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Effective Student Government

How effective is our Student Senate? Is it merely a theoretical organization or does it in reality serve the needs of the student body? How can it become the government of which we all can be proud?

Recently several colleges in this area met at North Carolina College at Durham to discuss questions of this nature.

The conference was called by the student government of N. C. C. because they felt that an exchange of ideas on student government problems and procedures would be mutually beneficial.

The representatives at this conference upon examination, noted that most of the schools have well-structured governments but that too often the constitution and by-laws of these groups are not put into practice.

It was agreed that interested, respected leaders cannot do the job alone; an interested, co-operative, and informed student body is a necessity for effective student government.

This is a point we here at Bennett need to examine carefully. Too often we do not realize how much we can accomplish if we will work together. It is useless to blame the Student Senate for what it does not do. It is we, each individual, who composes the Student Senate who must accomplish the task.

On many campuses the student government organizations are strong, effective groups; they have the respect of the administration and the student body, a respect gained as the result of the willingness to work co-operatively. Just as there is no "safe stand" for leaders who must "stick their necks out" on crucial issues, these leaders must know and see the support of the entire student body who are willing to "stand up and be counted."

At the evaluation period of the conference in Durham, the delegates suggested that the conference had been beneficial and voted to continue to meet annually (subject to approval from their respective governing bodies). It was further suggested that it might be helpful for student governing bodies to present in concert hoped-for proposals to their collective administrations.

This suggestion in modified form could be applicable to our situation here at Bennett. A co-operative presentation of proposals to the administration would probably bring more satisfactory results.

What support are YOU willing to give to the Student Senate? Are you willing to justify YOUR membership in the organization?

We have just elected our leaders for the next school year. They are all energetic, capable, and well-qualified girls. Let's give them our support. Remember we cannot wait for someone else to do the job. The efforts of each girl are essential to reach our goal. If we begin now to work co-operatively with our leaders, 1958-59 can be a banner year for student government on our campus.

In Defense Of Higher Education

"The woman's cause is man's; they rise or sink together, dwarfed or godlike, bound or free: If she be small, slight natured, miserable, How shall men grow?"

—The Princess Tennyson

Woman is the keeper of the hearth and the home. This I readily acknowledge, but does an educated woman, wife, mother deny in any way the sacred trust placed in her hands by God because of her acquisition of increased knowledge? I think not.

A civilization signs its death warrant when it fails to realize the importance of encouraging the quality of intelligence in its women. A college education is an asset not a liability. Educated women have made their mark in the world. I do not advocate that education for women is necessary in order to maintain equal or superior status over men, but rather it will aid men and insure the well being of their children.

The moral soundness of the world depends upon women, for the quality of the whole world social system is determined by what she is.

Gloria E. Brown

MISS DEMO AND HER ULCERS

As a college newspaper staff, we seek to bring forth news and information which confront us as a whole. If we, the student body, intend to make Bennett, our Alma Mater, fairest, then, why should we sit tight and let our troubles slip into the sands of time and never do any thing about them? It is with this in mind that we feature such articles as Miss Demo and the Inquiring Reporter. Bennett Sisters, if we do not ask ourselves important and unimportant questions and become disturbed over matters, then how will the administration know what we are thinking, because we do not take advantage of our facilities of speaking out and voicing our opinions?

On the first appearance of Miss Demo, there were several rumors spread around the campus about petitions against the paper, being drawn up in Jones Hall, but we have yet to see them. We have asked in each issue of the Banner to have your complaints, grudges, and kicks, but do you ever bring them to be published? NO.

In the last issue of the Banner we carried only one side of the story, you may say; yet you have not bothered to get up and bring your side of it to us. So from now on out, if you do not agree with what is said in any of the articles just say to yourself, "Well I can't complain, I'm just tooooo lazy to express my opinions. I'm not at all a good campus citizen." If you say this, then you don't have to bother about rolling your eyes at the Banner Staff when you see them.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the dining hall staff for the wonderful job they are doing in preparing our food.

But . . .

A great majority of us are getting weak and faint from not getting enough to eat. The girls that are on the counter for the respective meals are acting as if they bought and prepared the food for us, when WE bought the food. You may not realize it but some of us leave the dining hall as empty as we were when we entered it.

We do not have money to run to the corner store after each meal for a supplement to our diets, so those people serving the food, please Stop Being Stingy With Our Food. After all . . .

Voting Power

Why it is that freshmen have only one fourth per cent voting power? I should think that the voting system would be revamped, after all and its' a matter of opinion at that, but the elected officers will be calling on the freshmen, who will be sophomores next year, and who had only one fourth per cent voting power this year, to assist them in next year's projects.

Safe or Not, False Alarms, Be Prepared

It seems that tragedy must show its horrible face before we move into action. Neglect is in itself a tragedy. We have fallen into this dangerous rut. This stems from the 'events' that have occurred in the past month. In case any of the past events should occur again, we should ask ourselves the following questions and answer them.

Where are the fire extinguishers in the dorms located? Have they been checked recently as the law requires? Where is our fire alarm box on campus? Whom would you call in case of any emergency on campus? Certainly not the night watchmen in the evenings, they

The Lenten Season

The Lenten Season is upon us, and as the month of April enters, we find ourselves discussing our various sacrifices.

Some of us gave up sodas, candy, desserts and many other petty "things". For forty days we will not touch our sacrifices. But are these really sacrifices? Let us turn to the life of Jesus. His life was a sacrifice and what are we that we only yield petty offerings for such a season as is upon us now?

For forty days and nights, Jesus fasted and prayed, yielding not to the temptation offered by Satan, a fallen angel. What is it to sacrifice candy, sodas and the like from which we receive satisfaction? Why can we not sacrifice some if not all of our vices for this Lenten period? Perhaps if we would yield our vices during this period, we would be in a position to be free of them. This, then, would be a sacrifice.

And as this Lenten Season comes to a close, we may hear a voice say, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do", and we slip back into the time before the period of Lent began and we are through with our sacrifices.

This year, let us not make this crucial error again. If forty days are not enough, then let us try to sacrifice our vices and substitute some new virtues the year round.

Literally Yours:--

This month the Banner Staff is proud to present our Bennett sister, Nancy Seynghi Choi, as our guest for Literally Yours.

Our Nancy, it seems, has been to the Pierian Springs and has had more than her share of these poetic waters. As you read "The Sea", "Hell", and "The Lightning Bug", you will find that we have not only many volumes of the Bards, but a real live 'Bardess' in our midst.

Nancy is from Seoul, Korea, and is majoring in English and minoring in Modern Languages.

LIGHTNING BUG

Out of a lady's rosy lips
Rolled down a handful of milky pearls,
Beaded on a golden thread,
And now framed a tiny book:
"Lightning Bug" was it called.
I've been with you three years,
Still you are a part of my heart,
Sitting on the book shelf today.
1957
St. Paul, Minnesota

A Little Thought for Us

"Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes."
Gandhi.

HELL

This was the Hell—boring days
Of reasons and excuses!
But today, as God's sweet rain
Falls upon my dried heart,
Vivid is my life again in the Joy
of Spring.

1955

St. Paul, Minnesota

THE SEA

The waves strike me, destroy me,
And tear my filthiness into pieces.
The waves run to me as an arrow,
And cleanse me of all my dirtiness.

The waves come to me with anger
Over the mountains of the sea,
and beat me.
The waves shoot high into the sky
With a foaming white spray,
and cleanse me.

O, sea, a friend of my recollections,
Stroke my heart in the wavy sea.

Calm sea, you comfort me from
my sorrows;

Angry sea, you destroy me and
reform me;

Bright sea, you lead me, my path
into moonlight.

1953

Pusan, Korea

are too busy, but it is their duty to answer every call, even if they receive 50 an evening. What kind of first aid would one give a person who has fainted? One with a sprained ankle? or one in a state of shock?

Our ignorance to the answers of these questions is more than obvious.

Announcements

If I remember correctly, a new bulletin board was made at the beginning of the year for the dining room. Why, then, does each dinner hour have to be plagued, and cluttered up with announce-

ments of meetings and the like? Is there some kind of competition going on to see who can have the most announcements to make, or who can shout the loudest? With so much bulletin board space going to waste, it hardly seems necessary to have any bulletin boards, anywhere.

We should at least be able to relax at meals, if at no other time. But, who can relax when constant reminders of meetings are being made while we try to eat? I dare say, if this practice continues, I won't be the only one with a case of ulcers!

