

## SOPHOMORES ONLY

by Waldo Miller, Jr.

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On February 22, 1827, Francis Scott Key in an address after the commencement of St. John's College stated, "Education confers happiness and usefulness, and therefore demands attention". How much attention have you given to your educational future? For the next few minutes I'd like for you to "visit" with me the campuses of three colleges, Florida Presbyterian College, Converse College, and St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland. It is not our purpose to concern ourselves with campus features of these colleges, but to investigate instead the curriculums of these colleges.

The central concern of Florida Presbyterian College is to lead her students to deeper insight, comprehension and understanding of men and our universe and the relation between the two.

Florida Presbyterian College promotes a community of learners through an inter-relatedness of knowledge. Every student takes a common course during each of his four years. In the first two years the course is called "Western Civilization and Its Christian Heritage". In the third year the common course centers around great works in the humanities, and in the fourth year it is "The Christian Faith and Great Issues". This common course is quite often the basis for work during the mid-winter semester.

The mid-winter semester is a unique educational opportunity for the students of Florida Presbyterian College. This semester is a special four-week period of independent study for all undergraduates. The fall semester examinations are completed before Christmas vacation and the spring semester does not begin until February, so this leaves January free for this intensive study designed to develop qualities of self discipline. Each student selects a professor to work under and with his guidance the student chooses and limits his subject, gathers material, organizes it, and presents it as a paper, a short story, a painting, or a piece of laboratory apparatus. This intensive independent study supplements the work of the courses and thus affords unusual opportunity for the student during each of his four years to engage in independent creative work not normally afforded in traditional undergraduate curriculums.

We all know that Converse College is a liberal arts institution for women, but how many of us know that men students are admitted to its School of Music as day students? The music curriculum is one of the prime offerings of Converse. Let us, for a few moments, consider also its courses in the sciences and humanities.

The courses Converse College offers in its science and humanities curriculums require intensive study and preparation. The language curriculum is as complete as that of any large university, offering such languages as French, Greek, and Italian. The Department of Art offers two major programs for its students. The History of Art and the Practice of Art require extensive work of the students with some courses meeting six hours per week. The history major finds a normal cur-

riculum until History 390 and History 391 enter his schedule. These two courses are seminar courses giving training in historical methodology and research and writing. If you plan to major in English at Converse College, you have a complex course to untangle. The English major has a minimum requirement of thirty-eight semester hours in the English Department, of which thirty-three are in required areas. There is one required seminar course for English majors, English 498.

Dr. Mortimer J. Adler in his HOW TO READ A BOOK has a chapter entitled "The Defeat of The Schools" in which he has two paragraphs which should be of interest to all serious students. One considers where educational reform must take place and where it must radically take place. If this reform does not occur, our college graduates will not be liberal artists; instead, they will be confused and ill-informed as well as possessors of completely undisciplined minds. The second paragraph informs us that Dr. Adler knows of only one college in these United States which is attempting to produce true liberal artists, St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland.

Since 1937 St. John's College has been embarked upon a new curriculum which is the modern equivalent of the education which the Founding Fathers of this republic received. Through exposure to what Francis Scott Key 150 years ago called "the great and good of every age and of every land", St. John's seeks to disclose to its students what Alfred North Whitehead has called "the habitual vision of greatness". The heart and substance of the St. John's program is reading and talking about the Great Books of the Western tradition. Every student reads the same books, approximately one hundred, over the required four-year curriculum.

The St. John's program is divided into six divisions; the Seminar, the Language Tutorial, the Mathematics Tutorial, the Music Tutorial, the Laboratory, and the Formal Lecture. They are correlated and subordinated to the main goal of the fullest curriculum development of the intellectual and imaginative powers of the students.

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## LIFE

By Ruth White

What are the most lovely things in all the world? Clouds rimmed in gold—calm seas on a windless mountain covered with snow—the day—birds, winging in March—a sun peeping over the hills at dawn—purple twilight—the stars at midnight—moonlight shining on tree-tops? Maybe if you are a lover of nature. Perhaps your soul finds its fulfillment in these things so close to God.

Then perhaps you love people and their ideas and their funny characteristics—their laughter—tears of joy—family reunions—young sweethearts—little boys—big eyes and rosy cheeks—giggles blushing—crew cuts—building sand castles—taking snapshots—building snowmen—climbing mountains eating ice cream—cutting out paper dolls—baby sitting—rock-hopping—and all the things children love to do.

To some people books are the most beautiful things in life—and in History—THE PICKWICK PAPERS—ROMEO AND JULIET—Genetics—Chemistry—Algebra—GREEN DOLPHIN STREET—the BIBLE—"the Psalm of Life"—Al Capp—Little Lulu—Spanish—Biology—Classes—geography—poetry—art—music—Bach, Strauss, Beethoven—the twist—Greek Mythology—the History of Israel—singing with Mitch—Elvis—

Then there are those who love gentleness—new born babies—little girls—Christmas eve—first kiss—Valentines—tender hearts—long distance calls—letters from home—Nephews and nieces—visits—mothers—holding hands—pink and blue—lovers in the moonlight—love songs—sad movies—dreaming and the little Baby Jesus.

People differ in their ideas of loveliness. That's what makes up life. But all combined the most lovely things in life are understanding, simplicity, sincerity and love through Him who first loved us. And "the best things in life are free."

### ANONYMOUS SAGE ADVISES STUDENTS

Xvxn though my typxwritxe is an old modxl, it works quixt wxll xxxept for onx of thx kxyx. I havx wishxd many timxs that it workxd prxfctly. It is trux that thxrx arx forty-six kxyx that function wxll nough, but just onx kxy not working makxs thx diffxrxnax.

Somxtimxs it sxmms to mx that our school spirit is somewhat likx my typxwritxr—not all thx kxy pxxplx arx working prxxply.

You may say to yoursxlf, "Wxll, I am only onx pxrson. I won't makx or brxak thx school." But it doxs makx a diffxrxnax bcausx a school to bx xxxctivx nxxds thx activx participation of xvxy pxrson.

So, thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx pxrson and that your xfforts arx not nxxdxd, rxmxx-brx my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, "I am a kxy pxrson in thx student government of Montreat, and I am nxxdxd vxry much."

—Source Unknown.

### TWIRP WEEK END— (From Page 1)

were viewing the race from the balcony of Howerton Hall.

The young men who were caught were escorted to a dance in the Recreation Hall of Howerton Hall where the Little Abner theme was carried out. The "caught" young gentlemen eagerly awaited their turn as the girls asked them to dance. Jim Rhodes from Ashe-

## Chatter From Platterland

This time let's start off with a look at the top 10 as they stood at press time. "Duke of Earl" by Gene Chandler has been in first place for several weeks, but "Hey Baby" by Bruce Channel moved up from tenth to second in one week. Burl Ives is on the top 10 list with his recording of "Little Bitty Tear" while the record entitled "The Twist" rides one niche below. "Break it to Me Gently," "I Know," and "Baby, It's You" round out the select circle. But that was just the singles; Lets look at the 3 albums.

In first place we find RCA Victor LPM 2362 by Henry Mancini entitled "Breakfast at Tiffany's" This record has been a real smash from Maine to Texas and is far ahead of Mancini's other album, "Combo", (RCA Victor LPM 2258) which is in 38th place. In second place we find an album everyone knows about, "Blue Hawaii" from the picture starring Elvis Presley. Joey Dee and The Starlighters on Roulette R21566 "Doing the Twist at the Peppermint Lounge," hold down third place. These records hold down the most coveted spots in the field; yet somebody's gonna move'em out soon. Who?

Moving up fast in the singles are such discs as "Percolator," which jumped seven spots in seven days, and "Don't Break the Heart," which jumped seventeen spots in seven days. In the album bracket Lawrence Welk's "Moody River" is the fastest mover. It's on a Dot label.

The best bets for breaking into the top 50 within the next few weeks are: "Sugar Blues" by Don Costa's orchestra, "Brown Mountain Light" by Sonny James, and "Don't Fly Away, Flamingo" by the Four Lads.

News from Decca Records tells us that they're putting out a record series entitled "Bing's Hollywood Story." It will consist of 15 separate albums and will contain 189 different songs from 40 Crosby pictures. All songs were taken from the movie soundtracks. You might be interested to know that Bing has 20 gold records to his credit.

Closing out this month, let's run down the list of best sellers in Britain. Every record is by a different artist. "The Young Ones," "Rock-a-Hula Baby," "Let's Twist Again," "Forget Me Not," "Walk on By," "Happy Birthday," "Stranger on the Phone," "I'll Never Find Another You," "Multiplication," and "Crying in the Rain" are the best in England.

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ville, North Carolina was the disc jockey for the evening. The winners of the costume contest were Jean Hadley and Giles Stroud.

The faculty entertained the student body at intermission. The almost perfect day for the women students ended as they escorted their dates back to College Hall dormitory.

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## My Country

There is a special kind of love in everyone's heart. A love common to the people of all the world. I am talking about the love of a person for his country. Many people have said that there are four great loves in the life of every person. These are: the love for God, love for the family, love for the sweetheart, and last, love for the country.

That's why, today, I want to talk to you about my country. Today I am away from it and in a different land. However, I feel closer to it and realize how great is my love for it. This might sound strange to you, but let me tell you why. You might never feel any great emotion when you hear the beautiful anthem of the United States. That is because you are right here. But if you would ever find yourself away from this wonderful land and hear the same anthem, I can assure you, it would be completely different. Perhaps some of you have already experienced that feeling and know how I feel.

Now as I write this to you, thoughts come to my mind like a wonderful living picture and I seem to be there right at this moment. First I think of the Island itself. If you were sometime to look for Puerto Rico on a map of the world, you might have a hard time finding it. You will ask, Why. Simply because of its size. It looks like a small dot compared to the great nations of the world. Perhaps if I illustrate to you in numbers, you might get a better idea of its size. Puerto Rico is a small island situated outside of Central America. Its shape is somewhat rectangular. It has a length from west to east of one hundred miles and from north to south of about thirty-five to forty-miles. This might surprise you because of your towns being larger. But is is interesting to know how many wonderful surprises you can find in this small strip of land.

The first thing that comes to my mind is its beaches—sunny and beautiful. Since the island is so small, the people are never too far from one of them. Then I think of the climate. In Puerto Rico we don't have the remarkable change of seasons as is here. I would say we have a sort of spring all year around. It has its warm and cold days, but I would say that it would not be colder than 60 deg. or higher than 95 deg.. I think of our customs and traditions; one of them is a festival that is celebrated in every city and town each on its respective date. During this time we have a fair with games, dances, Coney Island; some radio and television stars come and sing and at the end of the festival a queen and king are crowned. This is one of the celebrations that brings the most people to town. Finally I think of the people of Puerto Rico, the people that make it what it really is. They are warm and noisy like most of the latin people are.

As you have seen I have tried to present to you just a small picture of my country. There are so many other things I would like to tell you about, but some of them I wouldn't be able to put into words, especially English words. Perhaps some day you will visit Puerto Rico and I hope you find it even prettier and better than what I have told you.

By- Esther Santiago