

'Silver' Winner

Reed & Barton Silversmiths of Taunton, Mass., have just announced that Linda Faye Gerald class of 1971 has been awarded one of the 100 "Starter Set" prizes for her entry in the silver firm's 1969 Silver Opinion Competition from nearly 30,000 university women who entered the contest this spring. Linda has already received her starter set in sterling and will receive approximately \$75 in fine china

and crystal. Her pattern selections were as follows: Reed & Barton's "Renaissance Scroll" sterling silver, Royal Doulton's "Baronet" china and Minton's "Marquis" crystal.

Carla Friend, also a sophomore, is student representative here for Reed & Barton Scholarship Competition. Because a student from her school won, Carla has too received a starter set in sterling of her own choice.



POLL. . Senior Gripes

Since the seniors have been here longer than anyone else, they have had more chances to observe the conditions at Bennett and are best able to offer suggestions for the improvement of them. With this in mind, the seniors were accosted with this question:

"I am conducting a poll of Senior Gripes; do you have any to contribute?"

Following are some of the responses, some of which preferred to remain anonymous.

- There is nothing to do.
- Condemn Jones Hall.
- Get a new faculty.
- Bennett should be less expensive.
- We have a ridiculous curfew.
- Bennett should be a co-ed school.
- Teachers: We need more Ph.D.'s
- We need a new library.
- More instructors in one field.
- The whole school!
- There are too many graduation activities; we just want to graduate and leave.
- Partiality is an ailment; get rid of it!
- Food!
- I'd like to see a little more conservativeness among the students.
- Food and library! We need books that will help!
- Too much chapel--it should be abolished.
- There is a question of 'graft' in high places (referring to dining hall).
- Bennett needs to redefine goals in terms of educational purposes; whether it is to extend an opportunity of religious or academic education. Which is more important?
- There are too many unwritten laws that are too flexible.
- There is too much personal discrimination.
- There is a lack of faculty unity.
- There is a lack of student unity.
- The idea that the college can

add credit hours for chapel cuts is "questionable."

- Dorms need cleaning before the students return.
- Elimination of insignificant classes like Senior Seminar.
- Chapel cuts keeping one from graduating doesn't make sense.
- CHAPEL!
- Compulsory classes.
- We don't want or need instructors who read in class; we can do that.
- Seniors no longer have privileges. It's nothing to be a senior anymore; we don't have any different curfew from anyone else, except 2 a.m. 3 times a month; we don't even have the privilege of taking finals early anymore.
- Mandatory class attendance for classes that don't meet regularly is not right.
- Rules are not enforced upon everyone.
- Curfew, food, heat and teachers.
- Hot water all night is needed.
- Bennett needs a broader social life.
- I have too many to tell you all of them so I won't get started.
- There is no evidence of where our money goes.
- Bennett should only offer majors in which it had adequate facilities.
- Bennett should screen students better.
- We need heat in winter.
- Get rid of Mrs. Jones.
- Mrs. Lynn!
- We need more permission as to places to go--clubs, etc.
- There is nothing to do here for entertainment.
- Why not early senior exams?
- Dorm matron should not check sign-out sheet as to where you went and then question you of your whereabouts.
- More male "specimen" and social life.
- If a student has a 2-point

average it is still a "B"; nobody recognizes you for it though.

- Teachers should be required to return all work passed in-graded!
- The Dean's List's point value should not increase each year.
- Gripes? Bennett College.
- Elimination of irrelevant courses.
- Chapel.
- Compulsory classes!
- It would take days to tell them!

TWO BILLION REASONS TO GIVE

When a child suffers from severe malnutrition, he becomes too weak to cry out... even to beg for help. Eventually, his brain becomes irreparably damaged so that he can never again function as a normal human being. Today in Biafra, the hundreds of thousands of children facing this fate still could be rescued, if sufficient help were provided in time.

And, although world attention has been focused on Biafra, intense human suffering is spread around the world... throughout South America, Africa, Asia where two billion "have-nots" go to bed hungry and hopeless.

The American Catholic Overseas Aid Fund appeal, March 9-16, is seeking the help of every concerned American. Now in its 23rd year, the Fund provides the main support for Catholic Relief Services, which serves the needy, regardless of race, creed or color in 70 underdeveloped countries.

This year an absolute minimum of \$10 million is required to maintain this vital lifeline to the impoverished peoples throughout the world. To help, send your donation to the nearest Catholic church or to Catholic Overseas Aid Fund, Empire State Building, New York, N.Y. 10001.

ATTENTION!!!

What does it take to get Bennett students to join the Bennett Banner? All one hears is complaints, complaints. Yet nobody, particularly those majoring in English and Journalism, will join the staff. Nobody will even offer assistance. The Banner is mainly composed of science majors, for example, the editor is a biology major, the managing editor is a dietetics major, the business manager is a chemistry-biology major, and the advertising manager is a pre-med major. And of the seven members of

the staff, only three do the actual management of the paper.

THE BANNER IS FOR YOU!!! Need we say more?

(We'd like to see you in Sept. or, if you just can't wait until then, would you contact Dimples Armstrong, editor-in-chief of the Banner, or, any member of the staff, and leave your address for next year).

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Retiring Professor

It is unlikely that any of the students at Bennett are unfamiliar with Dr. Shang-Ling Fu, Professor of Sociology and Non-Western Studies. But, it is likely that some do not know that recently he has received the honors bestowed upon him by the CHINA ACADEMY as a Fellow and by the Chinese Sociological Society's re-election of him as a member of its Executive Committee as well as by inviting him to be one of the Chinese scholars living abroad to read a paper at the Second International Sinological Conference in August. In the academic field, he is quite an international figure, being consultant to the University Commission, World Student Christian Federation; advising member of the Academy of Human Rights on the same roster with Pearl Buck and Albert Scheitzer; just to mention a few. His sketches appear in many Who's Who, of which the recent additions are in the Dictionary of International Biography, Personalities of the South, and Who's Who in American Education. No wonder he, as an international educator, was impressed with Bennett College with an international faculty and student body upon his first arrival here.

Having worked in several leading universities in China and Hong Kong, he came to the States in the hope that he might contribute his share toward the promotion of better international relationships through East-West understanding and Occident-Orient cultural appreciation.

In response to the question about what he thinks of Bennett today, Dr. Fu refers to the prog-

ress made during the last decade in the addition of new buildings, such as the new gym, new Science Hall, and two new dormitories as well as some increase in enrollment. As to the professor-undergraduate relationships, Dr. Fu expresses his delight in teaching and learning with the young people at Bennett and his enjoyment of the fellowship here in an international atmosphere. Of course, Dr. Fu has a closer contact with his majors, but he is interested in and concerned with the whole student body.

Dr. Fu's interest is genuine, for the graduates of his major field of study even keep him close touch with their lives and works. He speaks with pride of their achievements which make him feel that his labor of love is not in vain. That is why he has remained with us for over a decade already.

His hobbies are travels, lectures and music. He has travelled extensively around the world, attending international conferences, lecturing under the auspices of the Piedmont University Center (recently at Guilford College, High Point College and Wake Forest University) and many a club during his sojourn in Greensboro.

He prefers "better be a dove than a hawk." He would recompense injury with kindness, even turn the other cheek.

"What you don't want done to yourself, don't do to others!" This is why he pays such a high respect to both Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in his academic teachings and social action.

A Devoted Senior

A senior who has really had a busy year is Stephanie Jackson from Atlanta, Ga., the youngest of a family of three girls.

Stephanie's two main tasks for this year have developed from the positions that she holds: Editor of the yearbook and chairman of the Decoration and Renovation Committee for the Student Union. The project for the latter organization was to "re-do" the Coffee House and to try to make the whole room a place of interest for all students. Stephanie, with the aid of Beverly Walker, took measurements of the room, and drew up plans for the Coffee House. The purpose of the Coffee House, Stephanie says, is to have a special place opened nightly, especially doing visiting hours, for the students.

Equally as time consuming is Stephanie's job as editor of the yearbook.

Both positions Coffee House and yearbook were very challenging and only because of Stephanie's

developed interest and urge to serve the school before her departure was she motivated to continue over the rushed and sometimes pushed plans to a happy and satisfied ending.

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Winning Poem

Emily Jackson, a Bennett senior from Teaneck, N.J. was notified that her poetry entry, "Character Assassination" had been received honorable mention in the Reader's Digest-UNCF Creative writing contest. The judge was Mr. Frank G. Jennings, Editor-at-Large of Saturday Review. The announcement was made by James R. Smothers Jr., director, Educational Services Division.

Following is the honor winning poem by Emily:
CHARACTER ASSASSINATION
I got turned on, and the world interrupted.