

Reflections



I was beginning to feel like a dementia precox (ask Dean Godard) during the holidays because I was so lonesome. Just a few dead trees, and the "canine campus cuties" to keep me company. But my morale really lifted when all you girls came back. Of course, I realize that it took several days for both your mental and physical halves to make a whole, but everyone is just about normal now.

When the exam schedule was posted the effect was the same as a shot of adrenalin. There was a mass realization that there is such a thing as studies, grades, and a Queens' average. The sorority pledges tearfully clutched their big sister's hands, and asked for advice in any form.

They say that "a word to the wise is sufficient," so here goes—and since I received my A. S. degree (always standing) from the Female College of Eternal Statues I feel that I am well qualified to speak so. No one can really say how it is best for you to prepare for your exams, but there are general rules that you all can apply. Exams are very important, but they certainly won't determine your whole grade—Cramming a semester's work into a few bleak hours may pass you, but within a short time, you will have forgotten all you learned. (And your parents certainly don't send you to college to study one week out of

thirty-six).—Excessive study may mean a stale mind, and you will not be ready with fresh answers.—While no study will disappoint a lot of people who are counting on you.—And last, just remember that the Honor System at Queens is one record of which we have always been proud.

Our Queens must be easy to spot from high altitudes judging from the buzzings some one has been getting lately. We have to put a lot of faith in those "hedge-hopping" A-20s, because they fly so low that the vibrations actually create miniature waves in my pond.—One little pilot dived so low last week that Miss Mitchell almost dismissed her panicky gym class. We all thought a Zero had "overshot" its field.

Why is it that those things we enjoy most have to come at the most inopportune moments? Both the Community Concert and a Little Theater play are scheduled during exam week. Guess we will just have to take a rain-check this time.

So many "rocks" are now being displayed on the campus that the Hope diamond couldn't even begin to compete.—Also there are several gold bands (meaning that marriage and careers do mix).

Just an idea to leave you with before I put up my scratchy little portable. The government needs nurses because we have reached a critical stage in this war. We are college girls and can not help right now. But we could do a lot of Red Cross work, and relieve those that are available. A few hours a week from all of us could mean a lot to the Charlotte hospitals. There are a lot of simple jobs to be done, and any of us could qualify. Anyone connected with the Red Cross will be delighted to give you information.

Just remember—we are all Americans, and we've got a job to do. The sooner we realize this, the sooner the casualty lists will decrease. Our brothers, sweethearts, and fathers know why they're fighting—but do we?

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When school was resumed January 4, several members of the student body were proudly wearing wedding bands. They are:

Miss Bettie Martin Williams, who was married to Corporal Douglas E. Parks on December 20, 1944, in the Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church. Bettie and Doug are both from Charlotte. Doug served overseas with the paratroopers for several months and is now convalescing at Daytona Beach in Florida, while Bettie Martin continues her studies here at Queens.

Miss Jeanette Smith of Monroe, N. C., became the bride of Corporal William W. Presson, also of Monroe, on December 22, 1944, at the bride's home. Jeanette left school to be with Bill before he goes overseas.

Miss Virginia Rea of Matthews, N. C., was married to Sgt. James Waltman of Charlotte on December 19, 1944. They were married in Charlotte. Virginia is continuing her studies here at Queens while James is convalescing from wounds received while in active duty overseas.

Wade R. Todd Is Assistant To Treasurer

Queens has welcomed a new member to its staff this year. He is Mr. Wade R. Todd, who came Jan. 1, to be the assistant to the treasurer, Mr. Thompson. Mr. Todd is a native Mecklenburg County resident and now lives at 1707 Club Road with his wife and daughter. He has been a life-long member of Sugaw Creek Church and is now the ruling elder there. Mr. Todd had served a number of years with the American Trust Company in Charlotte before coming to Queens' campus. Here he will work with the office and its purposes and see that proper attention and care is paid to the property and grounds.

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QUEENS COLLEGE

Sporting Around Queens

By Ella Dunbar

The sport's spotlight this week shines on one of the most popular sports at Queens—basketball. The basketball season is approaching rapidly, and we will be able to play, or at least start to practice very soon.

There will be a varsity basketball team, and also class and intramural contests will be held later in the season. Teams representing classes, sororities, day students, and clubs on campus will participate in the games.

In order to be on one of the teams, a girl must come to a minimum of four practices. The practices will be held in the gym at 4:30 in the afternoons. The date for the first practice will be posted.

Around the first of December, a gift of \$200 was given by Mr. Allen B. Sibley to be used in the Physical Education program. A request for more money to be added to this sum was made, and the board of trustees granted permission for the present gym to be repaired.

The building has been extended eight feet in length on one side. This makes it possible for the basketball goals at each end of the gym to be projected from the wall. Also, it gives the players more room to run over the end line of the court. The old screens, which were seriously inadequate, have been replaced by new ones which are standard size. New lights have been added which will prove to be a big help. The roof has also been repaired and the floors have been sanded down. It is impossible to heat the building, but with these improvements, it is at least safe and clean.

Little Thot—"What makes the balloon go up?"

Thot Less—"Hot Air."

Little Thot—"What keeps you down?"

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Cluny Brown

By Margery Sharp
Reviewed by Suzanne Blackmon

Cluny Brown was the startling and unconsciously delightful niece of a London plumber who didn't know her place in life. Her interest in other people and her disregard of social standings consequently lead her frantic and bewildered uncle to secure her employment as a parlor maid at an estate in Denonshire. Her effect on the household and its occupants is revolutionary and amusing. The fact that she manages to change the course of several people's lives detracts not a whit. The way in which she meets any and all situations will leave the reader with a joyful affection for Cluny and admiration for Miss Sharp's ingenious imaginations. The story at times seems a bit fantastic but moves at a fast pace and does not lose for a moment the element of interest. The ending is a surprise in itself but the reader will not be particularly amazed because the whole book has an aura, not of unreality, but of convincing fantasy. An excellent way to step into a delightful world and receive a fresh viewpoint on life would be to read Cluny Brown.

Frazer Hall

The most recent addition to the campus of Queens College is Frazer Dormitory. This building was named for Dr. W. H. Frazer, former president and was dedicated in a ceremony at the college in October, 1944. When the additional buildings are built in the program for Greater Queens this dormitory may possibly be used to accommodate the faculty. The dormitory is now made up of four apartments and houses thirty students.

Mr. Norman, in chemistry: "Why didn't you filter this?"
Freshman: "I didn't think it would stand the strain."

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