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WELCOME

The members of the Newsletter Staff extend a cordial welcome to you. As you read our issues, offer criticisms and suggestions. A closer relationship between us, we feel, should enable us to publish a better paper.

As all other organizations, the Newsletter has aims and objectives for the school year of 57-58. They are: (1) to inform on campus activities, (2) to foster a wholesome school spirit, (3) to help to develop critical thinking and expression on controversial issues, and (4) to relate the Newsletter to our school program.

Since writing is one of the outgoing aspects of language, we not only believe that being able to express ideas on paper aids one in gaining the respect of his immediate associates, but also makes him a personality to live with. Our Staff is interested in better personalities and better papers.

We appreciate letters to the editor.
The Newsletter Staff
James E. Leathers,
Editor

CULTURE IN OUR STUDENT SOCIETY

Any intelligent inquiring person coming to our campus is sure to form opinions. Once he has formed them, he wants to transmit them to others. When such a thing is done, in many instances, a stigma is cast upon our students as a whole.

The refined voice, good diction and personal attire go into the making of individuals of high standards. In our local society, from all indications the individuals who have vocabularies of the least refinement or the blatant voices seem to be our most popular people. Inasmuch as this holds true in our locale, we are often obliged to ostracize our-selves when discussing certain topics. This should not have to be since we are all supposed to be on the same level intellectually.

To improve in general conversation there should be no limitation. Controversial political issues, drama, and the sports world can be discussed intelligently by many modest individuals.

Although much is gained through actual experience and observation, we cannot limit ourselves to these upon which many of us have become insis-

WHY COME TO COLLEGE?

If you were to ask college students the question: Why did you come to college?, a large number of them would no doubt respond, "To get a regular salary when I begin to teach." But, even if one never teaches, he still needs a college education to live effectively in a modern world.

The main purpose for coming to college is to expand our education. While expanding it, we learn to adjust ourselves to new customs, new ways of solving our own problems, new ways of dressing, new ways of meeting friends. We also learn to appreciate various types of programs, which in turn, will aid in developing our culture.

As you have once heard, America is called the Melting Pot, but this does not mean that students can melt through their classes without studying and be justified in criticizing the teachers if they fail to get all A's.

While expanding our education, we become familiar with different problems concerning every nation. An understanding of these will not only put us at ease when we hear such terms as Communism, Republicanism, Fascism, Democracy, National and International, but will give us an awareness of our roles in the society of the world.

We as college students should think more seriously about our work.

To the incoming Freshman Class, let there be as many graduating in '61" as came in "57".

—Georgianna Barnes

tent.

It would hardly be fair not to mention that some organizations on our campus, as will lyceum programs and even class activities, help us in an unlimited way to develop our culture, if we only take advantage of them.

—Harold Melton

BEFORE I GO

Only a speck of humanity am I,
Trying to do my part
In a great worldly task before I die,
With a weakened body and heart.

I'd like to see each break of day
And hear the rooster crow,
And before my life span melts away,
Around the world to go.

But before my body is laid below,
I'd like to live a while:
To see the beauties God did bestow
And to see my own child smile.

I'll build a structure beneath the sun
Beside the road of man
A place for inquisitive children to run,
And help them if I can.

And when I've reached the end of the line,
I'd like the world to know
I did my best to help mankind—
Before I had to go.

—Joseph D. Purvis

MALAYA MAKES PROGRESS

When Independence Day came on August of this year, Malaya had made a tremendous climb. She had become a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations — independent at home, but having Britain's support in military and international affairs. Her recently-elected leader was Sir Abdul Rohman.

Malaya is a small peninsula located southward from the continent of Asia. It is very hot and humid and is characterized by a heavy rainfall and many annoying insects. As far as natural resources are concerned, Malaya is known for her vast amount of rubber and tin. In fact, by 1895 Malaya's tin mines had become so important to world markets that the British found it desirable to get a voice in her local politics.

AT THE CROSSROAD AND BEYOND

In 1956, and about this time of the year, people of America were ostracizing Russia because of the Hungarian Revolt.

Now a similar situation exists in Little Rock, Arkansas. The people of Little Rock are defying the Supreme law of our beloved America and are getting away with it. This law as was decided by the Supreme Court in 1954 stated that segregation in public schools is unlawful. Governor Faubus of Arkansas called the National Guard of Little Rock to keep nine Negro children from entering Central High School of that city, and thus created one of the hottest racial issues in the South since the reconstruction days of the Civil War.

To counter the action of Faubus, President Eisenhower sent in war-prepared paratroopers and federalized the National Guard of Little Rock. This quieted the mob rule, but created tension in other Southern States and caused other countries to wonder about this thing called Democracy. This was an event strange in this generation, but it did exist and it has caused America to lose its prestige in the Far East.

Was the President wrong in sending troops to Little Rock to stop obstruction to the supreme law of our land? Definitely not. If he had not, the Supreme Court might as well not existed. There are those who talk about impeaching the President because they say it was an act of Hitlerism to send troops to Little Rock, but it was an act of justice to humanity, based on the constitution of the United States.

Certainly, the President did not want to take the action he did, but he used every device at his command to avoid doing so. His action came as a last resort.

However, what happened in Little Rock did not stop there. In Europe, radios and newspapers have blasted the United States harder than in over a century. Paris had this to say: "Racist Feeling Unleashed in Little Rock; School Encircled by Hysterical Mob". Rome printed a cartoon showing the Statue of Liberty garbed in the robes of the Ku Klux Klan and holding a burning Negro child in place of its torch. London said, "There's something rotten in Little Rock". Communist Peking headlined this: "Blood-shed in United States". But most impressive was this poem sent to the President by a Negro child.

Sorry to disturb your pleasuring time;
But now, Mr. Eisenhower, its measuring time.
Take my little black hand into your big white hand,
And next to Abe Lincoln, Mr. Eisenhower, how tall do you stand?

I say we are indeed at a time for measuring, with Russia having a man-made moon sailing around the earth at a velocity of 18,000 m.p.h. I also say Little Rock is not a Budapest; Arkansas is not a Hungary; but we are at the crossroad . . . and beyond that, who knows what will happen, except God?

