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NO REVERSE GEAR

There seems much to be learned from a story told by a man who recounts his experience in thumbing a ride from Princeton to Philadelphia at the close of an authors' conference some years ago.

Explaining that he managed to get a ride with a professor friend, who said, "I have just bought this second-hand automobile, and I am not sure whether we can make it to Philadelphia or not, for my car has no reverse gear, and I have had no chance to get the car repaired."

The author who told the story picks up from there. He pointed out that he felt that it can often be a quite fine experience to be associated with someone who has no reverse gear, to know someone who can only go ahead. He picks up from there in the following comments and tells of his thoughts as he rode the car with no reverse.

Having no reverse meant that he could only go forward. Well, it was fine to be associated with one who could only go ahead.

"However, not having a reverse gear involved some problems.

"In parking, he had to find a wide open space which permitted him to drive away by going forward only.

"When he stopped to make a bank deposit, he illegally parked in the driveway because other parking spaces required backing out.

Only when you do not have a reverse gear, do you realize how important and useful it is.

In many instances life is without a reverse. We cannot go back, only forward into the future.

Someone has said, "Four things come not back — the spoken word, the sped arrow, the past life, and the neglected opportunity."

Is this not true?

Some would be willing to give a million dollars if only they could take back their "No" when it should have been "Yes."

Once a word leaves the mouth, it is gone forever and can never be taken back to undo the harm it caused.

There is the arrow that cannot be put in reverse to come back to the bow. When some things have begun, there is no stopping them.

When a nation declares war, it cannot retrace its steps into peace.

A businessman decides to buy or sell and signs an agreement. After the signature is affixed, there is no reverse. For better or for worse, it must go through.

The past has no reverse gear just like my friend's car. The past life cannot be taken back and lived over again. The mistakes cannot be relived. We can only profit by them in the future.

In the past many mistakes were made and many injuries may have been inflicted. There is nothing to do about them, but to forgive and seek forgiveness for past errors.

The water of the river has flowed under the bridge, never to come back again. The door is closed and nobody can open it for you again.

If the opportunity to do good and to advance is not taken at the time, it is gone forever. It has no reverse gear.

My professor-friend got along fine with his newly bought used car without the reverse gear functioning.

This was because he knew he did not have a "reverse."

In spite of having no reverse we can still live successfully if we will keep in mind that at least four things do not come back — the spoken word, the sped arrow, the past life, and the missed opportunity.

a view from the oak

By
MELVIN SHREVES



Parking Problem — Part III

The Student Affairs Committee did meet on February 6, and one of the topics brought up for discussion was the parking problem. But again, no definite decisions or recommendations were made.

The Committee plans to go into further discussion on the parking problem at its next meeting, but just how much this committee will do is doubtful.

But in the meantime, the parking problem is getting hit from all sides. The commuter students are complaining about having to park their cars off campus; the dorm students are complaining because commuter students and dorm students are parking their cars in the middle of the parking lots and blocking other cars from getting in or out of the available spaces.

And then to top it off, the faculty members are complaining because they have to park their cars near the north exit. And most of the complaints are warranted.

Commuter students complain because they see empty spaces in the parking lot just north of the science building, and they must park outside the wall. However, these spaces are there because the dorm student parked his car in the middle of one of the dorm lots when all of the parking spaces were either filled or blocked by other cars.

And the dorm students complain because the commuter students have taken up the spaces or because cars are parked in the middle of the lots or in two spaces.

The faculty is complaining because unless they have an 8 o'clock class, they are beaten to the spaces by members of the staff or students. These members of the faculty have to park near the gate and walk up to their offices or classrooms with a load of books, tests, and/or bunch of corrected papers. Because of their broken schedule, many of them use their cars several times during the day and must take the long walks to and from their cars.

On the other hand, the members of the office staffs and maintenance staff arrive in time to grab up the spaces. Many of them leave their cars in the lot all day.

Usually the only articles they bring to work are their handbags and/or lunch bags. That's not half the load that some of the professors have to bring.

If I am not mistaken, it has been recommended that the members of the office staffs and maintenance staff use the parking circle south of Alamance, and that the lot north of Alamance be reserved for members of the faculty only.

There are more problems in the parking situation than some people want to admit. It certainly stands to reason that if there were rigid parking rules that could be enforced, and a system that would help instead of hinder, then those people who are employed to give out parking tickets would do a better job. They would know then that their time and effort is not being wasted.

The students have a gripe about the parking problem, and they are doing everything they can to try to correct it, but the students can only go so far. Why? Because the faculty makes the rules for parking!

And since it is the faculty who sets up the parking rules, and the faculty who shares in the griping, why doesn't somebody do something?

My advice, sir? See, write, or wire your local advisor and air your complaints about the parking problem. Let's not let the ball stop rolling!

And remember, the Colonnades weren't built in a day.

From Other Campuses

Students at Texas Technological College will get a day break between Dead Week and final examinations during the 1964-65 academic year as recently approved by the Board of Directors and recommended by the Council of Deans.

Dr. W. M. Pearce, academic vice-president, said that the day break will not cause an additional class day to be added to the school year. Because the academic calendar for the current spring semester is set, a day break was reported impossible for this year.

The plan proposed by the students was accepted by the administration without a change. It was first proposed last Spring during the student body elections. The resolution adopted said in part: "The Student Council believes that adoption of this proposal will give students an opportunity to prepare adequately for final examinations and will enable the students to attain the goal toward which everyone is working — greater academic achievement."

FAITH will never die as long as colored seed catalogs are printed.

FOUR 'EPPIE' WINNERS IN ONE PLAYER SHOW



Some of the brightest stage stars of Elon Player history are shown in the above picture, which portrays a scene from "See How They Run," a comedy of English village life. Shown in the foreground on the floor (left to right) are Tom Targett as Corporal Clive Winston, Virginia Trigg as Penelope Toop, and Hattie Wilson as the housekeeper. In the background (also left to right) are Roger Wilson as the mysterious intruder, Lynn Cashion as the Rev. Lionel Toop, Ed Engles as the Bishop of Lax, Joan Wickman as Miss Skilton, Ed Woodward as Sergeant Towers of Scotland Yard and Joe Brankley as the Rev. Arthur Humphrey. Virginia Trigg, Joan Wickman, Lynn Cashion and Ed Engles were all winners of "Eppies" for their stage work during student days. Cashion, Engles and Tom Targett were all one-time editors of Maroon and Gold, and Cashion was a student body president.

During The Middle Period . . .

Of Players And Playmaking At Elon

As interest mounted in student dramatics at Elon College in the late "Thirties", the students embarked upon the new enterprise of writing plays; and records disclose that Elon's first bill of original plays, written, cast and directed by students in the college course in Dramatic Literature, was presented March 22, 1938.

Plays given at that time were "Bramble Bush," by Margaret Earp, and "Swap," a mountain comedy by Ford Miller. A month later another original play, "Gwen Tilmann," "Six Guns," was presented, along with A. A. Milne's "The Man in the Bowler Hat." A final original play that year was "Mill Village," which was repeated the following year and acclaimed winner in the state.

The Elon chapter of Delta Psi Omega, a national dramatic fraternity, combined with the Dramatic Club in January, 1939, to present Maxwell Anderson's "Winter-set." The cast included Kenneth Utt, who has since been a TV star and producer in New York. Also produced that year was Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing."



Syde Lines

By SY HALL

more widespread.

Panty raids and fish swallowing are a thing of the past, and campus social life is much quieter. There is less emphasis as well as less interest in the big dance with the big-name orchestra.

Ambitions have changed. Fewer students now plan to go into business for themselves. The students of today express a preference toward the big corporations. There is also a greater trend toward the graduate and professional schools. Competition for entrance in these schools is keen, and students now have to study harder and longer in order to secure admission. Hence studying and getting good grades is now more socially acceptable.

The average student today seems more serious and more mature than in the past. Educators are worried about the stresses and strains to which today's students are subjected. Many people foresee a vastly increased mental health problem arising throughout the colleges.

"I worry about the heavy stress on academics today," says one official at the University of New Hampshire.

"The freshmen are frightened. I think we are in danger of going overboard and becoming unbalanced. This is one reason we are trying to improve our physical education setup, hoping to restore balance."

However, today's students do have some things in common with students of the past, for sex and drinking are still bugging the school authorities. Students now are considered to be wiser and more informed about sex, and they are on the whole moderate drinkers.

One college official, quoted in the report, said, "Sex is much more open now than it used to be. I suspect sex is more common today, but in terms of students getting into trouble the problem is no worse. One reason, frankly, may be that students today are more worldly-wise and know how to avoid complications."

Today's trend is toward conservatism. This attitude is especially prevalent through the Southeast. Students today are more apt to participate in all-night bull sessions concerning politics instead of planning how to pull off a successful party raid.

Specialization is the keynote of college campuses, where students are preparing themselves for the "big time job." It is not uncommon to find students just out of college earning \$7,000 a year. Success is within reach of every ambitious and dedicated student. However, there is a price to pay, and it will be quite some time before we know whether it is really worth it.

this and that

By

IMA SUBSTITUTE



This thing of missing deadlines gets to be a habit with people now and then. In fact, it's happening all too frequently, and Ima Substitute is drawing all-too-frequent duty. However, she is always ready and keeps her scissors sharp for use in clipping filler duty. However, she is always ready and keeps quite exhausted and has hired a detective to seek out a "permanent substitute" to take her place. Maybe such a "permanent" person can be uncovered within the next two weeks.

So What?

Visitors were being shown around the battleship that had just arrived in port. The guide paused before a bronze plaque on the deck and with bowed head said, "This is where our gallant Captain fell." "Well, no wonder," said one little white-haired old lady. "I nearly tripped over the stupid thing myself."

No Historian

"I hear, Doctor," gushed the lightheaded matron as she cornered the noted psychologist, "that you can tell whether one is really sane by asking a few simple questions."

"Yes, very simple ones, Ma'am," he replied, smiling, "such as: Captain Cook made three around-the-world voyages and died on one of them. Which one was it?"

"But, Doctor," she scolded, "I'm no good in history!"

Symbols and Signs

Dear Dad:
Gue\$\$ what I need mo\$t of all. That's right. Plea\$e \$end me \$ome.
Be\$t wi\$he\$,
Your \$on, \$am

Dear Sam:
NOTHING much has happened here lately. Glad to kNOW you like your school. Write us aNOther letter. NOW I must say good-bye; just wanted to send a NOTE.
Pop

Two Hearts

The lady of the house was entertaining her bridge club when the pattering of tiny feet was heard at the head of the stairs. "Hush," she told her friends. "The children are going to deliver their goodnight message. It always gives me such a feeling of reverence to listen to them."

There was a moment of silence, then shyly from the head of the stairs: "Mother, Willie found a bedbug."

Sportscast

The list of prizewinners at a recent picnic was announced and included: "Mrs. Smith won the ladies rolling pin throwing contest with a throw of 75 feet. Mr. Smith won the 100 yard dash."

Home Run

Johnny told his mother the teacher asked the class where they were born.

"Certainly you could answer that," his mother replied. "It was Woman's Hospital."

"Course I knew but I didn't want to sound like a sissy, so I said Yankee Stadium," the boy replied.

Proof Positive

"Are you positive that the defendant was drunk?" asked the judge.

"No doubt," growled the officer.

"Why are you so certain?"

"Well," replied the officer, "I saw him put a penny in the patrol box on Fourth Street, then look up at the clock on the Presbyterian Church and shout — 'Hurray! I've lost 14 pounds.'"

Be Not Afraid

One little fellow had been taught to recite the line from the Master: "It is I. Be not afraid."

When the time came for the little fellow ashy with stage fright, but with his small to march on stage and say his line, he was voice trembling and eyes brimming with tears, he managed to say:

"Tain't nobody but me. Doan' get skeared."

Caught

"Brothers," said the preacher, "the subject of my sermon today is liars. How many in this congregation have read the 35th chapter of Matthew?"

Nearly all the hands in the congregation went up.

"You are just the people I want to talk to. There is no such chapter," intoned the reverend.

MORE PEOPLE get run down by gossip than by cars.

Everything should be practised in moderation, including moderation.