



**Students Become A Symbol Of Abuse**

Since my last months strike against the college management, very little explanation has been offered why certain conditions still plague the students and cause so much unnecessary confusion. Could it be that the management does not care enough about the students to read their complaints? This is quickly recognized as the most apparent reason and is even amplified by a student who recently summed up the situation as it appears to him. "The Administration will do its utmost to help us, but the problem for them is to find the time."

The college management has aided tremendously in causing friction among the students and Administration. A Catholic student who sought to find out why Catholics were being charged to use school cars to go to mass decided to leave the Business Office while being offered a very poor answer to his situation. The answer was similar to: If I had known what you wanted, I wouldn't have bothered to see you. The Catholic apologized for causing such a disturbance and with good reason reckoned that Presbyterianism was the only religion given formal recognition in Montreat.

This past semester students have continually expressed the ever-popular belief that many teachers are grading unwisely in that it is necessary for a student to agree with a teacher in order to receive a good grade. (BROWN NOSE is the true expression.) However false the aforementioned statement may seem to some who are unwilling to admit that the brownie point system does exist in Montreat, there must be some explanation as to why capable students are making disgusting grades.

It is not entirely fair to criticize the teachers alone. The students did do quite a job of displaying their talents by breaking old records and setting new ones. The freshman class, with the aid of the brownie point system, even though they were supposed to be better prepared than previous classes, managed to get one-third of its members on academic probation. These statistics are shocking but show that the students are, to a certain extent, abusing their own status quo.

I hope that the above is not taken in the attitude that I am waving my flag for or against the Administration, the faculty or the students. I am only stating complaints of all the parties concerned. Anyone who agrees or disagrees is invited to use *Dialette* space to submit their evidence.

**KEEP THE BALL ROLLING**

This year the Student Government Association has overflowed the cup with actions and proposals. The year began with the introduction of the Inter-Dorm Council. This has proven effective and valuable. By this act much strain has been taken from the Honor Court which in effect, has given the court the opportunity to work with greater accuracy.

The new church-chapel honor system is presently being enforced on

what appears to be a trial basis.

Proposals for future action include adding students to the Admissions Committee, having every campus organization to submit a constitution, and allowing girls to wear slacks in the cafeteria.

Students were also asked not to break in the line in the cafeteria. This has had tremendous effect and our students have proved, contrary to rumor, that students do possess respect for others as well as for themselves.

**How Dry I Am**

Due to the failure of last year's drinking rule which would have permitted students to drink within a three-mile radius of the campus, no attempt has been made toward changing the present fifty mile radius. Some students feel by nature that their spirits are free and that they should be allowed to choose in what way they wish to remain free. Others feel as Milton who believed that it was wrong for man to be tempted and suffer a life time for a moment of pleasure.

**A Word Of Gratitude**

*The Dialette* has thus far been received very well by the students. Since the beginning of the year it has shown marked improvement and is now seeking recognition by the Associate Press Association and the Intercollegiate Press Association. *The Dialette* was offered a franchise with the National Advertising Educational Services. Subscription Service has been started and a Circulation Department of 600 copies is constantly being increased. Publication has been on a monthly basis but this semester we hope to make this a bi-weekly publication.

As Editor of *The Dialette* I would like to thank our staff and advisors in aiding in these accomplishments.

**To We Critics**

Are we so petty, so self-centered as to judge others in order to uphold ourselves? All too easily we slip into the self-indulgent expression of anger, when we must strike out against others. How often must we continue in order to satisfy our ego? Because we are inadequate to ourselves, must we prove our inadequacies to others? Only envy can be the leader of greed and all its other kin. And, in the end, what profits have we reaped? Vengeance only destroys the avenger for the offender has all too soon forgotten. To him it is of little proportion. But the avenger does not know the boundaries of proportion.

Anger cannot express its fullest wrath without destroying its maker. It acts much as an atomic plant that has lost control; particles striking, continually striking, destroying much around it; but at last it destroys itself. As humans we are given the right to fight, and the will to survive the hells of life. It takes great courage to fight hell, but it is our right. With God's help we shall win many battles.

Carl Sturgis

**How To Be Miserable**

Some of you might have seen this before, but for those who would really like to know how to be miserable, here it is again.

- (1) Feel sorry for yourself. This is the right place to start. It is almost guaranteed to make you most popular.
  - (2) Worry about things that might happen but probably won't. Everyone always worries but you can always look for more.
  - (3) Complain; this is dandy. Find fault. You can find something wrong with almost anything and everybody. Some people cultivate it. There is nothing that is right.
  - (4) Insist on having your own way. Always demand your rights. Never listen to the other side, refuse to play, just quit.
  - (5) Be sarcastic. Ridicule someone if you can, regardless of the hurt.
  - (6) Be self centered. Only worry about "me". Others don't count.
  - (7) Ignore spiritual resources. Neglect your faith.
  - (8) Ignore your moral teachings. Violate your own conscience. Always down grade others' character and reputation.
- O. K. There it is. Now if you really want to be a "supercool" start to work immediately on these eight points and build yourself a completely different character.

**Stop Gripping**

Should students complain about and scoff at Montreat when there is a lack of a quest for knowledge, an apathy, an intellectual stagnation, fostered not by administration or faculty, but by the students? Should students complain of events being required, or even of the quality of speakers, when there is the ever-present chance of embarrassment at a non-required function because of the appearance of but a handful of students? While the speakers at Montreat have often not been of the highest caliber, little or no attempt has been made by the student body to come and assess the value of a speaker, except at required functions.

Not a very good commentary on Montreat students, or a very good argument for abolishing required chapel, is it? Have you ever heard groans when a student dares to quote Plato or pencils are thrown down in annoyance when a student uses a vocabulary higher than twelfth grade? Not only is this a bad commentary, but it is discouraging to those who might wish to read Plato or cultivate a college vocabulary. Perhaps the students who carefully avoid unrequired speakers and moan at the mention of Plato and toss down pencils at the drop of a "ten-dollar"

**WHERE ARE THOSE WHO WERE GOING TO TURN THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN**

In the life of each of us on this earth-each human who is more than a vegetable-there has been at least one moment when we vowed to be true to our finest instincts, forever. For some it was a religious experience; for others it was a deep patriotic feeling; for still others it was simply a realization that to truly live proudly with themselves they had to be true to the best that was within them. This moment may have been inspired by a desire to help humanity or by a desire to be oneself to the fullest or by a desire to gain a glorious place in history. Whatever the motivation, each of us has known a glorious moment when we vowed to be true to honor, no matter what the cost, forever.

Honor is not something that is ignored a lifetime, and then suddenly upheld in a crisis. The person who takes the honorable path in a maze of beckoning, dishonorable paths-whether he choose while a world watches or only he is the man who has chosen the honorable path all along. He has not only chosen honor in major areas, but in the seemingly minor areas. He has told the truth when it was most unadvantageous; he has defended an opinion when it cost to speak up; he has criticized but also given an alternative.

Yes, each of us has known that moment when we vowed to uphold honor, no matter what and we have seen that resolve slowly erode each time we told a lie because it was easier on us, or kept our beliefs to ourselves because it was expedient, or were against something simply to tear it down. Now is the time to stop the erosion and rebuild-to uphold honor in our daily, undramatic lives-else tomorrow our resolve to uphold honor may have eroded to the point of collapse, and we may have no honor.

**Who Wrote 95 Theses? Faculty Or Student? Send Your Ideas To The Dialette**

word, should re-examine their motivations for coming to college, and ask themselves if they know all they wish to know. And they should stop griping about required functions and boring speakers and dull classes until they come up with some answers.

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