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QUANTITY OR QUALITY?

Which is best suited for turning out college graduates? Is mass education profitable for students? These questions are debatable, they have their pros and cons. One educator, Mr. Douglas Bush states in his article, "Education for All is Education for None," which appeared in the magazine section of the New York Times, January 9, 1955 that "the multitude of students often taught by uneducated teachers have been illiterate, uninformed and thoroughly immature." This has happened because of over-crowded conditions and instead of colleges turning out quality, it has been quantity. This happens occasionally in state-supported schools because they are state-supported and have to accept the students.

Mr. Bush states also "that the function is primarily social and political rather than intellectual." Yes, college campuses are swaying to social and political functions more. The trend now is this question, which social club is going to dominate the campus elections or give the finest formal of the year? Many of them do not stop to think what qualities their candidates possess, it is quantity they want. Here again illiteracy breeds. What has happened to the intellectual part of the college curricula? Has it been pushed aside? No, it may not be completely pushed aside but emphasis on this important integral of the college program has been shifted from its former standing. Too many students are just satisfied to "get by" on their subjects and these are the ones that are unprepared to educate the youth of today.

Again, one may view the situation like this, colleges are releasing a mass of graduates to teach the masses of pupils in the crowded schools. However, this does not solve the problem.

What are you in favor of? Colleges turning out *Quantity* or *Quality* in their graduates.

(Note—If you would like to express your opinion on this matter, please address your letters to The Bennett Banner, Bennett College).

Barbara J. Williams
Associate Editor

CLUB NEWS

Happenings of The Women's Athletic Association

The W.A.A., under the guidance of Miss Thelma Tull, is successfully carrying out its well-planned 1954-55 Intramural Program. The organization has been sponsoring frequent sports games between dormitories and classes since the opening of the school year. The joint participation of the dormitories and classes as well as the large attendance of student spectators at the games, evinces the students' increasing favoritism for sports. This is one of the principal aims of the W.A.A. and having begun it, the group's courage should be greatly intensified.

On January 14, thirteen W.A.A. members, accompanied by Miss Tull, attended the Annual Winter Sports Day at North Carolina College in Durham. The theme of the occasion encompassed fellowship, sportsmanship, and womanhood. Those attending were: Gwendolyn Freeman, president; Dorothy Robinson, vice-president; Lila Barber, secretary; Marie Hawkins, treasurer; Ruby Wright, chairman of Intramural Program; Henrietta Brevard, Tiny Gaddy, Mildred Battiste, Sarah George, Audrey Meade, Bernice Lowe, Clementine Kear-

JUNTA NEWS

The Fort-Nightly Club, English Club at A.&T. College, was entertained by the Junta Club in the Student Union Building at 7:00 p. m. Monday, January 17.

The group was entertained with a delightful program of singing, poetry reading, and recorded music. The gay evening was ended with games and refreshments.

Junta membership has been increased with the addition of many freshmen who have proved to be very cooperative and interested in the progress of the club.

Officers of Junta are: President, Yvonne Ireland; Vice-President, Juliette Walker; Secretary, Grace Coleman; and Treasurer, Betty Nicholson. Mr. James R. Randall is faculty associate.

The club meets every second and fourth Tuesday night in the month.

5,000 "Pennies From Heaven", taped to invitations were dropped from an airplane flying over Greenville, South Carolina, in a church effort to stimulate Sunday School attendance.

ney, and Emily Montgomery. The girls enjoyed the brief change in atmosphere and garnered profitable hints by sharing their interests with others.

SHALL I BECOME A TEACHER?

After completing six weeks of student teaching in a public high school, I have become more convinced than ever that there is a great need for teachers who profess a sincere interest in the progress and welfare of the students. The adolescent period is often a time of uncertainty for a youth and it is during this phase that they need more nurture and guidance than ever. You may then say to yourself, "That's his parents' job. Some children are fortunate enough to have parents who can spend adequate time with them discussing their needs and problems while there are some parents who work hard all day and when they come home from work all they want to do is sleep. They have no time for their children.

When a teacher has contact with a child like this and is really serious about "teaching as a profession" he must be parent, teacher, minister and everything for this child. The teacher who is not only interested in the pupils' accumulation of knowledge, but is also interested in the child's spiritual development is the ideal teacher. When I say spiritual life I do not mean his religious development, but when I say spiritual I mean does the child feel clean and free within? Is he free of emotional problems such as unsatisfactory adjustment in school or an unstable homelife? If a student is burdened with such problems it is the duty of the teacher to discover them and then help the pupil solve them. If the teacher does not do this the child becomes a discipline problem as well as a failing student usually. These are the duties of a good teacher and the person who feels that he cannot shoulder such responsibilities should not go into the teaching profession. The public school system is already overloaded with people who are teaching just to earn a living.

Each pupil is an individual which means that no two are alike. Naturally you will not be able to meet the needs of every student because everyone can't be reached, but you can certainly try so that you will have the inner satisfaction of knowing that you made an attempt.

I sincerely urge each graduating senior who will receive a teaching certificate to not teach if you feel that you cannot or will not attempt to meet the aforementioned qualifications. If you do, know that you are just doing something to earn a living you will be cheating students because you will not give your best to them and you will also be filling a vacancy which a person should have who really wants to teach, guide, and nurture pupils into a well-developed maturity.

Yvonne Ireland

THE BEST SELLERS

(From the Greensboro Daily News)

FICTION

BENTON'S ROW by Frank Yerby.

NO TIME FOR SERGEANTS by Mac Hyman.

THE VIEW FROM POMPEY'S HEAD by Hamilton Basso.

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER by Marcia Davenport.

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE by Ernest K. Gann.

KATHERINE by Anya Seton.

LOVE IS ETERNAL by Irving Stone.

GOOD MORNING, MISS DOVE by Frances Gray Patton.

NOT AS A STRANGER by Morton Thompson.

NON-FICTION

THE TUMULT AND THE SHOUTING by Grantland Rice.

THE POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING by Norman Vincent Peale.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN by Carl Sandburg.

THE SATURDAY EVENING POST TREASURY ed. by Roger Butterfield.

I'LL CRY TOMORROW by Lillian Roth and others.

MY SEVERAL WORLDS by Pearl S. Buck.

TNT by Claude M. Bristol and Harold Sherman.

AN ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MODERN AMERICAN HUMOR ed. by Bennett Cerf.

RSVP by Elsa Maxwell.

THIS I BELIEVE. Vol. 2 ed. by Edward R. Morrow.

About 3,000,000 copies of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible have been sold since its publication in September, 1952.

All-American football star Donn Moomaw turned down sky-high bids to enter pro football ranks in order to devote his life to evangelism.

WIT AND HUMOR

Professor: Didn't you have a brother in this course last?

Student: No sir, it was I. I'm taking the course over again.

Professor: Extraordinary resemblance, though... extraordinary.

—Maryland Old Line

Mmmmmmm, I guess I've lost another pupil, said the professor as his glass eye rolled down the sink.

—Mississippi Rebel

Professor: A fool can ask more questions than a wise man can answer.

Student: No wonder so many of us are always flunking our examinations.

—Notre Dame Scholastic

"Did you take chloroform?"

"I don't know. Who teaches it?"

—Pennsylvania Pennpix

She: I've changed my mind

He: Does it work any better than the old one?

—Maryland Old Line

My lady, be wary of Cupid

And heed to the lines of this verse
To let a fool kiss you is stupid;
To let a kiss fool you is worse.

—Annapolis Log

Student's prayer:

Onward, move onward,
O time in thy flight,
Make the bell ring
Before I recite.

—Purdue Rivet

EVOLUTION

Freshman: I don't know.

Sophomore: I am not prepared.

Junior: I do not remember.

Senior: I don't believe I can add anything to what has been said.

—Texas Ranger

Test Your Literary Knowledge

- Who is the author of "Sweet Thursday?"
- Was this novel reviewed in the BENNETT BANNER?
- Charles Dickens wrote many kinds of novels, but he wrote only one "novel of character." Name his novel of character.
- Name the novel and author of the book that describes life in South Africa, which was reviewed in the BENNETT BANNER.
- What is the name of Richard Wright's latest book?
- Who was the writer of these lines:
"Yet each man kills the things he loves..."
- Name three of Jane Austen's novels.
- Tell in whose work this quotation is found:
"How do I love thee?
Let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
My soul can reach
when feeling out of sight
For the ends of Being
and ideal of Grace."

A prize will be given to the person who sends in the correct answers to all the questions. Relatives or roommates of any BANNER members are not eligible. Mail answer to: Literary Editor, BENNETT BANNER, Box 219. The winners' names and answers will be published in the March issue of the BENNETT BANNER.

K O REPORTS

On December 18, 1954, the Kappa Phi Probates vividly portrayed an original interpretation of the traditional story of the Birth of Jesus. The event was presented in the Student Union Building and was attended by the older members of the organization. Full participation was achieved through the singing of appropriate songs and meditating upon orally read scriptural passages. The beautiful rendition which was graciously received by all who witnessed it, gave evidence of the persistent work that the members had put into it. Persons representing each of the classes are among the probates for the chapter and participated in the event.

Grace Heyward, chairman of initiation, has said that initiation will take place the third through the fifth of February, at which time some "crazy but interesting" actions will be seen. In celebrating the probates' admission to the group, a formal initiation service, a banquet and a party will be given during each of which the old members and the new ones will seek intimate acquaintance.

The old Kappa Phi girls are eagerly anticipating the full reception of the seventeen candidates into the Alpha Nu Chapter of Kappa Phi, and planning many novel and interesting affairs for them.

Kappi Phi officers are: Mary Ensley, president; Grace Heyward, vice-president; Doris Humphrey, secretary; and Mary Head, treasurer.

Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp—

Or what's a heaven for?
—Robert Browning

Mexico finally became free of Spanish Dominion in 1822, with the crowing of Augustine de Iturbide as emperor of Mexico.

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