

THE INQUIRING REPORTER

Question: Whom do you think will be elected as the next President of the United States? Why?

Answers:

President Harry Truman. He has shown honesty in his endeavors. He seems to understand the problems of the common man. Much has been accomplished since he has been in office for the progress of the common people.
Euris Smith, '49.

In my opinion, Thomas E. Dewey will be the next President of the U. S. A. I feel this way because he is the only one of the candidates not stressing the racial question as an issue of national concern.
Johnnie Lou Nelson, '51.

I believe Dewey will be the next President. New York, under his his governorship, has a Fair Employment Practice. No doubt Mr. Dewey will press more enactments like this to strengthen the democracy when he becomes President.
Margaret Pleasants, '49.

The concensus of opinions expressed by the newspapers, radio, etc., is that Dewey will win in the coming election. The Republican platform to me is full of glittering generalities which appeal to the American public. Truman is too great an appeaser and Wallace is just too liberal. I doubt that the NAM (National Association of Manufacturers) will approve of too much liberalism.
Gloria Alexander, '50.

Mr. Dewey will be our next President. The first factor in determining that Mr. Dewey will be our next President is mainly because of the Dixiecrat and Progressive parties. I believe a lot of the Democratic votes will be stolen, giving the Republicans a gerater opportunity. The second factor that makes it more inevitable that Mr. Dewey will be our next President was Mr. Truman's blundering mistake in sending Mr. Vinson to Moscow. This mistake reveals that Mr. Truman shows lack of leadership and incapability of carrying out the job. I am confident in saying that our next President of the United States will be Thomas E. Dewey.
Beatrice Walston, '49.

FACULTY CLOSE-UPS

This year, Bennett College is happy to welcome to our faculty and campus, two prominent professors of English, Dr. Miriam Thrall and Dr. Helen Griffith.

After retirement from Mount Holyoke in Massachusetts, Dr. Griffith came to Bennett. Here she is teaching Freshman and Sophomore English. She is also instructing a class in the works of Shakespeare.

Dr. Griffith obtained her Bachelor of Arts from Bryn Mawr College, her Master of Arts from Columbia University, and from the University of Michigan, her doctor's degree. Further study was done at the University of Chicago and Cambridge University of England.

In South America Dr. Griffith traveled for a number of months. She visited the ruins of olden civilizations in many of the southern American countries. Also she has visited India, New Zealand, and Australia.

Dr. Griffith and Dr. Thrall have traveled together in Qabador, Canada, and in various parts of Spain. In the United States, they also traveled together.

At this time, they are living in the Home Management House. Dr. Griffith's choice of Bennett was due to the special emphasis on individual attention to all students. She had considered many colleges before coming to Bennett and in her estimation Bennett was the ideal college for her.

Dr. Thrall was also an instructor at Mount Holyoke College and Hunter College in New York.

From Wellesley College she acquired her Bachelor of Arts, and from Columbia her Master and Doctor's degree.

Dr. Thrall has traveled extensively through many European countries and Mexico. Some of the countries she visited are Poland, Yugoslavia, Great Britain, Spain and Russia. While in Russia, Dr. Thrall was able to look behind the 'Iron Curtain' to observe the conditions confronting youth groups, schools and colleges. Some of the principal cities visited by her are Moscow, Kiev and Leningrad.

She is now a retired instructor and at Bennett, Dr. Thrall is teaching Freshman English.

Her choice of Bennett was due to the emphasis placed on human relations, the special spirit of real democracy and the kind of student Bennett produces.



AUDROSE MACKEL, '49

Student of the Month

Personality! Charm! Ability to lead! One who considers interests and welfare of the whole student body. These, in a broad sense, characterize Miss Audrose Mackel who has been unanimously chosen as our first student of the month. Her informal way of presiding over meetings, and her keen sense of humor help her win the cooperation of the entire student body.

Miss Mackel, who is from Natchez, Mississippi, is a senior at the college and is majoring in Clothing and minoring in Art. However, Miss Mackel is extremely interested in music, mostly for her own entertainment. Almost any morning as one passes the parlor in Merner Hall one will find Audrose seated at the piano arranging her own styles to some of her most famous musical pieces. Though she devotes quite a bit of time to playing popular music, she also does a pretty swell job at such pieces as "Claire de Lune" and "Moonlight Sonata." You should hear her.

Audrose entered Bennett in the year nineteen hundred and forty-five. She was president of her class in her junior year and served as counselor to freshmen. She is now the president of the Student Senate. She is affiliated with the following organizations: a member of the Senior Choir, the Y. W. C. A., a member of the Omni Chron Eta Chi, the W. A. A., a member of the Senior Theater Guild, a member of the newly-formed Art Club called the Y. O. P.'s club and also a member of Alpha Kappa Mu.

After spending the past summer as housekeeper, Miss Mackel seems to feel that housewives do not get enough praise. She is more convinced than ever that the housewife has a great responsibility. The importance of the job of a housewife is not realized until one has served in the capacity of housekeeping. Audrose finds that it takes a great deal of time and energy in preparing daily meals and doing the chores involved in family life.

When asked about her ideas as to what should constitute a strong student government, Miss Mackel replied "objective thinking and a clear understanding of the aims, purposes, and responsibilities of the organization, are sufficient to make the organization more efficient, more alive and more serviceable." She realizes that there is a need for a more effective student government, and it is her sincere hope that the students now, and those who will come later will possess a greater realization of the importance of a more workable, and a stronger student government. This, she feels, calls for worthy and capable followers as well as leaders.

Our sincere appreciation goes to Miss Mackel for a most interesting interview. Here's hoping that she will become a successful housewife and dress designer, her future anticipation. Yes, they too have a responsibility.

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I have always been profoundly interested in famous quotations, especially those which give one food for thought and those which can be used as a pattern of life.

As I mention the word "quotation" Shakespeare immediately comes to the minds of many, for he is perhaps the most quoted writer of the day. To me his most advisory words are:

"This, above all, to thine ownself be true; and it must follow as the night the day; thou cans't not then be false to any man."

People so often make a grave mistake of refusing to face facts. They are reluctant to admit even to themselves their own shortcomings; therefore, they find it difficult to be completely honest with their fellowmen. Being true to others will be a natural process if one is first true to himself.

Robert Browning's most quoted lines give inspiration to strive for greater heights. The challenge lies before you as you read:

"A man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what is heaven for?"

Equally as challenging is Tennyson's inspirational line,

"To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

We should never be satisfied until we reach our ultimate goals. As each success comes, we should continue striving for something a little higher.

It was John Keats who introduced the idea that

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever; its loveliness increases; it will never pass into nothingness."

This idea can be applied to education. It is definitely a thing of lasting beauty. As material things pass away into nothingness, knowledge will be a permanent possession until death.

Thomas Carlyle wrote,

"An endless significance lies in work; a man perfects himself by working."

This idea has been elaborated upon on numerous occasions, and its significance should be kept in mind. The working man is in despair.

Advice is a wonderful thing, but many of us resent it. But who can resent it when it's given in the way that the ancient writers have given it? In memorable lines these writers have stirred us, advised us, and challenged us.

"We are not here to play."

Book Review

"A CLOUDED STAR"
By ANNE PARRISH

Ann Parrish, in her novel, "A Clouded Star," carefully establishes the mood and emotional fervor of the pre-Civil War days. The struggles of escaping slaves and the leadership of Harriet Tubman came into sharp focus.

Harriet Tubman, a fearless, God-fearing and courageous woman was "The Black Moses" and leader of her people in the days before the Civil War. Through the Underground Railroad, she brought more than 300 slaves into the so-called "Freedom Land." Continually in danger of her life, cursed by slave-owners and praised by the enslaved, she served as conductor on "The Railroad," later as nurse and spy in the Civil War.

Harriet Tubman rules her people with an iron hand, prays, mocks them for their weakness, and she prods them with her rifle. To one of the slaves about ready to turn back, she makes the classic reply: "On my underground railroad, I never run a train off the track and I never lost a passenger. But I wait for no one. Anyone start with Moses, end with Moses. You go on or you die." Through Harriet Tubman's indomitable spirit, she carries them through many pitfalls and hardships but they finally reach their destination which is the Canadian border.

Very few authors have attempted to write about the great leadership of Harriet Tubman and when the chronicle of that period is fully and accurately written, Harriet Tubman will emerge as one of the greatest leaders of the Abolitionist movement.

KAMPUZZATIONS

Hello everybody!!! Having had a wonderful summer, we are back, eager to share our responsibilities on the campus. Since everyone is bubbling over with new ideas for the betterment of campus life here at Bennett, some organizations are not ready to present their ideas to us. Some are giving a preview of their purposes and aims for the year.

The Sigma Rho Sigma, a recognition society, marks its beginning and it is for those persons interested in the field of social sciences. It encourages and promotes professional growth and development among the students in this field. Girls, strive hard to become a member. The officers for 1948 are as follows: Mary B. Debro, president; Kathryn Barber, vice-president; Gloria Alexander, secretary-treasurer, and Mr. Logan, adviser.

The International Relations Club has big plans for this year. They are planning to make the entire campus more world-minded through world relief projects. They began this year Wednesday, October 20, 1948, with an intense membership campaign which ended in a marsh-mallow roast and folk dances.

The Marshall Board at Bennett College is a very important organization consisting of twenty-eight girls from all the classes. The board consists of girls with poise, dignity, dependability and cooperation. These girls serve every Sunday — seating people comfortably and receiving the collection. Each year the Board sponsors a Brithday Dinner and it also gives parties. The officers are: President, Elizabeth Rviera; vice-president, Ida Mitchell; secretary, Wilma Vestal; assistant secretary, Erlene McLeod; treasurer, Beatrice Walston. The Board has big plans that each girl has promised to help carry out.

The W. A. A. would like the cooperation of the student body in carrying out the jam sessions on Saturday afternoons that we all enjoy. We are very proud in that we have gotten off to a good start and we have potentialities in making great improvements on the campus. Let's all be good sports, cooperate!!

The junior class started the year off with a bang by giving the first dance on the campus. It was enjoyed by everyone.

This dance was considered as a going away affair for the former president, Theda Johnson, and a welcoming for Bennie Gragg.

We intend to win the Endowment Drive by different activities that we are sponsoring on the campus. The main attraction for the year will be the Snack Bar that will be open each Saturday at the gymnasium.

The sophomore class started the year off with a bang! "Superior" isn't the word to describe reactions to initiation week. We weren't hard on the Freshmen, however, a lot of them took advantage of their superiority. To show the Freshmen how nice we could be, we ended the week with a party and a dance. Now we take pride in saying, "We made the Freshmen and they are better than ever."

What really put the sophomores in the news is the fact that we had a pre-Halloween Ball in the Wilbert F. Steele Dining Hall. Sophomores are still in the Bennett News. This year more than ever we are planning to make the headlines. This is our story and this is our song. What do you think of it? As for me, "I Love the Sophomores."

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