

With A Fond Adieu

This issue of the Spectator marks the end of the "first-semester regime." Your next edition will be edited by a new staff.

To Max McAuley, the next editor-in-chief, I relinquish my editorial pen with a great deal of regret, because the duty of editing your school paper is done with a feeling of accomplishment, a service, and pride. After having worked with him during this past semester, I know that he is capable of keeping the paper "in line," and of turning out greater results than did your staff of first semester. Thanks, Max, for your assistance.

I would also like to use this occasion for thanking my business staff for putting forth all the efforts it did in keeping the Spectator on a sound financial basis. Best wishes as you continue your task next semester!

To Miss Sarah May Vancil, advisor to the editorial staff, I extend my sincerest appreciation for all the time and worry she has put forth in advising us as to how to keep our newspaper, a journalistic experiment, as journalistic as possible.

My reporting staff deserves the greatest congratulations of anyone for representing the news to you, the student body. The editor's job is merely one of compiling the news items brought in by the reporters. And I think the reporters on the current staff are to be congratulated on doing one of the finest jobs of news-coverage within the last few years.

Many other students and the faculty members deserve some thanks for the aid they gave in cooperating with the reporters and editors in the task of news-coverage. I hope that all of you, both students and faculty members continue to do as much for the new staff as you have for me.

We have mentioned the fact several times before, that this is your paper. The Spectator is what you, the students of McPherson College make out of it. My suggestion is that you continue to make news and then Max will not be lacking in good material with which to present you an attractive and interesting newspaper.

I repeat once more that it has been a great pleasure to edit for you, your newspaper, the Spectator!

Evaluating Success

This world of cut-throat competition and dog-eat-dog in which we find ourselves today sees us sending cheers up to the person who has triumphed and won in the battle of rivalry.

It is the man who has won the most power over his fellowmen, the man who has obtained large numbers of possessions, the man who has the greatest notoriety that we pay homage to, and stand admiring his successes.

To the man who has triumphed over his fellowmen, whether it is a success of athletics, grades, money, position or possession, goes the world acclaim.

But how many have risen only by pushing a fellow man down? Is the person who has won the "A" the one to be admired when he refuses to aid the friend with the "D"? Is the person who has won the advantage at the other person's expense the one to extol? Is it the man who has won who needs encouragement?

Not to be the apple of the crowd's eye, not to be the object of flashy newspaper copy, but just to be a person who has done his very best and has seen the other man walk off with the prize and win the goal is deserving of admiration.

To try one's best and miss the mark, to give all and receive nothing, and still face life with cheerfulness, kindness and optimism is a triumph. To rejoice in another's success and be happy in knowing that he has done his best is the real sign of victory.

The sin is not in missing the goal; the sin is in not trying.—ACP.

What A College Editor Would Do If He Were In Your College Shoes

The editor of The Bulletin of Mary Washington College looks back in a feature titled, "If I were a Freshman Again."

"I would budget my time to include both studies and extra-curricular activities.

"I would get more sleep—at least eight hours.

"I would worry less about how I was going to get things done and go ahead and do them. I would worry less about exams, but keep up with daily work.

"I would try to budget my allowance so that I wouldn't be broke by the second day. I wouldn't spend all my money on new clothes and then write home for more. I wouldn't call home (reverse charges) every time I got a deficiency.

"I wouldn't let anyone make me ashamed of working part-time, because I know it will be a future asset.

"I would cut down on the Cokes and Nabs, diet, and eat meals regularly.

"I wouldn't be so critical of the food. I'd develop more interesting

table talk.

"I would make friends with my profs and not hesitate to ask them questions. I wouldn't approach the faculty with filippic and disrespect.

"I wouldn't cut classes more than I should. I would attend more of the social functions — teas, dances, and lyciums.

"I certainly wouldn't believe all the gossip on the campus concerning students or faculty.

"I would be more considerate of roommates when I had 3:30's and they didn't. I wouldn't borrow clothes. I would fix up my room much cuter than I did. I'd have gay curtains and spreads and I'd have a place to pin souvenirs.

"I would read a book on bridge. I would write cheerful letters home instead of weebegone ones that were full of my little hearaches and troubles.

"I would balance the see-saw between 'joiner' and 'stay-in-the-room.'

"I would be sure to keep a good 'rep' and be my true self.—ACP.

Federalized Education?

Education, traditionally a state function, is currently under Washington scrutiny because of present teacher pay demands. At least nine senators and congressmen have written and introduced bills for federal education funds during the present session of congress. In an editorial, Collier's sees federal aid as the answer to the present teacher shortage.

Here is evidence indicative of another entrance into state matters by the federal government. Advocates of state sovereignty point to the evils of bureaucratic government, top-heavy government, and government by remote control as pitfalls of centralization.

Without arguing one way or another on the much-debated states' rights issue, it's a fact that a democratic nation must possess a good school system if it is to perpetuate itself. At present such a system is the responsibility of the states. Should the states fail to "clean their own houses" with respect to their apathy over teachers' salaries, it's a good bet that the federal government, by popular demand, will step in and take over in the field of education.—ACP.

Vancil Dunahoo Has Appendectomy Performed

Last Monday, Vancil Dunahoo was stricken with an appendicitis attack. Dr. Heaston recommended immediate surgery. The appendectomy was performed at 8 o'clock Monday night.

Van is recovering nicely, according to hospital officials. He is allowed to have a few visitors at a time.

The nurses made him get up and stand by the bed the day after the operation. He can sit up in bed for short periods also.

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