

Life's Direction Focus Week Question

Has anyone ever asked you the question, "Where are you going?" It is my belief that one cannot know where he is headed but can only point himself in the direction of certain goals and follow through daily with what preparation seems necessary to achieve those goals.

Christian Focus Week will be guided this year by the question Quo Vadis? — "Whither goest thou?" In the book Quo Vadis by Henryk Sienkiewicz, Peter was asked this question as he fled Rome. He wished to avoid persecution and to preserve the gospel by his action. When God asked this question, the answer He sought not only referred to a geographical place but reached out to include life itself. The Apostle Peter knew that his decision affected his life's commitment, so he returned to Rome to be martyred along with other Christians.

During Christian Focus Week a team of persons representing various walks of life will attempt to bring this question before the student body and to provoke thought. Attendance at the services, discussion groups and other activities will not be required. It is not expected that everyone will go to each activity; but it is hoped that students will make use of the opportunity before them. Teachers have been requested to avoid major assignments during this week so that students will feel free to attend the various meetings.

In preparation I would ask first of all that each one pray for the success of this week. Secondly, I would suggest that students take time to consider their values, their convictions and goals in life. Are there any gaps, questions, doubts? Possibly this week could lead to solutions.

—Dolly Lavery
Religion Reporter

Christians Declining

There are many Americans affiliated with churches who are agnostics, deists and people who think that Jesus Christ was only a man.

In a recent survey, nearly 3,000 church members of all denominations were questioned.

In response to the question, "Which of the following statements comes closest to what you believe about God?" three percent of the Catholics and seven percent of the Protestants subscribed to a deist position: "I don't believe in a personal God, but I do believe in a higher power of some kind."

One per cent of the Catholics and one per cent of the Protestants were frankly agnostic: "I don't believe there is a God and I don't believe there is any way to find out."

Only 57 per cent of the Protestants and 81 per cent of the Catholics believed in the virgin birth.

After looking at these startling figures, one should realize the perils which Christianity is facing and recognize the responsibilities he has as a church member.

Although you may express concern over these figures and affirm that you are a dedicated Christian, you may still fail the test of a dedicated Christian. Many professing Christians would not be recognized by their actions alone.

—The Skyliner
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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"I'M GONNA HAVE A 'SNAP' THIS SEMESTER—LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE TAKIN' TH' SAME COURSES I HAD LAST TERM."

Scratchpad Scribblings...

Congratulations to Linda Brooks, Mart Britt and Craig Green, Joyce Dunlap, Gail Thompson and John David McGee (a 1964 graduate), Faye Shaw and Tony Yates, "Doodle" Vaughn and M. O. Brinkley, Mary Ann Holland and Kees Auer, Dianna Couch and Jim Weathers, Ann Mize and Ron Spearman (a 1964 graduate), Elaine Mize and Duffy Wood and former students Peg Ormsby and Bill Witt, all of whom have taken an important step toward marriage by having become engaged recently.

Congratulations to Bill and Elizabeth Deans — she was enrolled first semester and he was here last year — in the birth of a daughter, Donna Elizabeth, on Jan. 21.

Did you know that snow is slippery as well as beautiful? Well, ask Floyd Bateman. Floyd, a Floridian, was so fascinated by the snow Monday that he could not resist the temptation of sliding down boy's hill. He realized too late that he could not stop. Luckily, the only thing hurt was his ego.

Tom Remcho and Larry Patton are to be congratulated on having been accepted by graduate schools. Tom was accepted by the University of Oklahoma; and Larry was granted admission by Southeastern Seminary.

Early one morning recently Lois Shearon, Mary Ann Shearon and Linda Mills had quite a fright as they came upon a man draped with an American flag, much as one would wear a Mexican blanket, entering Fox Dormitory. It seems that the flag had acquired a tear and was being taken into the dorm to be mended.

The residents of Myers Dorm have discovered that "Mom" Fulcher, their versatile hostess, has a "green thumb." She has nursed an Amaryllis from a bulb to a giant beauty 33 inches tall with a span of 44 1/2 inches. It possesses five blooms which measure six inches each.

Ron Searcy, who had eye surgery between semesters, registered Monday and is attending classes although he is still unable to study while his eye heals. "It's an uproarious farce!" This

is what the Saturday Review had to say about "The Mouse that Roared" which is to be produced by the Dramateers March 12-13. A tentative cast has been chosen and rehearsals are now being held. The 28 member cast includes 13 men and 15 coeds.

Some points to ponder: According to Dr. George Lahner, psychologist at the University of California, people who have been badly hurt by unfortunate personal experiences frequently are afraid to break out of the shells they have built around themselves. They live in fear.

To reach important goals in the future, the mature person uses his developed sense of time perspective; he plans ahead. He sets his sights on realistic achievements, regulates his present activities so that they will bring him closer to his goals, learns to take disappointment in stride. This is the way faith works — faith in the goodness of God and in one's own God-given capabilities.

"What a pity we cannot exchange our problems. Everyone knows exactly how to solve the other fellow's."

The story and picture of the proposed new gymnasium in the last issue of the Hilltop has evoked quite a bit of discussion and enthusiasm around the campus. Here is some additional information of interest.

Architectural details of the proposed structure are in keeping with the other major buildings on the campus, especially Moore Auditorium, Memorial Library, the cafeteria and Fox and Myers dormitories, which have been designed by the same architectural firm, Six Associates of Asheville.

The new building will be the 10th major building erected since Dr. Blackwell became president in 1938. In addition to those listed above, the list includes Edna Moore, Stroup and Huffman dorms and the science building.

A drive to raise funds for the building was launched in December. In appealing to alumni and other friends for contributions Dr. Blackwell proudly pointed out that the college is presently debt free, a boast which most privately supported colleges cannot make.

Advisor Praises SGA Leader

There is an organization on campus that serves much credit and more support from student body and all persons interested in present and future affairs of this institution. It wasn't exactly a hard race, but I won the position of advisor to this organization, the Student Government Association. You may think I am in jest, but I want to thank those people who saw the opportunity to further my education. I am much more an observer than an advisor, in this light I want to thank Dean Lynch and Dean Logan for their support.

Without itemizing events I would like to press my appreciation for what the students doing under the leadership of the class and mitory officers and, of course, Gary Brooks and David Clapp. Sure, you've heard and hear disparaging remarks. But, let me in you to study what they have been doing the motives behind their acts.

Often, while many people are out to a mo sitting by the fire side with an interesting book (biology, no doubt) or even in the so these folks are attempting to iron out problems and plan for the future for the benefit of all us. I assure you their efforts are honest. The pay is the satisfaction of knowing they taking part in helping MHC grow into maturity as a senior institution. Mistakes have been made and will be made, but each one is a lesson tucked away for future reference.

You are a part of this organization. You join those who deride it, or you can stop give a serious thought to it. Who knows, it may lead to a second one and maybe even a genuine contribution.

—Francis Monte

Spotlight 'Hogs' Hurt Organization

Do too few students fill too many of the places of leadership on the campus and, as a result, ship shod jobs?

This question was discussed recently in editorial in the student newspaper at East Carolina College reproduced here:

We were talking to someone recently who was bemoaning the fact that he is in charge of a club, but still has to do most of the work. When asked why he did not delegate the authority to someone else, he answered that he did not have enough qualified members. It seems the people who are interested and have ability are in a majority of the campus organizations. Since they are in numerous positions they cannot give the proper amount of attention each one. In this way, the group suffers.

We realize that it is a great honor to have your name in Who's Who Among Students of American Universities and Colleges or to have a long string of activities listed after your name in the annual. But it takes more than a large number of activities to earn the honor. Only the individual can tell if he has put everything should have into his work. A halfhearted attempt at office holding hurts more than it helps more ways than one.

There are those who really want to become a part of an organization. They desire to do their part to the betterment of the college. They are faced with a lack of organization caused by the leaders and people in key position not having sufficient time to devote to their jobs. This reason the new members lose interest drop out. Again the club loses because there are not enough people in the top positions who spend the necessary amount of time.

Where are the others who should be sharing the load? For the most part they are the ones who sit back and criticize. They are the ones who make it necessary for the overburdened students to bear the full load.

We are in favor of persons joining groups and need their help. In this way, they can find a number of people who share their interests. They can spend their spare time in a necessary capacity where they are able to allot the proper amount of time to their duties. This is the way they can serve to best advantage.

One of the best ways to get full benefit from your four years here is to take an active part in a useful organization. To serve it to the best of your ability and not to spread yourself so thin that you will not be able to do any one job well.