

MY IDEA OF THE HONOR SYSTEM

The honor system which we have here at Montreat-Anderson College is very practical and idealistic. Its purpose is to help us live harmoniously together while we are here in college and to prepare us for the situations which will confront us after we leave here to go elsewhere. It has played a great part in molding the lives of many of the students who have come here and are now holding positions of honor and dignity.

The most important thing about the honor system is that it is based on the teachings of the Bible. It reveals to each student that he has a duty to be honest with God, himself, and his fellowman. When this idea goes to the fullest extent, a feeling of love, trust, and confidence is established among the students. It means a lot to anyone to know that people care for him and have trust and confidence in him as an individual.

The fulfilling of the requirements of the honor system is not always easy. Being honest with God and with one's self is often a hard thing to do. When anyone does this, he has to face reality and this sometimes means that he has to admit that he has failed or made a mistake, but he is able to see himself as he actually is. It is then that he can begin to see that he needs to make effort for improvement toward being a better person. It also takes a lot of courage to single out a person who has done wrong and tell him about his failure or mistake and that he should report himself to the proper officials. After a person does this, he should be willing to help the person who has done wrong in any way that he possibly can.

Our honor system concerns every phase of our lives and provides a way for us to create a more wholesome life. We have to be honest at all times and in every situation in order for the principles of the honor system to be upheld.

Our college seal has the words, Strength, Beauty, and Truth on it. These three words remind me of three big links of a chain which are joined together by many small ones. The small links are the people who make up the student body of our beloved school and who have the duty to work together to attain individually the characteristics of the words on the seal. It is the obligation of each of us to strive to be a strong link in this chain. —James Byrd

SELF DISCIPLINE

We are now under way in the semester. "What will it bring?" is probably a question that has been asked by many of us. We will not walk forward **unknowing** for we have the victories and failures of last month upon which to build.

As we carefully evaluate our work, it may be that failure is uppermost in our minds. Have we developed a Christ-filled relationship with our roommate, suitemates, and friends? Is our academic average a record of our best effort? As Christians have we matured in Christ day by day? Possibly we find ourselves answering negatively to the above questions. However, failure to achieve these standards must not oppress or discourage us.

Failure can be a spur instead of a hindrance. Failure can be turned into success if we will realize the causes and avoid the repetition of the same failure. Perhaps, lack of self-discipline is a major factor. Often we do not control self and do not allow our-

selves to be disciplined by the circumstances around us.

Many times the importance of discipline is not realized until college. Here at Montreat-Anderson College many of us have faced real discipline for the very first time in our lives. The discipline of meals, classes, chapel, vespers, and homework was unwelcomed; yet, how necessary it was.

Why chafe at discipline? As unruly children we resented it, but we had to submit. The crucial testing point for us now is whether or not we submit to discipline. Discipline begins with self. It begins within the individual. If this self-control is mastered, its effect will be startling in the physical world around us. As we strive to develop ourselves through rigorous discipline, the outward results will be a positive sign of inner mastery.

Every life, with some pitiful exceptions, is ruled by law and trained by discipline. The Christian life must definitely be disciplined if it would express God's purpose. —Editor

Miss Hoyt Named In "Who's Who"

Miss Elizabeth Hoyt, Head of the Department of Social Science at Montreat-Anderson College, Montreat, North Carolina, was named to **Who's Who in Social Science in America**. Miss Hoyt attended Maryville College where she received her B.A. degree, the University of Tennessee where she received her M.A. degree. She has attended Columbia University for two summer sessions and the University of North Carolina for three summer sessions. She also has traveled in England, Switzerland, Scotland and France.

The editors of the Marquis Library of Chicago select only people who have done meritorious service in their field, such as social science and music. These people who are chosen are asked to send in a biography. The Marquis Publishing Company publishes **Who's Who in America, Who's Who in The South and Southwest and Who's Who in Social Science**.

SOPHOMORES ELECT—

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Rock Hill, S. C., Judy Wilson, the social chairman, from Jacksonville, Florida.

The sophomore class is happy to have as their advisors: Miss Mary Wells McNeil, Registrar; Mr. James Maddox, Dean of Men.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I am writing to you in regard to a certain incident which took place in a faculty member's classroom. I don't know who the people involved were, but I am so ashamed and angered I don't know what to do. I would like to say it was one of the lowest things done here at Montreat-Anderson College.

Just because we do not necessarily agree with the methods a faculty member uses in teaching does not give us the right to be childish and destructive. There are many ways in which people can release such aggressions in a more mature and adult-like manner. We are supposed to have left juvenile vandalism such as this back in high school, not to have brought it to college with us.

The teacher involved is not only a dedicated teacher, lover of Montreat, but a fine lady in every sense of the word. She very much deserves and is due respect for these and many other reasons.

As I said, I don't know who the people were, but I hope that they will think over what they have done and realize how shameful it was. —S. Scott

Dear Editor:

I, as a Christian, am concerned about the noise in our chapel—the house of Christ. Many individuals have not realized the importance of quietness while worshipping our Lord. Noise can make concentration an almost impossible thing to achieve. We owe Christ respect, reverence, honor, and devotion. I enter the chapel with a thankful heart as I bow for prayer. Montreat-Anderson College chapel is the house of God and each individual student should realize this. —Any.

Dear Editor:

As I observe our college campus, these are two problems which call for improvement on behalf of the student body. They are the behavior in the cafeteria and the way our campus has been littered.

Why are the leaders of tomorrow, Montreat-Anderson College students immature? Do they not really know better? The cafeteria seems to be constantly and extremely too noisy. I am beginning to realize that they don't know the difference between the Recreation Hall in Howerton and Assembly Inn, where we eat. Can you explain why manners have ceased?

More students should be concerned about the unattractiveness of our campus because of the litter. It is so tempting to place bottles anywhere, and carelessly drop paper on the ground. What would be the reaction of the student body if the privileges of drink

and candy machines were taken away from us?

There is not an excuse for these two situations. The students determine the character of the college. What is each of us doing to improve it? The solution means maturity and realization. L. J.

Dear Editor:

I feel that if we are ever going to have a successful paper that everyone must do their part. They should not just sit back and complain about an article they did like or did not like, but join the paper staff and really put all they have into the work of the paper.

I also feel this way about any class activity. If everybody wants to have something done, they should try their best to work in it somehow and not just complain!

There are some very talented people in this college and this would be a good way of displaying their ability.

From now on, everyone, put your best foot forward and really show what you can do to improve the college. All of the organizations are always open to suggestions. Show what you can do instead of sitting back and complaining. E. R. W.

Dear Editor:

It is a shame that we can no longer trust one another in a Christian college. I think it takes a low type of humanity to deliberately and purposely go against rules and regulations which were made for our own good. It is a sad shame that our own college students can not stand up for the right. I am not alone in these opinions.

Some incidents are utterly shocking and revolting. To be specific, I am speaking about the conduct in the recreation hall. These are the types of students who cause all the privileges to be taken away from everyone else, just because of their own selfish whims. These are the ones who detract from our school. These are the weak individuals who can't face life, and have to find some way to escape reality. These are the ones who have only contempt for the One they need most. In short, this is the type Montreat could do very without. R. C. W.

Dear Editor:

In high school, college was presented as a great force that destroyed those not up to the academic standard. High school is kindergarten compared to college, I was told. I didn't find college a monster. Maybe it was because I began to study when my first class day was over. In this way I have kept the monster from engulfing me.

A Student Speaks . . .

by Jane Howard

"Death is not nearer to the aged than to the new-born; neither is life."—Kahlil Gibran.

What is life? Every man asks this question. The questions, "What is my purpose?", "What is my goal?", "What do I want from life?" can never be answered until man answers the question, "What is life?"

Life is more than existence. There is no thrill in mere existence, for there is no true knowledge of its purpose.

There may exist a purpose, but what is the motivation of the purpose? A self-instilled purpose gives a reason for existence, but where is the joy of living? If life cannot be enjoyed, what is the purpose of existence?

Jesus Christ is the giver of Life. Until man has found Life in Him, he is merely existing. Every man exists with the potential for Life. God has a plan for every man's life, and man can find his place in that plan only after he is born from mere existence into Life.

The search for the truth of Life is endless. It dominates the thoughts of men of all languages and colors. In his existence man searches for the Truth. In Life, he has found it, and only in finding Life can he answer the question, "What is death?"

I cannot understand why some students skip classes, brag that no homework has been done, and make no effort to learn or study. **College is not high school!** You are not forced by law to attend. You pay quite a lot in order to obtain a degree. If you will sit down and honestly think, you will see that you are not only letting yourself down, but also your God, your parents and your country.

This final preparation is your future, your life—not the teacher's. Use your God-given talents to absorb this great knowledge.

America is going to sleep because of you, the citizens of today and tomorrow. Why? Because you care only for yourselves and what the world can do for you.

I offer you a challenge: study to learn, learn to help others, and others will help you. C. L. D.

FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

THE DIALETTE is the property of the students of Montreat-Anderson College. The freshmen should inherit an interest in and a responsibility toward the work of the paper. The efforts of the sophomores should be renewed. It is the paper of the student body and the staff of THE DIALETTE urges all to have a considerable and careful interest in its work.

A newspaper's primary purpose is, of course, to print the news. However, a college paper cannot limit itself to a campus social calendar of events. THE DIALETTE hopes to bring more than local issues to the student body.

THE DIALETTE will continue to put forth its best efforts in bringing an honest and objective paper. However, without the support and interest of the student body, the paper will die. Every responsibility should be fulfilled in order for the paper to stand.

The DIALETTE has chosen Barbara Pound and Ronnie Morris to run for Homecoming Queen and King. Let's support our candidates!

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