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THOUGHT FOR WEEK

Let me today do something that shall take
A little sadness from the world's vast store,
And may I be so favored as to make
Of joy's too scanty sun a little more.
E. W. Wilcox.

Paragraphs

Now star-gazing won't seem so ridiculous.

Off with the old—on with the new.

Judging from rumors regarding the opera Monday night, the South Sea Island seems to be just one of its greatest attractions.

In The Spring

The school year is rapidly drawing to a close, but there is much yet to be done before final examinations. Unfortunately, the very season of the year renders work more difficult and distasteful than it appears at any other period of time. It is during the spring months that the greatest test of the year occurs. Will power, concentration, ceaseless effort are required to keep the attention from wandering away from books and papers, to the beautiful out-of-doors, and to withstand its call to sports, recreation and the digital idleness. The warm weather tends to produce indolence and a general decrease in effort and activity. Work which during the winter months was often a pleasure because a burden as the summer comes, and school draws to a close.

Now is the time for increased effort and renewed activity in order to cover the last short period of time with the greatest success and satisfaction. A slackening or satisfied slump at this time may mean disastrous results when examinations come. Although the stress is less, it is greater now than during previous months and nerves and energy are taxed to the utmost, try to put forth renewed effort and increased will power in striving to get as much as possible out of the remaining month, and the summer vacation will be doubly enjoyable.

The Curtain Falls

We have come to the end of our brief journalistic career. That time has come when we must make way for those who come after, and who will rejuvenate our handwork, and make it live. We have watched with eager enthusiasm and keen observation for one year the little drama of college life. We have noted with interest the achievements of the organizations, the procession of college events. We have observed with enthusiasm the rise and development of latent talent among those who will come after.

Time rings a warning. We hurry to prepare for the last scene. We have accomplished little, but for the wholehearted interest of the audience, our attempt would have passed unnoticed. We thank every individual subscriber who has made the *Salemita* possible. We heartily appreciate the co-operation of those who have contributed during the year, to its columns. We have appreciated the criticism, and have sincerely sought to profit therefrom. Above all, we thank all for the recognition they have given us.

And now the year draws to its close. We, as the outgoing staff, with this issue pass to more capable hands the *Salemita*. Another act in the drama of life will be recorded more successfully by them, and it is nearly time for the curtain to rise for their initial hour. We thank them the interest of the student body, the interest of the faculty. We give them our own experience, our own wholehearted support in their endeavor. We hope for them a "sailing on" to a greater success, more worthy of the College which claims them as her children. Time rings the gong—the curtain falls—our little act is ended!

The Give-and-Take of College Life

During the last few months of the school term, we frequently hear a student announce to his intimate friends that she is not returning to college next year. Frequently, too, she adds: "I am not getting enough out of college life here; perhaps in some other college." Does the girl who makes a remark like this consider the significance of what she is saying? If she could only realize it, she is casting a reproach on her own education. The failure to "get out" a fair amount of benefit from college life argues a failure to "put in" a fair amount of energy, vitality and of that essential quality which we call co-operative college spirit.

The shrewd business man does not expect to gain anything without having to pay an adequate price for it. The things which we ourselves obtain cheaply we hold of little value, and they are of little value. In the business of life, the situation is exactly the same. Those experiences which we work, body, heart and soul, are the experiences which we value most, and those which have the most lasting influence over our lives. Having given something of ourselves, we feel that the gain is worth while. Thus, the girl who gains nothing from college life has given nothing. Selfish, self-centered, she is content to sit alone, she has failed to give even a small share of herself to the life of the organization. She is nothing better than a social parasite, sapping the strength and vitality of her Alma Mater, and complaining that she cannot "get" the sufficient social nourishment to satisfy her selfish desires. For a girl of this kind it is useless to try other colleges. Her experience will be the same wherever she goes, for the law of "give-and-take" exists everywhere.

Let every girl question herself, lest she too be a parasite. Let her measure herself according to the just standards, and determine where she may be full wanting. Finally, let her give her full share to college life and activities, and in proportion as she gives, her own life will be enriched.

FINIS

"What did he get out of the week?"
"Nothing much, just conclusion of the brain."

Co-operate With the Council

The practice of some student of going as far as they can without getting caught, that is of "getting by" with all they can is one of the most cowardly that can exist. Students who do this are those who regard the Student Council as a disciplinary body whose members are a substitute for policemen. They elect a council and immediately feel that they have done their part adequately, expecting the Council to be a substitute for their consciences. In reality, they have not yet grasped the very fundamentals of Student Government. They not only hurt themselves but hinder the success and advance of the Student Government of which they are a part, since the organization exists for the individual. His highest interest is in the welfare of the individual and in the possibility of development, which the practice of individual and honorable responsibility brings with it. The new council goes into office on May first. Instead of knocking and criticizing the members of the Council and the organization of which we as well as they are a part, let us support them and work for a better Student Government Organization through individual co-operation.

AT LEISURE

THAT FEELING
It's a funny sort of feeling
That comes when your work is done
And you pass it on to others
With the thought—"my race is run."
No more galleys to fill with news
Nor any to fill with fun
It's a funny sort of a feeling
That comes when your work is done.

It's the queerest sort of a feeling
That comes when your last paper's out
And another takes your office
With trembling and hidden doubt.
No editing or bother, now
No policy to uphold.
It's the queerest sort of a feeling
When your work you have to withhold.
It's a mighty gloomy feeling
That comes when you leave your desk
And clear away the papers and trash
For the new one to try the test.
No more writing tables
Nor filling up the space
It's a mighty gloomy feeling
When another takes your place!
—D.L.S.

S. C. A. of Student Govt. Meets in Alabama

Miss Katherine Rigdon, President of the Student Government Association 1927-28, has returned from the Twelfth Annual Conference of the Southern Collegiate Association of Student Governments, which was held April 21-23 at the Alabama College for Women located at Monticello, Alabama.

Meetings were held each day in the morning and afternoon, and a number of interesting speakers delivered addresses. Dr. Carmichael of Alabama College spoke on the "Duties of Student Government." The duty of a student government association is responsibility and to establish this, create a spirit of individual responsibility so that students will carry it with them after they leave school. Dr. William Dadd, of Florida State College for Women had as his topic "Executive Problems." He outlined the duties and qualifications of an executive, which consist in superiority, planning, and execution. There are three especially important qualities for a leader: open-mindedness, ability to accomplish things cooperatively, and a democratic spirit. Of his many executive problems the greatest is to inspire co-operation by fairness, wisdom, devotion to duty, and personality.

Group discussions were held at various times throughout the conference. Some of the topics of discussion were Smoking, the orientation of Freshmen, international relationship, and co-operation between faculty and students. These discussions among students were especially beneficial. The representatives of the various colleges were entertained at several delightful social functions.

When the days grow long, and the nights grow short
And the ring of the clock breaks my sleep
When the sun sets at dawn, and the moon
When the midnight oil makes my poor head ache
And my shoulders droop, and my cheeks grow wan,
When the ghosts of unwritten terms, papers rise
And I cannot my dreams all through the night.

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birds sing,
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for sleep
And loneliness, too—then I know
it's Spring!
—G. S.

N. C. C. P. A to Meet in Greensboro in May

Carolinian, Coraddi and Pine Needles, of N. C. C. W. Will Be Hostess at the Convention.

The twentieth semi-annual meeting of the North Carolina Collegiate Press Association will meet at N. C. W. Greensboro on May 4, 5 and 7. Several important matters are to be transacted at this meeting, chief among these being the election of officers, and the announcement of the division regarding the best state college newspaper and editor. The arrangements for the meeting are in the hands of Miss Blanche Armfield, editor of the *Carolinian*, and advance announcements point to a most enjoyable and profitable meeting. Miss Margaret Schwarz and Miss Sara Dowling, editor and business manager, respectively of the *Salemita*, will represent the newspaper; Miss Elizabeth Dowling and Martha Dortch, editor and business manager of *Sights and Insights*; Miss Dorothy Siewers, secretary of the association will attend. Miss Martha Dortch is chairman of the annual representative group, and will lead the discussions of that body.

SEA FIGHT SHOWN IN KANE SPECIAL

Battleships looting into action in the greatest sea battle of history; 2,000,000 soldiers being carried overseas to France and at home a girl dying a thousand living deaths that the Conroy might sail in safety.

Those are the highlights of "Conroy," Robert Kane's great epic of the Navy, which comes to the Auditorium next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with an all-star cast headed by Dorothy Mackall, Lowell Sherman, Bruce Collier, Lawrence Gray, and Ian Keith. Produced with the co-operation of the United States Navy, the First National special was hailed in Washington as the film history of the Navy at war, when Joe Boyle, the director took the picture to the Capital for a government pre-view.