

Local Lingo Confuses Visitor

Having lived in America all our lives we often forget the first impressions others might have who come to our country. We take for granted the hotdog stands, the baseball parks, the square dances, the afternoon teas, and all the typically American institutions.

Recently, however, I had the pleasure of talking with a boy who has just arrived in this country from India to study at Duke University. At the end of my conversation I had another view of American life.

A Square's A Circle

Ted Wilkinson, the Indian student, relates one experience he had when invited to a square dance. Expecting to go to the party and dance in a square, he was shocked to find everyone dancing in circles, typically what we Americans call square dancing!

On another occasion when invited to a tea, he expected to go and have his fill of delicious tea.

(He is quite fond of tea, India being a tea growing country.) When he arrived at the party, he was surprised not to see any tea cups. Soon a young girl walked up with a cup in her hand and asked if she could give him a punch? Well, he was in a turmoil! The only kind of punch he knew of was not pleasant. Finally the girl seemed to sense his bewilderment and explained the contents of her cup. Now he is a punch fan, but he admits he was a bit worried when first introduced to the liquid!

Eat A Dog

Hotdogs also offered a problem. First he was anxious to know how a dog would get such a name; and when he discovered you eat them, he was all the more alarmed. When asked by a pal to join him and go out for a hotdog, he hesitated until his friend "educated" him as to the meaning of a hot dog. "Sure, they are delicious, after you learn what they are," says Ted Wilkinson!

Wisdom Is 'Mieux'

Frenchmen have a proverb, 'Mieux vaut sagesse que richesse,' meaning 'Wisdom is better than riches.'

If the Americans wholeheartedly believed in this saying, life would certainly be happier. Although money is necessary for essentials and pleasure, a man who has only a little of this necessary 'evil' and has taken advantage of his education will no doubt prosper even if his fortune, flourishing primarily because of leadership, scholarship, character, and service, consists only of a genuine desire to do good.

If a person has a fortune and has not wisdom to spend or invest it, a fortune may quickly disappear.

When we Americans fully realize our opportunities and take advantage of our educational system, then we shall be able to say with the French, 'Mieux vaut sagesse que richesse.'

The positive approach is always the best argument.

Nothing was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

Dates, Speeches, and Good Times . . .

Exuberance, Versatility—Mark Conventioneer

Conventions. How I love 'em. Could these words be from anyone other than Marvin Barnes, that exuberant, lady killer, who dates from here to Texas?

His weakness for conventions can't be controlled! One of the greatest times of his life was the week he spent at the National Student Council Congress in St. Paul's Minnesota, this summer, he reports.

Small, but dynamic — brilliant, but well-rounded, he adds to the enjoyment of all around him. Marvin has made an outstanding record for himself, his many accomplishments having been listed in a previous issue. In addition to his record in scholarship he has many extra-curricular activities to his credit.

Marvin will long be remembered as an outstanding cheerleader.

Would any game this year have been complete without those blood curdling, yet exuberant yells contributed by — yes, Marvin Barnes?



(Photo by Barringer)

An adept water skier, he is the lucky owner of two inboard motorboats, which he uses at his summer home at Pamlico. One is also likely to find him making a gallant attempt on the local tennis courts at any time of the day and in any kind of weather — rain shine, or 10 below 0!

"Westward Ho, moves the course of civilization," and so does Marvin! His dating exploits have progressed as far as Texas! One delegate to the Student Council Congress said that one of those blond cuties there thought Marvin was the next thing to Rock Hudson! (Could the convention have affected her mind?)

Truly one of the outstanding seniors, his friendly smile and glowing personality will be remembered after he leaves these halls to further his education at the great Duke University!

Girls Say of Boys Looks Rate Highest Next to Personality

Ed. Note: Spring is the season of love and naturally all girls become more conscious of the opposite sex at this time. For such reasons this month's roving reporter has asked girls from two of the classes what they think makes a handsome boy. Their answers are listed below.

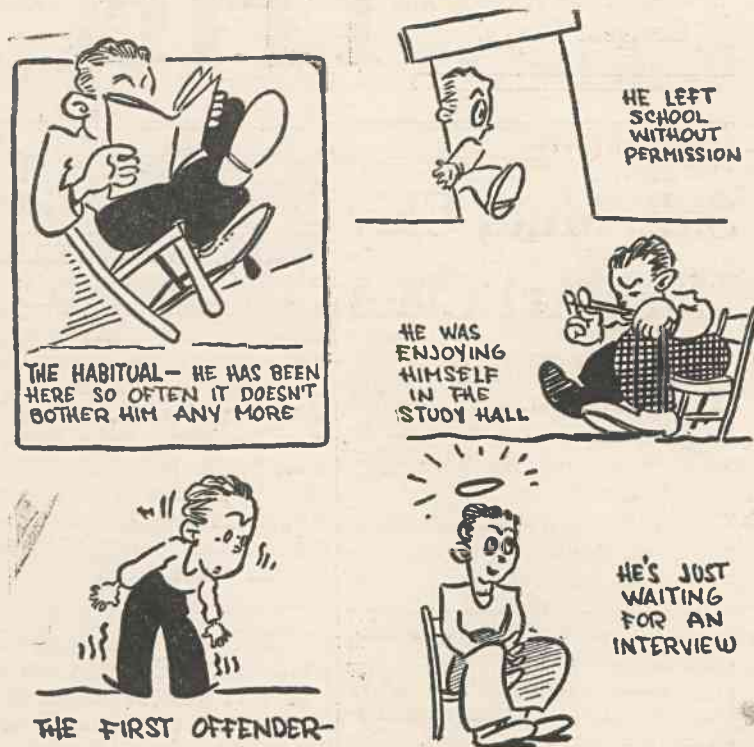
Question: What in your opinion makes a handsome boy?

Elaine Bell, sophomore — "He should have a physique like Donald Stallings and wit like Henry Warren. He should have eyes like Fred Harris and eyebrows like Jimmy Moore. He should be cute like Ray Joyner and an all-around sport like Winkie Hardesty. He should be athletic like Tommy Vaughn and have a voice like Adam Maples."

Janice Davenport, junior — "I think a boy should have a pleasing personality. He should be about 6' 1", about 200 pounds with blond hair and a crew cut, blue eyes and a dark tan. He should have a good build and a pleasing smile. If he goes with a girl, he should be considerate and easy to get along with. This, in my opinion, makes a handsome boy."

Sylvia Updegraff, sophomore — "First of all, a boy should be friendly and have a fairly good sense of humor. But man, when it comes to looks, there's nothing like black hair like that of Tony Curtis. Give him water blue eyes with dark skin, straight white teeth and wow, what a smile! Of course, he knows how to dress and especially when he wears black pants and a white shirt against his dark skin and to top it off with a baby-blue sweater. Put all this in a five feet, nine inch frame and you have a handsome boy."

Teachers' Pe(s)ts ????



Let's Take The Cough Cure!

"... now, before that senior high cough starts, I'd better stop," said Mr. C. V. Lundy, basketball coach, as he concluded his portion of the Athletic Awards assembly program, March 16.

This marks the first time a remark has been made from the stage about this infamous characteristic of this school which occurs when the speaker exceeds his allotted time in assembly.

It seems the students are establishing a reputation that will be remembered a long time. Although Mr. Lundy took it lightheartedly, every guest will not take it this way.

Not that coughing is a crime, but when people have coughs this bad, they aren't able to come to school. Is it possible this many people have such coughs simultaneously? Isn't it time we took measures to cure this malady?

Teachers Practice Too!


Practice teaching serves a threefold purpose in its effort to familiarize the student teacher with the teaching profession.

It gives the students new viewpoints on the subject which they are taking. Also the practice teacher gains by learning what to expect in his students and how to cope with some of his problems. The faculty 'takes him in' and helps him along with various difficulties.

New ideas on how to carry over the subject are gathered by the regular teacher as he listens or contributes to discussions.

This is our first year to have a practice teacher from Duke, although we have been privileged to have had many from ECC in the past years.

Let's be exceptionally courteous and friendly during our guest's stay and perhaps she will gain not only practice in teaching, but will see the better side of the profession.



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