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## EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

### WHERE?

Where? That is the one word, the one question that is troubling the people of the world day and night. Where — is our peace? Where — are we going? Where — are those intangibles called brotherhood and love? These questions and many more flit across our minds as we look around our world, and see peace that doesn't seem to be peace at all, but a threat of an all-destructive atomic war in a short space of time. The effects of these unanswered questions may be seen in the muddled bewildered look in the eyes of us all. The insecurity of the present day; of the tomorrows; too cautiously planned futures that last for a day; the nothingness that seems to fill our every grasp — all of these are mirrored there. But the answer is there too — Reflected from our souls there comes a faith — a faith through which we can answer all our questions. This faith must help us to realize that our world, like all other things, must pass through many crises — that all futures at times look black, a blackness that brings with it many drastic changes, but behind it all there are the sunbeams of brotherhood and love that stream to Christ our light and peace. Yes, our peace seems uncertain, what with talk of war today or tomorrow, but through our faith, we know that it MUST and will hold to bring us better tomorrows. Where are we going? We are going to a better future!

As this school season draws to a close, let us look up and take inventory of ourselves and of what we want our futures to be. Then let us turn and take the hands of our brothers and our Christ to make our world what we desire it to be.

By THELMA THOMAS.

### SENIORS, FAREWELL!!

Four years seem an awfully long time to stay in college. One can hardly imagine how she can possibly stay in school for so long a time with so many exciting things happening in the outside world. Especially the four years you have spent here. Years of war, victory and the task of making a lasting peace.

What have these four years meant to you? A time to work, of preparing for goals ahead — sheer enjoyment from everyday association — a realization of your worth as an individual — or has this been a rich and full experience which will linger as a pleasant memory for many years.

What ever these four years have meant or done for you I hope it has been a preparation for life. I hope that Bennett has helped you formulate your goals and has made you realize what you really want to do.

So as the last exam is over, the last trunk packed, the last tear shed I wish you good luck, happiness, and success.

By DOROTHY ARNOLD.

## SOCIOLOGY STUDENTS FIND FIELD WORK BENEFICIAL

The sociology students are helping themselves and helping others in an attempt to stimulate community organization in Goshen, Collins Grove, and Oak Ridge, rural areas in and around Greensboro.

This project developed from a former health school project which was sponsored by the sociology department. Children who were malnourished and retarded received adequate diet and care, continuing their regular classes. Observations were made on their change in weight and response to classwork. This has resulted in a larger project — Community Health Education Program.

The emphasis of the Community project is home-making, health, and sanitation. The work is being cou-

pled with other agencies and institutions such as the church, school, county farm agents and county home demonstration agent offices. The objective is to improve living conditions, and to inspire the resident to seek improvement without outside influence.

Thus far, five local organizations have been established with local leadership. Accomplishments stem from construction of sanitary wells and privies to sponsoring health clinics, organizing drama groups, clean-up campaigns, church choirs, remodeling of local churches and a number of local homes.

The project provides areas in which sociology majors may obtain practical experience that will be of extreme importance when they embark upon their selected fields in the realm of social work.

## Reader's Retreat

THE FOUNTAINHEAD  
By Ayn Rand

This is a story about people — not the ordinary people you see every day, but the people you run into once in a lifetime . . . The type of people you admire, but whose life is more complicated than you would want yours to be . . . people with great minds . . . strange personalities, conflicting emotions, high ambitions, and vague ideals.

Against a background of architecture, the author weaves a tale of human understanding. She tells of Howard Roark, an architectural genius, who fights against the world in order to uphold his ideals. Then there is Dominique Francon, as cold and hard as a rod of steel, who could not be bent or broken by any one until she met Howard. There is Peter Keating, who built his whole life on other people until he reached his pinnacle of fame. His fame was short-lived, for, built as it was . . . on everyone but himself, it soon came crashing down about him.

The author delves deeply into the human mind and uncovers many hidden facts. She discovers what makes people do the things they do and what makes them cling to ideals scorned by the world.

The Fountainhead is a "must" on your reading list. Who knows, you may find yourself among the characters portrayed by the author.

DOROTHY ARNOLD, '48

## Inquiring Reporter

QUESTION: Do you feel assured that when you graduate you will be able to secure the position you desire, despite the threatening economic recession and possible high competition?

VERA MOORE: I am somewhat in doubt as to whether I can secure the position that I desire after graduation. I am interested in office and secretarial work, but I am quite skeptical about satisfying my want, due to the fact that so many college graduates are entering this field. I know that competition will be great.

KATHERINE RANDOLPH: I am not the least doubtful about securing the position that I want, because of the many opportunities that are open to me. My particular field, dietetics, is not too crowded, and the government is now training dietitians with pay. Because there are so many phases of foods and dietetics that offer good opportunities to those interested in securing a position, it should be relatively easy, despite any economic crisis or high competition.

THEODORA BERRY: Although I plan to attend graduate school, I feel that jobs will be available. There are so many careers in Home Economics besides the regular teaching profession, that I am sure that we job seekers will be able to find the type of work we desire and the type best suited to our needs.

WILLIE MAE JONES: I feel assured that I will be able to secure the position I desire, because the war has caused a great many vacancies in the elementary school systems of our country. To find a desirable job is not the greater task; To be prepared to take a job that will fit your needs and at the same time, give you a personal feeling of achievement is, in my opinion, the greater task. However, I do not think the problem of securing this type of job will be a difficult one.

VIRGINIA JEFFRIES, '48.

## Faculty Close-Up

MRS. HOLLAND

Mrs. Barbara W. Holland was born in Camden, New Jersey. At the age of six she moved to Philadelphia, Pa., where she has lived ever since. After graduation from the West Philadelphia high school, she entered Temple University, in the same city, graduating in 1936. Three years later she received her Master's degree from Temple in home economics. While at Temple she joined the AKA sorority and was a member of the Kappa Rho Honorary English society. Although she enjoys school, Mrs. Holland has no desire to get a Ph. D. She has attended quite a few schools during the summer, of which Penn State is her favorite.

After graduating from Temple, Mrs. Holland worked at Georgia Normal in Albany, Ga., and at Princess Anne College, in Maryland. She came to Bennett in 1940 and has been with us ever since.

Cooking is her favorite pastime, and most enjoyable hobby. She likes to sew, but not for herself. Have you seen the beautiful slip covers and other things she has made for her home? Perhaps it will interest you to know that our Home Economics department head was at one time so fond of nursing that her highest ambition was to be a doctor.

Mrs. Holland declares that her talent is still hidden. She enjoys music, that is, listening to it. The organ is her favorite instrument. She reads mainly for entertainment.

She definitely refuses to live in Philadelphia. Connecticut, New York and Chicago are her favorite places. Her greatest ambition: to have her own home and to fix it like she wants to. She is well on the way to achieving this desire.

## Wagstaff Named Student Head

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## Kaleidoscope

Friendship is a marriage. Therefore, like a marriage, friendship should have its deepest roots in a desire to understand and sympathize, rather than to judge or evaluate.

Far above the idea that friends are merely those disliking the same people is the idea that friends are those who are fundamentally kindred in spirit.

Webster says that a friend is "one attracted to another by esteem, respect, and affection; an intimate." May I add to that, that we LOVE our friends also, for love involves forgiveness for error. Our friends may often err, sometimes seriously, and love is the one instrument which can save a friend or a friendship from failure.

It has been said that one true friend is better to have than dozens of false ones. It is well to remember that, although friendship is based on fifty-fifty sharing, it is sometimes necessary that the scales be over-balanced on one side. Thus, in reality, only a flexible friendship can survive in its full sincerity.

The development of friendships takes time, for they must be tested through all the channels which God and man may devise.

We humans contain opposing forces within us. Our egos are constantly being either bloated or flattened. Those who are our friends are valuable as outside forces which serve to humble us when we would rise too high, and lift us when we would sink too low. Therefore, we depend on them rather heavily as gauges for our daily conduct.

True friends are just like old house shoes, comforts to us in times of need. The poison of our heaviest burdens may be poured on the sympathetic shoulders of our friends. In this way we are freed and thus enabled to set our minds and hands to other tasks.

In a sense our friends mirror our personalities. Qualities in our friends complement qualities in us. A fiery temper in one individual may be perfectly balanced by patience in another. This is nature's way of keeping human beings at a happy medium.

Common interests are binding elements in friendships. Similar interests result in our creating and thinking together, at least in one particular area.

Two writers may be of equal talent, but may have entirely opposing points of view. Common ground between them is the ability to write, but their points of view will make them interesting to each other and thereby act as the holding force in their relationship. Another way of saying this is, that friendship is the attraction of opposites.

Friends are wonderful people who are valuable assets in the sense of bringing out the very best in us. Friendships are founded on the solid ground of understanding, sympathy, and faith. They flourish under constant care and nourishment from the food of consideration, respect, and love.

—GWEN CANN, '49.

## ALPHA KAPPA MU DAY

The annual Alpha Kappa Mu Day honoring the students who were on the honor roll for the first semester was held May 2, 1947. Miss Miriam McTeer president of our Alpha Epsilon Chapter presided.

An inspiring message was given by our own Mr. Ceasar Blake teacher of English. To you who have come this far, may you continue your high standard of scholarship.