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PATERNALISM OR NOT?

During the past month in several college papers the question has been raised, "Have colleges become too paternal (or maternal), too concerned over student welfare?" This "concern" refers to the counseling system in many colleges, the close supervision of class schedules, fraternities, sororities and dorms, adjustment, personality and general behavior of the students.

Items questioned concerning paternalism were, "Should parents receive news about their child's progress in college; should professors take attendance or give quizzes to see that everyone keeps up on the subject; should an upperclassman run to his counsellor for advice every time he or she is in difficulty; should the student's personality and problems be the business of other people?"

Many believe this paternalism should stop; many believe that it is an absolute necessity. But only strong arguments can present the answers to these questions. Here are two.

Pro

Students should be thankful that schools devote time assisting them to solve their problems. The counselling system is a great boon to students. Granted, an upperclassman in college is an adult; still he or she needs help in selecting a program.

Also, professors are justified in taking roll and in giving short quizzes. The instructor spends time preparing class work and he should not be forced to lecture to a group of inconsiderate "boobs" who come to class just to get out of the rain. As for sending reports to parents, why was this even mentioned? Who has a better right to know students' progress than the parents of each particular student?

Adjustment, personality, and general behavior should be recorded. In this way a student's improvement can be noted. This information furnishes school authorities with sufficient background to give prospective employers an idea of present students.

Perhaps this outlook would not be considered "adult" by some, but every student, especially a freshman, must admit that he or she is not capable of charting his or her future without assistance. The personnel and faculty of colleges throughout the country are doing a vital job.

Con

Excessive "paternalism" has no more place in a college or university today than it does in a company. Most college students, many of them well over 20, be treated as high school teen-agers?

High school graduates who decide not to go to college but secure a position in a firm are generally treated with more adult measures than their college student counterpart who is supposed to be learning "management" methods.

Will the student who is patted on the head fondly, or kindly told, "This is not the way we do it here," be able to successfully control those workers under him who have had the experience of the laboring world? The labor force will not treat the young executive or teacher with "kid gloves." In the future, college students must take responsibilities seriously and work to attain promotion.

In this era of moon rockets and six and one-half hour jet flights to London, our colleges and universities cannot afford and should not presume to be twentieth century counterparts of eighteenth century finishing schools for "gentlemen and gentlewomen."—WESTERN CAROLINIAN.



around with square

by SQUARE EDMONDS

Welcome once more to the campus column, which shows people are funny, and the campus cosmos in which Joe Lewis thinks he's twenty-one. It is spring once again and the chained-up collegians grow restless for the sun-splashed days and the moon-struck nights of various beaches. Wee unto the proprietors of the sandy terra when this horde sets upon them.

Meanwhile, back here at ole Elon Tech, life goes on in its old humdrum fashion, and the mania we have accumulated in a tiring period of a hundred and some odd days is just about to reach its countdown state.

Everyone gets tired of looking at the same old faces, no insinuation to Joe Lewis, and going to the same old places. I don't even know why I keep raving on with this tripe when no one appreciates my skill and talent. It's plain as the nose on Richard Bradham's face.

Everyone wants to talk and no one wants to listen. NO! Even some of the faculty ignore these witticisms and will not even acknowledge a snicker or two, but it really does not bother me, for it is a phobia to me and nothing more.

If only a scandal would take place around here, or some reasonable facsimile, I could write something exciting. But, everyone lives in his own little shell and is the perfect paragon of perfection. Yes, Walter Winchell would find it tough at Elon College, and the ironical part of the whole situation is that IT HAPPENS EVERY SPRING.

SPEAKING OF SPRING: The coming of spring carries inevitable despair among baseball managers of the North State Conference. Elon's Fighting Christians loom once again as the team to beat in the race for the "bunting". Apparently it is becoming a perennial thing in the conference. Coach Jack Sanford is blessed with a bumper crop of veterans from last year's conference champions.

The students of Elon College should be proud of their baseball team and support them to the fullest measure and ditto for the thinclads.

PEOPLE: It's a shame that some type of an award could not be given to the biggest misfit at Elon College. Joe Lewis would surely win easily. Joe's pet hobby is scaring Girl Scouts and bestowing critical analysis on ballplayers. It is believed that he is putting on an act to cover his own maladjustment. It is a pity to say these things about a guy, but I have acquired the right through the Home for the Aged.

Picture yourself, a condemned man facing the electric chair. (You can be sure if it's Westinghouse). Your lawyer is none other than Arthur Laurie Pitts, III, the embarrassed barrister. The verdict is yours.

Paul Brutch is Elon College's renowned version of "Charles At Last". Brutch can be found any afternoon in his own little physical cultural world developing his physique. This writer wonders why, because Jane Mansfield has already married, and what chance has a muscle-head got, like Brutch.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are due to each and every one of the spring sports squads of Elon College, for each of the teams in baseball, track, golf and tennis have done themselves proud in early-season competition. Not all of them will win North State Conference championships, but they have gotten away to a fine start.

The baseball squad, with ten wins in its first twelve games, must necessarily be ranked among the favorites for the Conference title; and the golf team, with three victories in four starts against North State rivals must also be ranked among the favored outfits.

The track team has yet to face a North State rival, but it has rolled over Penn-broke and has made a fine showing against Washington and Lee of the Southern Conference, and Coach Varney's cindermen will definitely be heard from when the Conference meet is held early in May at High Point. The tennis team, despite losses to East Carolina and Appalachian, showed power in defeating High Point, so the Christian netmen will be counted on when the title is conferred early in May.

Brass Tacks

One time a man doesn't call a spade a spade is when he trips over one in the dark.

As one race horse said to the other, I don't remember your mane, but your pace is familiar.

As Cincinnati Member . . .

Elon Prof Pre-Views Tryon Mansion

Dr. William M. Brown, member of the Elon College social science faculty, attended the annual convention of the North Carolina Society of the Cincinnati, which was held in New Bern the first weekend in April, and he and Mrs. Brown were among the group which got the first pre-view of the beautifully restored Tryon Palace and grounds.

The Elon faculty member, as a member of the Virginia Society of the Cincinnati, was a special guest for the North Carolina Society's meeting. The Society of Cincinnati is composed of lineal descendants of officers of the American army during the American Revolution, with state organizations in each of the thirteen original states and in France.

Members of the group, because of its Revolutionary connections and descent, were privileged to have the first pre-view of the restored Tryon Palace, which had its formal opening the following week. Both Dr. and Mrs. Brown were high in their praise of the restoration project, which has attracted national attention as one of America's most beautiful historical sites.

The Tryon Palace, a Georgian mansion that helped set off what some historians consider the first battle of the American Revolution within six miles of the Elon College campus, was formally opened to the public the next week after the Elon faculty member and his fellow members of the Society of Cincinnati saw it in the first pre-view.

Called Most Beautiful

In the 18th century, some writers of travel books described the palace built by Royal Governor William Tryon as the most beautiful building in Colonial America.

The original palace, consisting of a main building and two separate wings, was built to serve both as the home of the governor and as the meeting place of the state council and the assembly.

In 1798, about 28 years after it was completed, the main building burned and in the course of time the east wing was torn down and the west wing remodeled into



DR. W. M. BROWN

an apartment house.

Now the palace has been restored to all its former splendor by a restoration job that took nearly seven years and cost about \$3,250,000.

The palace Tryon built cost the taxpayers about \$75,000. Viewed in the glaring light of today's prices that looks like a bargain.

But 188 years ago some of the colony's taxpayers judged it by the increased amounts on their tax statements as disclosed in the light from fat pine knots. They revolted, armed themselves with blunderbusses and pitchforks, then headed east.

The restoration will have been more than 40 times as costly as the original. But this time the taxpayers paid only a fraction of the total.

Altogether, the General Assembly has appropriated \$227,000 for the purchase of land on the original site along the Trent River.

Latham Gifts

The restoration was made possible through the gifts of the late Mrs. L. E. Latham of Greensboro who was a native of New Bern.

A tour of the main building leaves one with the impression that Gov. Tryon lived surrounded by more elegant furnishings than

would be the case today if he occupied some governors' mansions in the United States.

The furniture is Chippendale, the china Wedgwood and the mantelpieces and some of the floors are of Italian marble from Sienna. The original drapes of silk damask have been duplicated and the duplicates are made from cloth over 200 years old, but still in excellent condition.

There is a leather quiver for arrows in the guard room and in the council room an hour-glass rests in a conspicuous place on the main table, evidence that some sort of hnt to Inogwinded speakers has been necessary throughout the history of the state.

Some Concessions

But while the restoration has been carried out painstakingly, a few concessions have been made to the 20th century — heating and air conditioning units are kept in a basement room and the necessary plumbing has been discreetly installed.

Two five-sided "Necessary Houses," made of wood, stand on their original sites behind the main building. But the \$2.50 admission fee will not entitle the visitor to experiment.

Tryon's Palace is believed to have been unique among colonial governors' mansions in that it was both the governor's residence and the State House.

The council chamber and the guard room are on the first floor of the main building, as are the library, the parlor and the dining room. Tryon and his family—he had a wife and a small daughter named Margaret—lived on the second floor and could hardly have had absolute privacy when the assembly was in session.

The coachman's quarters are rooms, but across the hall from the kitchen is a large, comfortable room occupied in the original palace by Tryon's secretary, Isaac Edwards, "a clever young man from around Edenton."

Historians say that most of the business of state between sessions of the assembly was transacted in the secretary's office.

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here and there

By

DICK LASHLEY



Before we delve too far into this gossip column, Here 'n There would like to make a short comment on the chimes that someone so thoughtfully had played after classes ended before Spring vacation. For once, 'ole Elon took on the sound of a real college campus. Why can't we have them played every day at the end of classes.

For some time now the lack of tradition on the campus has been a major problem. It could be that the playing of the chimes every day could be the answer. Wouldn't hurt to try anyway.

Student Government

Here 'n There has finally gotten some more "poop" on the action of the committee that is revising our constitution.

The Legislature has approved a partial revision of the constitution already. This revision pertains to the election of members to the Legislature, which is to be known as the Student Senate in the near future. The near future may mean next year, if the revision is approved by the student body and the administrative committee. By the way, the election revision calls for eight members from each class to be elected to the Legislature.

The committee is also working on the revision of the judicial part of the constitution. This revision should be ready for presentation to the student body for approval by the fall of 1959.

McCants Is Staying

There has been a rumor floating around the campus that Prof. McCants is leaving us. Tain't so! And, this is from the horses' mouth.

Just like MacArthur said as he was leaving the Philippines, McCants has said, "I shall return."

Student Union

Leslie Johnston, manager of the Student Union, has finally given Here 'n There some real "poop" on the remodeling of the student union.

The remodeling is to be done during summer school this summer. The remodeling will include the installation of a complete soda fountain serving drinks, soft or course, milkshakes, and similar refreshments. The ceiling of the union will be covered with sound boarding to reduce the noise level in the union. The walls will be covered with brick and glass.

Here's some good news for us book buyers. The book store will be of the "self-service" type. That should really make it easier to buy books when that time rolls around again.

Also, the end of the union that now has tables and chairs for loafing around will be turned into a lounge. At last we will have some place to take our guests when they are visiting the campus.

Student Magazine

The Colonnades is about to go to press, says Etta Britt, member of the editorial advisory committee.

According to Miss Britt, the new literary edition will feature new art work. The articles will be from the student body at large.

Gossip's All Gone

Here 'n There has just about expended its supply of gossip for this issue, so let's come to a screeching halt. See ya' all next issue.

SCHOLARS AND DOLLARS

Just how much is education worth? Here are some striking answers from the National Education Association . . .

College graduates, on the average, have higher earnings at least 100,000 dollars higher than those of high-school graduates . . . 268,000 dollars versus 165,000 dollars.

A college graduate at the peak of his earning power has an average income that's 70 per cent higher than when he first started to work. But a man who goes no further than high school can expect to earn only 14 per cent more than his starting salary.—Clipped.

Short Snorts

A tree is an object that will stay in place for years and then jump in front of a woman driver.

If a woman could talk out of the two sides of her mouth at the same time, a great deal would be said on both sides.

He has the gift of compressing the largest amount of words into the smallest amount of thought.

Never get made at anyone for knowing more than you do. It's not his fault.

A government bureau is where the taxpayer's shirt is kept.

Seen From The West Watchtower

By ANN JOYCE



Someone had to plan the campus movie schedule, order the film, pay for the film, secure a projector operator. To have dances after games and on other weekends meant that someone had to make the arrangements and take responsibility of things.

We also needed someone to represent our college at various meetings and conventions. The student body fees couldn't collect themselves. The budget for spending these fees to the best advantage for all of us just didn't appear from outer space. Committees for Homecoming and May Dances just didn't organize themselves. The Arts Forum Group had to be supported by someone.

Someone had to give of themselves to see that these things were taken care of properly. Our student body officers and Student Legislature have indeed done a fine job of taking care of these duties for us.

The amazing thing is that they have done these things almost completely without thanks, absolutely without glory and honor, and without complaining. They have received two things from 99 out of 100 students—either an attitude of complete indifference or unfair criticism. They are to be complimented for the job which they have done this year.

We have really come through again with our great big lack of school spirit! We didn't have

enough interest in the affairs of our student government to have two candidates for each student body office.

We understand it wasn't easy to get one candidate for each office. We aren't interested in doing our part to make student government stronger and more effective, but we do wonderful jobs of criticizing and complaining about what the faculty is "pushing" on us. It's a pity we don't have time to try to do anything to improve or better understand these situations.

Elon is progressing rapidly—our physical facilities are being improved constantly, our scholastic standards are continually rising. It is our belief that a progressive student government is one thing we need.

We cast our vote for at least one formal dance each year. It doesn't seem right somehow to see local high school banquets and proms seem so much more exciting and more outstanding than our "big" dance of the year. And that's exactly the way we see the situation from here.

We understand that a number of formal gowns may leave West and Virginia Dorms come May 31st without having been taken once this year from their places on closet shelves. A shame, isn't it? For the girls who are invited to glamorous dance weekends on other campuses, we regret that there is no formal dance at Elon to which you might invite your out-of-town dates.

We note with pleasure the new weekend library study hours. For those who may have

missed the announcement, the library reading room is now open for study from 1:30 to 4:30 o'clock on Saturday afternoons and from 2 to 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoons.

Installation of the hi-fidelity set has been completed in McEwen Dining Hall. We should be eating our meals to the strains of music any day now.

The activity schedule seems rather crowded from now until the end of the school year, with sorority and fraternity banquets and with May Day festivities just around the corner. For May Day we can look forward to the May Day program, a reception, a lawn concert by Pee Wee Hunt and Boys, and, of course, the May Dance with Pee Wee's orchestra furnishing the music.

It occurs to us that someone may be interested in the following information concerning Pee Wee Hunt: He majored in electrical engineering at Ohio State University, his "Twelfth Street Rag" on Capitol label went down in history as the best selling record of 1948, selling more than two million copies since its release; he earns close to \$150,000 a year as the leader of his Dixieland band; and he is called Pee Wee because of his massive 235 pounds on a six foot frame.

We are with the group who believes that it would be nice for the Social Clubs on campus to join together in the purchase of a gift for the new Elon College Community Church.

Let's not forget to count our blessings. Run into large figures, don't they?