time is now.

"You" must prepare for the present as well as for the future. Your everyday academic task must be given more consideration if this is to be accomplished. Will your decision be one of good judgement? It's up to you.

—William E. Ruffin

## The Value of An Education

From the standpoint of the number of people employed, the equipment used, and the money involved, education is one of the biggest businesses in the United States.

In a democracy such as ours, the education of its citizens is absolutely necessary. While a dictator may wish his people merely to follow his commands blindly, the democratic way of life requires men and women who can think clearly and vote intelligently.

The matter of an education is so important that one is required or forced to complete grades one through high school. As a result, however, the requirements of living in this space age make it necessary for a person to be far better trained than a century or even a decade ago.

The colonies set up free public school systems as a guide in achieving proper conduct and necessities. Today an education has more meaning. Our changing civilization clearly makes for searching demands on education. Everyone agrees that we are changing in to a more and more complex world.

The marvelous array of machines is steadily taking the place of common labor. Without an education the

mind is puzzled and the person finds himself only wishing his way out; uncertain as to how he will proceed in adverse situations.

Education is important to everyone. It brings social benefits as well as individual benefits. Education of others brings profit to all. The physician, the teacher, the lawyer, the architect, the manufacturer, serve others who do not have their kind of knowledge. Thus, education of others unlocks for all, the doors to achievement.

The educated person is open minded; he investigates new ideas before he makes decisions or criticisms. He studies matters carefully instead of jumping to conclusions. He works smoothly with others. He is tactful and considerate in all his dealings. He respects the opinions of others. He is willing to improve because he knows the biggest room in the world is the room for improvement.

Without doubt, the educated person is capable of taking a leading role in his community because he has specific knowledge in a given field. An education is not easy, but it pays off in the long run.

—Clara Perkins

## How To Prevent World War III

To me war is a useless and preventable situation in which man insists on destroying his fellow man for selfishness and greediness to obtain wealth and fortune. With all these things man would gain the world and yet lose his soul.

Consequently, another war caused by such people would result in the greatest disaster ever known to man. This could be the turning point of a new world. Earthly things will be destroyed and the lives of humans obliterated. The earth would be a barren waste.

With so much at stake, war can be prevented in the simplest manner. Preparation for war should cease, in the sense of bombs and nuclear weapons. Peace programs should be developed to take the place of nuclear programs. Programs that will benefit all nations in the way of exploration and public uses should be administered. All countries should come

together on peaceful agreements. A helping hand should be extended to any country when needed, to show the friendship that perhaps was tried but thwarted by the forces of evil.

Broader trade and communication should be devised. The last but not least, the most demanding relationship between countries is the having of faith and a Christlike attitude toward mankind. Peoples of the world must be believers and followers of the almighty Cosmic Force, known by many names upon the face of the earth, but really meaning about the same thing.

If these few basic functions can be attained, along with the other requirements of wholesome living, war would be averted and peace would inevitably blanket the face of the earth. Peace and tranquility would prevail.

—Richard Simpson

## Omnipresence

There is no need to search for Him! God is everywhere:

A low voice in a quiet room,  
Thunder on the air.

Walk by the sea. He is the sea.  
Read—He shares the book.  
Gaze at white flicks on a hill—  
He follows with a crook.

Drive a country road at night.  
Stride through the market place  
God: a Star among the stars.  
God is in the dullest face.

Share a lost dry crust of bread  
Or winds softly, rare.  
It is the Lord God, even there.  
God is everywhere!

—Louvelia Johnson