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What Is a Diploma Worth?

The old time joke had it that the graduate of a school or college would put his diploma in his pocket, and proudly show it to a prospective employer, to prove he was worthy to sell dry goods or keep books. Anyway, he hung his diploma on the wall, where no visitor could miss seeing it.

The modern college graduate frequently goes home when his final examination is passed, without waiting to rig up his black gown and receive his personally, the coveted piece of sheepskin. But somehow people always find out that he has that diploma tucked away in some desk drawer.

The diploma of any good school proves that when the holder starts to saw up a woodpile, he keeps on to the last stick. That means something in a world of quitters.

Face the Facts

"If there's a song in your heart there's a way to sing it." That is to say, if you have any talents, a place will soon be found for you in the business world, where you will be able to carry out your ambitions, get rich and then marry the boss' daughter. For the past few years the above expression and interpretations has been the keynote of all the "business-experienced" lecturers, who also hasten to assure us that "there are always plenty of opportunities for employment for good, capable men."

Let us face the facts! It is time that we students refuse to go out into the world, blindfolded by a happy-go-lucky, short-sighted optimism! We know or should know that every year thousands of brilliant college graduates find themselves in breadlines, simply because there is no place in the business world. What chance have we?

Although a spirit of blind optimism is to be scorned, we should not allow ourselves to slip down into the depths of despair and hopelessness. We should be determined to do something about our present conditions. We shall strive, as many of our government officials are now doing, to bring about a change in our present system of society, whereby there shall no longer be poverty amidst riches, and hunger amidst plenty. If our forefathers have failed to make this world a fit place to live in, let us do so! Let us think first and then act! Ours is a grand and inspiring opportunity.

Music Is Essential

There is perhaps much in this fruitful world which one may ignore, but there is much more which is very necessary to the make-up of a complete life.

One of these things which one cannot possibly ignore is music. This has been thoroughly proved by its advancement.

The most ignorant people have their desirable tunes. The Indian songs of warfare, the "jazz age," popular music, and classical music, have all had a part in the development of human culture.

To enjoy music, one need not be an artist, but he must develop an appreciation for its power, whether it be inspiring, soothing, intriguing. He must be able to distinguish the finest, and develop his ability to enjoy that only.

Music may often be felt as an expression of the emotions, and serve not only as entertainment, but as a place of refuge from the tiring and distracting.

Courage

Courage is the thing. It takes more courage to live than to die. Isn't this proved by the fact that so many more of us die well than live well? To be really virtuous, courage is essential. We should thank our Lord daily for courage. It is surely the greatest thing He has blessed us with. With courage what cannot we accomplish? We can encounter all the trials and contests of life with firmness, without fear or thought of being defeated. With this courage, perhaps we shall be able to live as well as we die.

INQUIRING REPORTER

The question of this week is one that is often discussed among the students on the campus. So here goes this week's question!

Do you think that we should have assigned seating arrangements in the Dining hall?

MERLE RAYBURN, Briarcliff Manor, New York: "If we were permitted to choose those who were to sit with us at our tables, I would be in favor of seating arrangements. It is very unpleasant, however, to have to sit with people whom you do not care for very much, as a great many of us have had to do this year. We enjoy mealtime a great deal more, if we can eat with those we like."

ELMINA RHODES, Windsor, Va.: "I think the best plan for seating arrangements in the dining hall would be this: During the first month of school make compulsory assignments in order to get the freshmen acquainted with the upperclassmen. After that I think everyone should be allowed to sign up for the table he prefers. Meals are much more enjoyable when eaten with congenial people."

WEBB NEWSOME, Salisbury, N. C.: "I do not think we should have seating arrangements because it causes so much confusion. It is very hard to be able to eat with a good appetite when your neighbor is 'popping off' about who he or she has a date with or where they are going. Then there is also the boy or girl who talks until every one else is through, then they begin to eat. This could be remedied, if students were allowed to sit where they wished."

BECKY ANNE HOLDEN, Louisburg, N. C.: "I'm not very seriously opposed to special seating arrangements in the dining hall. But I do think that the dining hall should be a place where everyone is with the crowd he or she likes. True, if we did not have the special assignments there would be plenty of confusion and the first ones to come would be the ones to get the places which he or she wanted. In other words, yes and no!"

DOC WHITE, Charlotte, N. C.: "I believe that the disadvantages of assigning seats in the dining hall far outweigh the advantages. Mealtime should be a time of relaxation and enjoyment for the student. The assigning of seats runs counter to this idea by not allowing the student to choose as his tablemates those with whom he would most enjoy his meals."

W. KIMBALL, Manson, N. C.: "I think there should be table assignments, because it gives students a chance to become better acquainted with other students. It also affords an easier check on meal tickets from the standpoint of the dietitian. Also, through the process of table assignments there is a chance for better dining-room decorum because it eliminates boys' 'staggering up' a table, which has a tendency to lessen their table manners."

LOUISE BRENDLER, Irvington, N. J.: "There should be table assignments in the college dining hall in order to prevent the students from pushing and crowding each other in order to get a seat. Being assured of seats at particular tables, the students are less likely to stampede into the dining hall. The students can also make more and better acquaintances, if we have seating assignments."

LAWRENCE CAMERON, Olivia, N. C.: "I think we should have seating arrangements because the dining hall is one of the best places to become better acquainted with our fellow students, and if we sit beside the same person all the time we miss this opportunity of making more friends."

HELEN SCALES, Greensboro, N. C.: "Seating assignments at the first of the year make it easier for new students to become acquainted with old ones and with each other, but after the first month or so I think everyone should be allowed to sit with whom he wishes. This way the meal would be much more enjoyable."

LAWRENCE FARRELL, Aberdeen, N. C.: "I am very much opposed to seat assignments because I like to change my table when I get ready and sit with whom I please. The way breakfast is handled should answer this question for everyone."

The questions for this are taken from those which you submit. Let's think up some good ones!

WHO'S HO
on
OUR CAMPUS



LANSON GRANGER

Lanson Granger, whose figure is a familiar one here on the campus, was born on October 29, 1914, in Norfolk, Va. He attended the public schools of the city and finished his high school education at Maury high school before coming to Elon. Lanson, a senior, is graduating this month and his presence will be missed at Elon when the fall semester begins.

Bright and cheery in his nature, he is one of Elon's best liked boys, and is very active in the social and extra-curricular activities circles of the college. He is both industrious and ambitious in addition to being very intelligent. Lanson is a student for the ministry, and his interests are principally in that field, and is a member of the College Ministerial association. He is also President of the Religious association of the Y. M. C. A. here in the college. We all wish Lanson Granger the best of luck and success in his respected profession.

Poetry

SCHOOL BOOKS

My schoolbook is a torn thing,
That hath had too much use.
By many a scholar's hand
It's suffered great abuse.

But still it's read, my schoolbook old;
So low our many here.
That I am sure they'll use it still
For many another year.

Then here's to the scholar who gets it next,
May he use it long and well;
And close it as quickly as I always did
At the end of the period bell.

"The true test of a man's judgment is not what he stands for but what he falls for."—Enotah Echoes.

Chatterbox News

By
Snip and Snoop

Charlie Holmes has made the statement that North Carolina will be his home state when he settles down with Edythe Ernst. It looks as if May's Day and Beattie's Hal have both gone the way of Tom Perry. Too bad, they were such nice boys. "Ducky Wucky" Troppoli, you had better sling your line fast to Nell Loy—remember you have only three weeks left. Sam Watson can't make up his mind as to which Futrelle girl he likes the best. We suggest that you stick to Miss Boone. W. P. Monger is looking for that Elon student with 75c. Is he looking for you Paige Holder? Brooks and the boys sure enjoyed looking at that picture of Louise Baynes, Annie Walker, Frances Boland, and Scotty Andrews. Nature in the raw, eh, wot? How about some information on your new weekly guest, Becky Holden. The question has been settled. Marcie Ackenhausen agrees to marry Jape at his earliest convenience—How soon is that to be Marcie? Can you imagine Harry Kames and Hugo Minnette hiring a cab to go

on a date? Well, we can't. Imagine "Ward" Wright being caught in a clunch with a girl twice as big as himself. Marguerite Blackman is having tough competition with Greensboro. How about it, John? Esther Cole just won't date anyone but that "Blue Devil" George! Frances Goodwin is having a hard time deciding whether she should date Mike Briggs or "Lefty" Cheek. What ever your decision is—you have our deepest sympathy. Can anyone imagine "Darling" Kimball ever walking behind a plow? Do you think you can learn to plow Emma-line? Where did "Sleepy" James and "Harp" Higeren, play baseball last Friday night? Who is it that they call Mahatma Gandhi over in the East Dorm. He's all in "white isn't he Doc. "Blondie" must be from the country since she enjoys going barefooted. It's too late, Geraldine, we think, to start pulling the professor's leg—besides its wooden. We have no "dirt" as yet on Doc French and the Dietitian, but when we do, we'll surely print it.

Open Forum

Editor of THE MAROON AND GOLD:

Most of the dormitory girls hear of Miss Haynes' departure from Elon with real regret. To those of the underclassmen who return next year, we seniors hope for you a dean as interesting, as individual and as genuinely likeable as she has been.

A good characteristic is, as Professor Prior has told freshmen, "the ability to provoke thought, indignation and otherwise. If a faculty member can do that to some of the students here his work is well done." Dean Haynes provokes thought, and those who think are better off for it.

Elon will miss Dean Haynes, and we hope that she will teach English literature to her heart's content somewhere else. Let us hope that her successor will have the wit, ingenuity and culture which Miss Haynes possesses.

ESTHER HOPPENSTADT.

Dear Students:

We are now approaching the most important part of our school year—final examinations and commencement. It will be our busiest time, and yet it should be our happiest. Our friends and parents will be here and we want them to see Elon at the best and to be happy while they are here. For a number of us it is the last time we will be able to be with our friends and classmates at Elon, and naturally we want to enjoy ourselves and be as happy as possible. Let's put on a Happiness Campaign and see who can make the most people the happiest during these final days. Let each and everyone of us make the days sweeter to remember by helping everyone else as much as we can and trying to make each day better than the day before.

MERLE RAYBURN.

Humor

FAMOUS SAYINGS

"I'm strong for you, kid."—Samson.
"You're an easy Mark Anthony."—Cleopatra.
"You can't keep a good man down."—Jonah.
"Keep the home fire's burning."—Nero.
"Keep your shirt on."—Elizabeth to Raleigh.
"The first hundred years are the hardest."—Methuselah.
"The bigger they are the harder they fall."—David.
"So this is Paris?"—Helen of Troy.
"I don't know where I'm going, but I'm on my way."—Columbus.

THOUGHTS

Worm—One turn deserves another.
Pig—What, no swill!!!
Oyster—I think I'll call on Pearl tonight.
Butcher—And me a vegetarian!
Undertaker—Another one? Business is getting better.
Teacher—They'll all flunk this one.
Robin—Where's that worm?
Clock—Time on my hands.
Skunk—I just don't give a darn.
And what are you thinking?

Advertising Manager: Do you want any more ads?
Editor: Do we! We're dying for them.
Manager: Then how about getting an ad from that new funeral home.

LOST OR STOLEN.

A pair of race-track pants belonging to Itaymond "Esquire" Cannon have been either lost or stolen. A reward of 25c will be given to the party returning them. A clue is that they were last seen on a colored fellow in Burlington.

OL' JUDGE ROBBINS THE STONE AGE IN PIPES
MY STARS, JUDGE—IS THAT STONE HAMMER A PIPE?
YEP, I GOT IT IN ALASKA DURING A MINING TRIP. I WAS ABOUT YOUR AGE—
GOSH, OLD-TIMER—WHEN WE CRASHED THROUGH THE ICE, I LOST MY PIPE! HAVE YOU AN EXTRA ONE?
NO—BUT I'LL FIND A PIECE OF SANDSTONE AND MAKE YOU ONE
AND SO YOU SMOKE IT OCCASIONALLY JUST TO 'RENEW YOUR YOUTH,' EH?
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