

# Highest Appreciation Is Thanksgiving

The approaching Thanksgiving Day stirs memories of the events which overshadowed this day last year. The scene is still fresh: the flag-draped casket, the horse-drawn cortege, the sound of muffled drums and marching feet and a widow's majestic beauty. All our Thanksgivings can have a new dimension of meaning if we take seriously an idea expressed by our fallen leader a few days before his death.

President Kennedy issued his last Thanksgiving Day Proclamation on November 5, 1963, and after the assassination President Johnson urged that it be read in the churches on Thursday, November 28. A single sentence from that proclamation speaks of the true meaning of the day and cautions that real thanksgiving is not easy nor cheap. The president wrote: "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them."

In the week ahead many words of gratitude will be spoken. It is the expected, the traditional thing to do. But for the alert, sensitive person this season and the late president's proclamation require us to examine the depth of our thanksgiving. The "highest appreciation" is not in uttering words of gratitude, but in living by them.

Our thoughts at Thanksgiving surely include family and home, friends, our national heritage and ideals, the opportunity for an education, our college and those who sacrificed to make her great, the church and the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ.

If this season is to be meaningfully observed we must find ways of relating ourselves more helpfully to each of these. "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them."

—Robert Melvin  
College Chaplain

# Not For Preaching

Most of us, no doubt, are familiar with the difference between a preaching service and a prayer meeting. Some of us, however, tend to forget.

Indeed, both types of worship services are means to the same end. They both serve to present Christ as Lord and Savior of mankind—the unique hope of salvation. Beyond this point I think each has its own particular job. The preaching service seeks to convict the lost of their sins, direct them to the Cross and challenge them to Christ-like living. The prayer service should be used for the purpose of offering participants a means and opportunity to draw close to God in song and prayer.

I do not attend student prayer service to hear a sermon but rather to unwind from a hectic week's activities. There, through the meditative silence and the meditative spoken word of the service I receive a renewal of spiritual strength and peace.

Student prayer service is an important part of our college life. Let's strive to keep it the worshipful and meditative service it should be so that it can achieve its true purpose.

—Steve R. Spain

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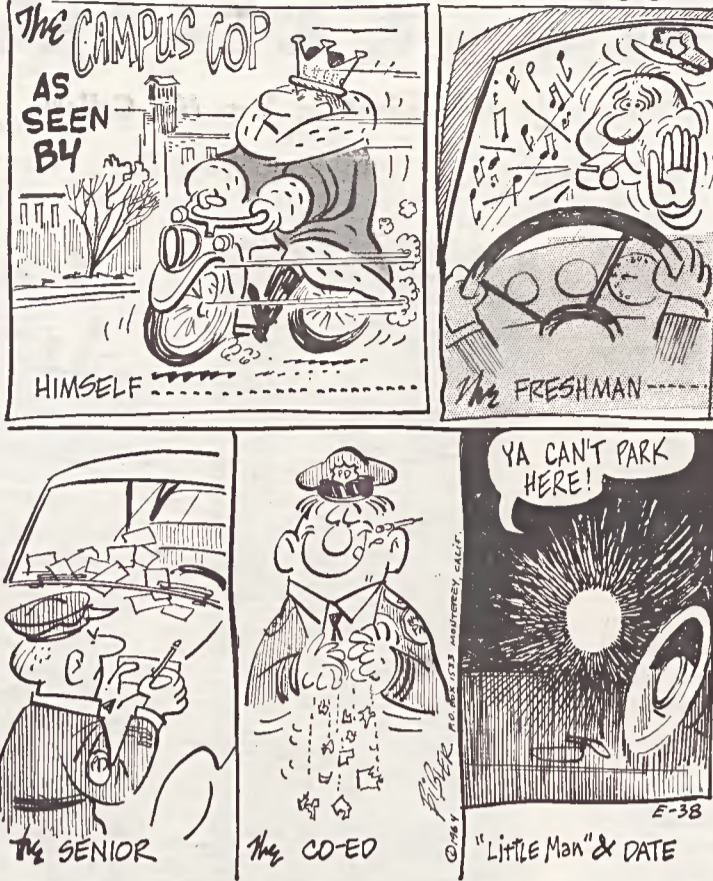


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## LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



## Letters to the editor...

Dear Sir:

As the holiday season is upon us and we celebrate Thanksgiving in the spirit of appreciation to God, I would like to speak out as a friend to my fellow classmates on an important issue—that of values. How is it that in and around the dorms we hear the word God mentioned so often in profanity? You would think it were something out of a cheap paperback rather than something important in the development of mature young people at a Baptist college. How is it that we will spend weeks of preparation, labor and frustration planning a trip to a college 75 miles away for an event of approximately four hours and yet cannot work up enough energy to attend a series of special services at a local church that could possibly revolutionize our lives? To go further, how can we campaign and prepare months in advance in all

the dormitories on this campus for an election of student body officers but cannot find time to speak to a fellow down the hall who is in need of a friend or a friendly word.

No, this letter is not to way-faring ministerial students but to every person who breathes of the air and exists because God loves him or her enough to allow it. We can argue dancing and smoking, but we just do not have the time to "present (our) bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is (our) reasonable service."

I do not condemn anything or judge anyone, but let us simply ask ourselves what is most lasting and most important. I write this letter out of concern for my friends, the college, and the community as a whole.

—Respectfully,  
Malcolm Privette

## Scratchpad Scribblings...

The numerous curtain calls and the standing ovation given the cast of "The Miracle Worker" by an enchanted audience showed deep delightment and appreciation for a job well done by the entire cast.

Paula Sams and Ann Johnson deserve special recognition for their excellent performances.

Dolly Lavery has become a star overnight because of her recent appearance in the play "The Miracle Worker." In case you didn't see her don't be alarmed. She was that talented rooster in the background.

Among the special items on the entertainment calendar for second semester are these:

William Warfield, the famous Negro bass-baritone who made such a hit with Mars Hillians in 1962, will return on Feb. 23.

A change of pace is on schedule for Mar. 1, when the award-winning news analyst Howard K. Smith will present a lecture on "The Changing Challenges to America."

The husband and wife piano team of Nelson and Neal will return in their special-built bus on Apr. 30 to perform for the sec-

ond consecutive year.

Early last Sunday morning sophomore Gene Richardson slid down the frost-covered pipe banisters leading from the big circle to the cafeteria. In doing so he did a back flip, and won a pair of crutches for a week.

At the recent meeting of the Business Honor Club Casey Frederick, Don Briggs, Harry Taylor and Tom Holmes gave reports on "The Ten Best-Managed Corporations Today."

Third floor Melrose has skid marks in its hall. Look out for the bicycles!

A man running was asked,

"Who pursues?"

He answered,

"Life"

And ran on.

He was a fool.

Didn't someone once say that variety is the spice of life? Oh, well, it sounds good anyway. I'm sure that the Thanksgiving holidays will offer us some desirable "spice." Just think—home-cooked turkey and dressing, fellowship with family and friends, lots of sleep and no 8 o'clock classes. May your Thanksgiving be a safe and meaningful one.

## The Sex Revolution

"To bed or not to bed" that is the question seemingly requiring much kicking around today and it usually finds itself unanswered under the rug. Many phases of sex conduct have been discussed over and over such as sexual relationships before and outside of marriage, but will be concerned with the mock Shakespearean question above, but only for the young adults specifically before marriage.

Why is the question so prominent on campus today? There are seven main reasons. The first is that youth is constantly tantalized by the exploited idea that sex sells everything from clothes and cars to spaghetti and records. Secondly, sex is worshipped in the forms of such so called "goddesses" as Elizabeth Taylor, whose morals are as widely known as the formula for water. Thirdly, youth is constantly exposed to the same environment that married people are. Fourth, youth has more privacy than ever before. Fifth, young adults begin dating younger and younger, and it is not uncommon today to find a sixth grader worrying about a date. Sixth, marriage is possible at a younger age, for a girl of 16 who has begun dating at 12 is ready for marriage at an earlier year. Seventh, penicillin and oral contraceptives have removed many obstacles to pre-marital relations.

A sexual revolution has taken place which greatly affects every campus on the college scene. In men it has been a welcomed change, as far as women are concerned, because men no longer seem to demand chastity in their brides, nor do they mind the abandonment of old standards of sexual morality women used to practice. Men actually encourage sexual freedom because it frees them of responsibility of marriage, and gives them a free outlet for their sexual urges.

The woman has revolutionized her thinking about sex practices, and the unmarried girl has very little shame over her affairs although she is still reluctant to discuss them with anyone. When she gets in college, she finds just as in high school a great amount of popularity often depends on three things and unjustly so: First, the extent of her morals about sex; second, whether she will drink; third, is she in the right crowd. All three tend to encourage her to lower her standards to such a degree until finally she figures, there is no stopping now, for I have done these things once, there is nothing to stop me from doing them over again. And so she does.

Often, and perhaps most important, are the consequences of physical union outside of marriage; and on the college level with which we are concerned there are three grave dangers the first of which is the loss of the opportunity for an education, through a hurried marriage. Most students cannot afford to go to school without the aid of their parents, and most parents usually let the newly weds accept the responsibility of their marriage. The second is the unwanted child; of the 250,000 born yearly a great many are born to college coeds. One million two hundred thousand abortions are attempted or completed each year, and this statistic should drive home just how many people do not want a child. We do not say that every physical union results in pregnancy, but it might. The third is finding yourself married to someone whom you really do not love.

Where does the college student stand on the scales of weighing the pros and cons? He stands within himself, and only a realistic look at the negative side of sex outside of the sacred vows will enable him to envision a love growing into a spiritual meeting of two minds which will culminate in marriage as the highest and most rewarding and triumphal rung.

—The Seahawk  
Wilmington College

## Now Is the Time

Paul S. McElroy, in his book *Moments of Meditation*, states "today is the time to begin to tackle a few of the challenges and the opportunities around us. Today is the time to speak only kind words about others. Today is the time to give something of ourselves, our time and our resources, where they are urgently needed. Today is the time to do at least one worthy thing which we have long postponed. Today is the time in which to express our noblest qualities of mind and heart. Today is the time to make a beginning." Let us strive to be masters of today and every day.