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WE IN OUR SELF-CENTERED WORLDS

Look out beyond you. People are living and dying; the world is toppling on an axis of indecision, waiting for you to help decide what its course may be.

It is time "we woke up and lived." I mean the majority of the and pathos of the characters. students here at Bennett. I grant you that some of us may know what the world is doing but there are so many of us who either don't know or have that "it doesn't affect me" attitude.

Does it disturb you in the least to know that the decision on atomic Inquiring Reporter energy may or may not blast our tiny self-centered world to bits? Does it disturb you to know that there are many Americans who still believe that America is an impregnable nation - that no one would dare drop a bomb on us just because we are the United States - that no one would the recent airplane crashes? Have dare go to war with us because we are too powerful? Does it disturb these tragedies affected your attiyou to know that over half of the students did not sign the "Oust Bilbo" petition? Does it disturb you to know that with the death of a Talmadge, another is born in the field of politics to stand pat on the Talmadge hate platform? I ask you, do you call yourself living?

We aren't undefeatable; we can be licked unless we do something about atomic control. We must put men in office who will give us the representation we want, who will give us a chance to live and decide If we elect the wrong man, we can put him out as American citizens, but not unless we have the help of all Americans. We must come out of our worlds and live in this one world. We must decide who wii! make the decisions and make them come out right — the other people or us. Only to sit and listen to others talk about action that should be carried out on issues of racial prejudices, the atomic control, the UNO, the presidential campaign of 1948, the taxes and bills to be passed make you less than half an American citizen. We complain because we are fooled, discriminated against, deprived of opportunities - well, today you can get the things you want, but you won't get them by letting the other tellow do the work. First, you've got to read and keep abreast of what is going on and then you've got to act intelligently and forcefully.

I ask you again-do you call yourselves living . . or drifting? THE EDITOR.

THE ULTIMATE BASIS OF BROTHERHOOD

speeches and to read numbers of articles on the meaning of brother a risk anyway you travel. I also feel M.A. in English in August 1946. hood. We accept as a matter of course what is customarily known as hat radar should be used more ex-Race Relations Day, and in more recent years we have begun to ob tensively by commercial airways to senior year in college for membership serve the third week in February as Brotherhood Week. While there prevent accidents. The crashes now in Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Society. is some value in these speeches, articles, and celebrations, too often are enough to turn one against air He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha they are superficial in nature and do not penetrate the surface of basic ravel but with so much flying plan- Fraternity and Alpha Kappa Sigma human attitudes. If brotherhood is to mean more than a word on our ned for the future, I am sure that Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu National lips, it must manifest itself in improved social relationships because it there are some means by which air Honorary Society. is through the quality of our social behavior that we discern the mean- travel can be made safer. ing of the term and come to appreciate its content. In a sense, brotherhood involves acting brotherly toward our neighbors.

What is the fundamental basis which underlies brotherly action or community or world brotherhood? In answering this question, we should perhaps base our conclusions on those high principles which air travel since the war. The recent we have observed in the lives of those who have been brotherly. In accidents have also changed my atti- likes to attend basketball games. such lives we generally recognize a set of basic attitudes that mani-

fest themselves in kind words and good deeds. First, there is present what may be called a strong tendency to travel by air. appreciate persons, their points of view, and their personalities. Genuine appreciation of people because they are persons, because all MARGARET DERRICKSON: It have one common Father and one common human nature is a landa- seems to me that compared wi'h the mental attitude that lies at the heart of and is always basic to brother number of planes for civi ian use

Secondly, there is an ever present desire to share with others. This ing used now there isn't much differ. spirit of sharing is taken for granted in the family. What person is ence in the crash rate. There is no there who would eat the last loaf of bread or drink the only cup of war going on now, consequently water in the home if he knew that his brother or sister was there and plane crashes are being sensationalwas also very hungry or thirsty? In our homes we share with the others ized in the news and making people until all have been served. In society those with a brotherly spirit also jittery about flying. The crashes share with their neighbors. Indeed there can be no real brotherhood haven't affected my attitude at all. unless there is sympathetic sharing of time, possessions, knowledge and I would still travel by plane as I the like.

-REV. R. D. CROCKETT, Director of Religious Activities.

Reader's Retreat Faculty Close-Up Student of the Month

THE FOXES OF HARROW By FRANK YERBY

From the pen of one of America's most promising Negro writers comes a story alive with human sympathy. Mr. Yerby is one of the few Nagro novelists who has written a bestseller free from perjudice and not burdened with racial tension.

The setting is in New Orleans a New Orleans of yesterday where great fortunes were made or lost overnight - a time when thieves, gentlemen, slaves and beautiful ladies walked side by side.

Into this background comes Stephen Fox, who in a few short weeks, becomes the richest man in that area With great intensity the author re lates of his love, happiness, sorrow misfortune and final tragedy. Closely connected with Fox's every move was his slave, Big Inch; an old slave woman, Carolina, full of mystery and secret knowledge; and the lovely quadroon. Desiree who brought him happiness and peace of mind.

The story moves smoothly carry ing the reader through the beauty of the pre-Civil War era, the tragedy and heartbreak of the war, and the desperate task of Reconstruction. Because of its warmth and intensity the reader soon finds himself walk. ing the streets of New Orleans, and sharing the joy, happiness, sorrows

QUESTION: What is your reaction to tude towards air travel?

PAULINE HICKERSON: The numer. ous airplane crashes have definitely affected my attitude toward air travel. Previously, my intentions were to travel extensively by air but due to burgh, Pennsylvania until 1940 when these numerous dragedies I have he returned to Charlotte and comchanged my mind.

ANNIE MAE SMITH: I would at tribute some of the air disasters to carelessness on the part of those who operate and own air lines. However, I do not feel that people should necessarily decrease their travel because of this, accidents can happen in the air — it is just that air travel is comparatively new and consequently the disasters are more publicized.

During this season of the year it is not uncommon to hear many it is my opinion that you are taking Restoration comedy. He received his

that have occurred so numerously temporary Russian). He plays the rend to show a marked increase in piano for fun, enjoys reading and

during the war and the number bewould have before the accidents occurred.

Focusing the attention of this column on the English department, we have selected for this month's close-up Mrs. Dorothy Smith, now teaching her second year at Bennett, and Mr. Caesar k. Blake, a newcomer to the faculty.

Mrs. Smith is a native of Greens. boro and attended Dudley High School and Bennett College. At Bennett, she majored in French and minored in English. Following her graduation from Bennett, she taught music and English in the high schools for several summers, she did graduate study at Northwestern, A. and T., and Columbia. Her M. A. degree in English was received from Northwestern in 1942.

It was also in 1942 that she married and began the travels which have caused her to laughingly refer to her. self as "a nomad from Greensboro, Chicago and points south and west. She lived for awhile in Arkansas when her husband was stationed there with the army. During this time she taught at a junior-senior college in Little Rock. Later Lt. Smith was stationed at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Mrs. Smith and he made frequent visits to California during the two years which they spent in Arizona. Since leaving the West, the Smiths have spent much of their time in Chicago and New York.

A member of Alpha Epsilon honor society, Mrs. Smith is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Her special interests are music, literature and being a housewife. She likes all types of music except training male voices. Her favorite joys reading poetry and writing it is her hobby

Mr. Blake was born in Charlotte, North Carolina but lived in Pittspleted his last two years of high school. He entered Johnson C. Smith University in 1942. During his freshman and sophomore years, he was a member of the gym team. In his junior and senior years, he assisted in leaching college algebra.

Graduating summe cum laude from Smith in 1945, after completing a anywhere ,on the ground as well as double major in English and mathematics, Mr. Blake entered the University of Michigan. He wrote two essays on drama, one entitled The Double Standard of Morality and Sexual Jealousy in Shakespeare's VERNET CHANDLER: There have "Othello" and the other, A Combeen numerous airplane crashes but parative Study in Elizabethan and

Mr. Blake qualified during his

Especially interested in music, Mr. Blake's favorite composers are Mo-ELAINE MITCHELL: The accidents | nart. Liszt, and Jevolinski (in constudying, is interested in art, and

Mr. Blake hopes to do further than ever before I have little desire study in English. His immediate goal, however, is to be a successful

WE APPRECIATE

We appreciate:

- 1. The choir's new robes.
- 2. The dormitory's new shades.
- 3. The well planned meals we have been served recently.

We don't appreciate:

1. The noise and snatch-grab system on the second shift.

Miss Gwendolyn Alexander, our student of the month, recently attended the National Student Conference in Chicago as joint representative for Bennett College and the Intercollegiate Commission of Greensboro. Our associate editor of the Banner leaves at the end of the semester having completed her college work in three and one half years. Her majors are English and history.

Gwen has been active in many phase of college life at Bennett. She was vice president of the Inter-Collegiate Commission, which is composed of the six colleges in the Greenshoro area; a member of the Student Senate Cabinet; the Little Theater Guild; the W.A.A.; the Southern Conference of Human Welfare and the Sociology Club.

Other distinctions she has had during her three and a half years at Bennett are president of her class during her Freshman year, vice president during her Sophomore and Junior years and president of the Senior class first semester.

Possessing great initiative and ambition, Gwen is quite certain of herself. Having many firm beliefs, it is quite likely she will at all times adhere to these beliefs.

Like all other students, Gwen has her likes and dislikes. When it comes to the opposite sex, she prefers men who have personality and who are intelligent (sorry fellows, but she already believes she has found the right one).

Her favorite writers are Oscar 'hill billy' music, enjoys playing Wilde and Shakespeare. Of the more he piano, and is especially fond of modern writers, she tavors Somerse: Maugham and Frank Yerby whom author is Oscar Wilde and she pre. she considers the best Negro novelist fers classics to best sellers. She en- to yet appear on the horizon. She dislikes snobs, jokes that aren't funny and people who have prejudices of any type. Her hobbies are reading, collecting quotations and writ-

> Her greatest ambition is to be a novelist and she hopes to someday receive a Ph. D. in English -, however, this ambition is secondary to first becoming a successful house. wife and mother.

Vesper Quotes

"Investing life in another enlarges upon the life of the investor and investee. Drink deeply of God and we cannot live in vain.'

> DR. GEORGE M. BELL. Kings on, Pernsylvan a.

"There are some standards big enough to include both Russian communism and American capitalism. These principles are justice, brotherhood, liberty and love of God and man, which embody the whole of religion, eventually building a new character wi hin and a new world without. Russia has the economic justice and brotherhood, we Americans have the liberty and so called love, the world needs all four.

-DR. SHERWOOD EDDY.

One of the latest solu ions to why Richard won't open the door is that there is a Yale lock on the doo: and Richard went to Harvard.

Mr. A.: "I can't live with my wife any longer. She wants to keep a goat in our bedroom!"

Mr. B. "I wouldn't let that upset me. Just open the windows."

Mr. A.: "What! And let my pigeons fly out!" - from "Seventeen."

A missionary, newly arrived at the Cannibal Islands, asked where his predecessor was. "Your predecessor," replied the cannibal chief, "has taken a trip to the interior."

from "Gourmet."