

Self Discipline Price Of Freedom

David K. Alexander, in his article entitled "On Becoming a Free Man" in the Oct. 1962 issue of *The Baptist Student*, gives an account of a particular attitude which he finds persistent among Christian college students. Since 99 per cent of Mars Hill's students are professed Christians this article should be of interest to most of us and is applicable to many of us.

"Quite often while visiting a campus I am aware of the attitude of rebellion on the part of Christian students—toward the administration, the church, parents, authority of any kind. Occasionally I find that adult and student leaders have accepted this as qualifying one to be a college or university student. Sometimes I am surprised to find at least a subtle pride in the fact that the attitude of the students on a campus resembles a forth-right declaration of independence.

"To what degree this is felt to be a mark of maturity, I have often wondered.

"Life is no freeway void of speed limits, curves, detours, obstacles, or motor breakdowns. One does not mature, neither does he enjoy life nor himself by scoffing at discipline or by resenting those who must enforce certain guidelines upon us.

"If college teaches us anything, it should teach us this truth. The very courses taken are called academic disciplines. Few students (or professors) excel without disciplining themselves to master their subjects.

"We must cooperate with different kinds of givens, different kinds of laws that take their toll upon us if we break them. God is ultimate authority as well as reality. The Bible recognizes the place of human authority in the state.

"The Christian finds freedom through enslavement to Christ; he finds creativity through discipline and discipleship, fullness by emptying himself."

A Wise Suggestion

North Carolina needs teachers. The colleges recruit teacher-trainees. Most of these kids go to college on limited budgets.

They're dedicated, but some of them are also influenced by the fact that they can borrow money against their future teaching services.

Not enough money, mind you, to pay more than a minimum part of the total educational bill, but a little money — enough to supplement the total cost.

So what happens? They get to be seniors, if they're lucky, and most of the State Colleges decree that they do practice teaching—one week of "observation," eight weeks of actual teaching, in a school to which they're assigned. The State provides no stipend for room-rent in Raleigh, Charlotte, Monroe, or, in truth, anywhere.

The State extracts rental for the rooms they vacate in Chapel Hill or Greensboro. The student pays that cost plus the cost of lodging in the town to which he's assigned.

We propose a bill: Let the State pay for off-campus room-rent that the State requires.

We want teachers? Why not prove it?
—The Asheville Citizen

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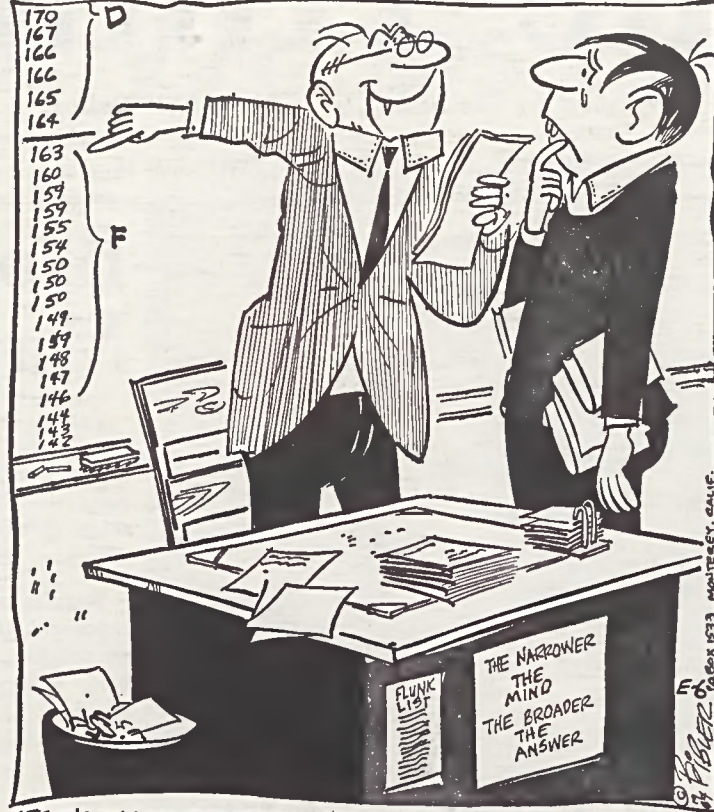


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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



Scratchpad Scribblings...

Coach Harrell Wood, who underwent a tonsillectomy during the Christmas holidays, suffered additional injury last week when one of his ribs collided with Bo Dishman's elbow during a gym-class basketball game. X-rays revealed a crack in the rib. No report has been received on the condition of Bo's elbow.

Drama and speech teacher Jim Thomas is getting "cityfied." He and Mrs. Thomas and their son are moving to Asheville. He will commute and she will be closer to her work at Mission Hospital.

Miss Mildred Bingham, head of the business department, scored an historic first last Sunday when she was ordained a deaconess. She is the first woman so ordained by the 109-year-old Mars Hill Baptist Church and one of the few in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Belated congratulations to Peggy Dinkins, Dianne Jaynes, Donna Lewis, Jean Miller, Polly Peach, Jackie Trivette and Fran Walker, who were selected as finalists in the "Miss Laurel" contest. The winner will be chosen by TV star Andy Griffith.

A very special Christmas gift, a daughter, came to senior Nancy Thomas and her husband just before the holidays. In the absence of Nancy's husband Bobby, who was away in service, Pastor Charles Davis drove Mrs. Thomas to the hospital accompanied by Osann Raulerson, student assistant in the infirmary.

Congratulations to Nancy Morgan, Diane Vaughn and Joyce Dunlap, who have been named the most outstanding members of the Women's Recreation Association.

Re-opening of the recently closed Cub Restaurant has been set tentatively for Jan. 23 by the new owners, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Warrick. Extensive renovation is in progress. Already the proprietors of the Soda Shoppe, the Warricks have indicated the possibility of changing the name of the former Cub to Campus Corner.

Good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harvey (nee Elaine Mull), who were married during Christmas holidays and are now living in a trailer across the street from the Methodist Church.

Band Director Wayne Pressley

is in need of several more musicians for his concert group. Clarinet, French horn and trumpet players interested in joining the band should see him at his office in the Fine Arts Building before the new term begins. Don't forget, the band makes a week-long concert trip just before spring holidays!

Plans for a week-long series of guest speakers on our campus early in March have been made by Dr. Evelyn Underwood and a faculty committee. Nationally prominent news analyst Howard K. Smith will initiate the series. Sounds as though it could be an out of the ordinary experience for both students and faculty.

If exams set your nerves on edge, think what they must be doing to three persons confined to the infirmary: Charles Reeves, Dwain Kinsland, and Steve Spain.

Quite a few Mars Hillians who have been away from the campus practice teaching will return second semester. Welcome back gang!

Junior music student Bill Rotan has just been called as minister of music by the Marshall Baptist Church.

A new experience — night classes — is about to be encountered by some Mars Hillians. Mrs. Margaret Bridges will teach a library science course in audio-visual aids on Tuesdays and Thursdays next term.

Anticipating a full semester of activities ahead, the Science Honor Club elected officers Monday night. Jerry Davis was promoted from vice president and succeeded by Douglas Justice. Carol Hunt was re-elected secretary, and Ernest Jones and Evelyn Morrow were elected treasurer and social chairman, respectively.

Laurels Mailable

Students not returning second semester who want their copy of the 1965 "Laurel" mailed to them should leave their address with Mrs. Harmon in the Public Relations Department, Mr. Smith, advisor to the yearbook, stated.

The book should be ready for distribution around the middle of May, he said.

New Term Links Past and Future

As we come to the end of this semester, many of us must begin thinking about the new term before us. In a very short time we will have to register for new courses, meet new teachers, buy more books and perhaps even change some plans.

I do not care to preach the usual sermon concerning turning over a new leaf, or beginning with a clean slate, or other similar quotations. These are heard too often, and frequently too convincing. Granted, one may begin a new page; but we must remember that it will be only one page in the book of our college career.

A new semester actually is not begun with a clean slate. No matter how we try, next semester's slate will always be colored with some of the dust from the present and past semesters. Contrary to our dream, each semester is a product of the ones before it. What teachers, or administration, or fellow students know about cannot be changed by the arrival of a new semester. What we have learned will not be forgotten by the mere passage of so short a time, nor can what we have missed be so suddenly learned.

Just as this semester will not be erased by exams, so next semester will bear directly on our lives. In the coming semester, we will have a chance to renew old, perhaps decayed, friendships. We will have a chance to re-impress teachers and peers with our abilities, rather than our lack of them. We will have a chance through diligence, to catch up on things we have missed, to reinforce the knowledge we have and to extend our abilities into other areas.

Each semester of our college career is not an entity. Each relates directly to previous and following ones. Let us work diligently in the coming semester to prepare ourselves for the future.

—Jimmy Daughtry

Exams Can Make As Well As Break

This week we are engaged in a most real and earnest struggle with exams and, thus, are brought face to face with the reality of our shortcomings. Our attitude and state of mind at this late date reflect how well we have prepared ourselves and used our time throughout this semester.

As we face a new semester we face a renewed opportunity to better prove ourselves academically. If we will allow them to be, our failures and short-comings can be blessings in disguise. Let us be wise enough to learn from our mistakes. George Washington is given credit for having once said, "It is all right to make a mistake, but don't make the same one twice."

No matter how hard we try or how many relations we make, we shall continue to fall short of our goals. This is no indication that we should give up; but, rather, it is an indication that we must strive harder.

How we react to failure is of greater significance than the failure itself. When we stumble and fall let us not wallow in our own despair, but instead, pick ourselves up and continue to run the race set before us.

—Steve R. Spain

Goodbye, Students; Hello, Alumni

For some readers this will be the final edition of the *Hilltop*. Some of you will be leaving campus as soon as your exams are finished and never to return as students.

Please remember when you leave Mars Hill as a student — whether you graduate or not — you become an alumnus and join the ranks of the college's nearly 20,000 living alumni. Your loyalty and your continued interest in Mars Hill College are sincerely solicited.

If you will keep the Alumni Office informed of your current mailing address, you will regularly receive news concerning the college and your former classmates and friends. If you will write occasionally to Miss Kathleen Wallin in the Alumni Office and tell her of your marriage, the arrival of children, promotions and other achievements, your friends and former classmates will be informed about you.