

*Mrs Pleasant*

## FINE ARTS

To me it seems as if when God conceived the world, that was Poetry; He formed it, and that was Sculpture; He colored it, and that was Painting; He peopled it with living beings, and that was grand, divine, eternal Drama.

--- Charlotte Cushman

## THE PROFESSIONAL GROWTH OF FACULTY MEMBERS

In any evaluation of a college staff the item of professional growth is an important consideration. Probably no "equation of growth" could be evolved to fit all individuals. But there are certain common indices that may be accepted as evidences of improved efficiency and continued growth.

One of these indices is an experimental approach to the problems of teaching. When method becomes stereotyped, it is likely to outrank results in the teacher's scale of values. But if accomplishment is the prime objective, both method and content become flexible. They find their proper places as experimental agencies subject to modification in the light of a scientific and impartial judgment. Furthermore, since the attitude of the College as a whole is one of experimental attack upon educational problems, that attack can be supported and sustained only through an experimental attitude on the part of individual members of the staff.

Alertness to educational change and educational needs is another indication of increasing stature professionally. A lag in interest and awareness with respect to present and developing problems means inevitably a lag in education. It is not enough to keep in step; one must also keep abreast. Preoccupation with the "fixed factors" of routine and subject matter makes for static conditions in the classroom.

Another index of growth is a continued and lively interest in one's own field of specialization. The teacher of history, for example, continues to be a student of history; the teacher of English is constantly enlarging his mastery of English; the teacher of sociology broadens and deepens his understanding of society and its contemporary problems. Thus his own knowledge becomes a continuously richer resource for instruction.

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Other factors or symptoms of growth might be indicated; for example, improved support with students, increased attainment on the part of students, more successful student motivation. But the significant point to be made is that teacher growth is highly essential to student growth. Any college administration, in evaluating the work of its staff, will do well to weigh professional growth on the job as one of the most important criteria of judgment.

---Stephens College News Reporter, November,

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#### GOOD PUBLIC CONDUCT

The Pittsburgh Courier is conducting a good public conduct program with the view of improving inter-racial social relationships in America. They are using newspapers, radios, public speakers, merchants, school teachers and principals, and persons in all walks of life to make a successful effort in building better race relations.

#### ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES

Dean George W. Gore, Jr and Doctor Earl Sasser represented A and I State College at the annual meeting of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in Southern States at South Carolina A and M College, Orangeburg, December 7 - 9.

#### MEETINGS

The Commencement Committee will meet in A 207 Monday, December 11 at 3 p m.

#### CLASS RECESS PERIOD

Instruction will formally end for the Fall Quarter on Friday, December 15 at 6 p m and will be resumed Tuesday, January 2 with registration at 8 a m in the College Gymnasium.

#### OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

In determining the number of days for the Fall Quarter multiply the number of times the class meets per week by 12. This means that 3 hour courses will have a maximum attendance of 36 days, four hour courses a maximum of 48 days.

Grades should be filed in the Registrar's Office not later than 4 p m Monday, December 18.