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# New Attitude Engulfs All

In a leading article on the first page of the *Blues* June Patterson calls attention to the presence of a new spirit on the Queens Campus. This new force is summed up in the term "a positive attitude."

What is "an attitude"? It seems to us that it is a state of mind. A state of mind which first exists within the individual! As the number of individuals who effectively embrace this "attitude" increases, so does the "attitude" become the hallmark of the campus and student body. It is, in short, the spirit or group consciousness through which Queens College may be typed and identified.

Those of us who have visited other campuses or have even attended other colleges have no difficulty in associating various "attitudes" with their respective schools. This may be fortunate or unfortunate for a given institution and student body, but it is undeniably true. This is why June has emphasized the "positive" nature of the Queens philosophy.

To our mind the maintaining of a "positive attitude" means simply that one is optimistic rather than pessimistic. It means that we look for the good, if not for the best, and that we refrain from searching for the poor or mediocre, if not for the worst. It means that we practise enjoying what we have instead of griping for what we have not.

Possibly the most important place in which we can put this "new attitude" to work is in our personal relationships on the campus. Life can be much more fun if we look for the likable and commendable qualities in a person rather than for faults and irritating habits. Sometimes it requires patience and perseverance to find talents in a person whom we don't particularly like on first sight. But, how many of our best friendships have grown out of nothing more than a better acquaintance with that person? Familiarity breeds confidence and love much more frequently than it breeds contempt.

Then there is our "attitude" toward student organizations and student officers. Possibly things are not managed in exactly the way we should most like them to be. But could we on the outside do any better? Do we know the problems which belong to every office and to every organization? Do we try to learn what has been done, or do we stop when we think of what has not? Much of an individual's contentment depends on the way in which she asks the question and not on the answers in themselves. And the question so often determines the answer.

Finally, but not least in importance, is our "attitude" toward the college itself, administration and faculty. Perhaps we can think of equipment that we'd like to have. Possibly there are faculty members who fail at times to give us all that we expect. But do we realize the opportunities which we do possess? Have we exhausted the resources already available?

Like true happiness, a "positive attitude" can be summed up in "wanting what we have" and not in "getting what we want."

## Why Read Great Books?

We have printed the list of books being used in the Great Books course because we feel that they will serve as a guide for those students who wish to supplement their class work. Many girls will not have time during the school year to read these books. For them this list can serve as a guide to summer reading. These books have been chosen from lists representing the best in world literature. College women will find in these great works not only a challenge but also an aid. These books challenge you to think. They aid you in understanding the complex world of today. In a few years most of you will be making your own home. This list will be a valuable aid to you in starting your own library. These books can be the difference between an ordinary, drab existence and a stimulating experience. If you plan to be a home maker you owe it to your family to have a thought provoking library. If you are to fill your position as a citizen of the world you must know the peoples, lands and philosophies of that world. Those of us who can not gain this knowledge through travel, can gain it through reading the books of the world. We offer this list as a guide in laying the cornerstone of your life as an interesting, effective individual. Will you accept or reject it?

### "Wha' Hoppen'd?"

Now that's a good question! Wha' hoppen'd?" Certainly everyone remembers what happened the night of September 17, after that grueling week of Freshmen Orientation—teaching the little green things who's who and what's what. In English, teachers are always asking what the climax of the story is. Well, "Wha' hoppen'd" Saturday, September 17?

That sounds like a terribly silly question, 'cause most of the girls who were here that week know the answer; but you who just couldn't tear yourselves away from home so soon—we had a "pah'ty." Yes, the nicest little "pah'ty" you ever saw. Nothing but males, males, and more males! (Ah! men!)

Don't get me wrong. Sure they were men, but these were DAVIDSON men with looks, personality, and know-how—not to forget brains.

Oh, Yes! The Freshman Talent Show, dancing in the barn, bridge in the Lounge, chatting in Burwell, refreshments in the Day Student Building, and hand-holding in Diana Court, accounted for so many smiles and sighs. Everyone certainly seemed to have a huge time.

Golly, but the upperclassmen sho' helped us freshmen in that first week away from home. No time to be homesick. And our brother college gave us a great big lift by being such wonderful guests.

### All The Way With R. A.

Last week after our regular student body meeting and after seeing "all the way with R. A." dangling from the neck of an innocent (but guilty) freshman, I took it upon myself to find out more about R. A. It is an amazing fact that each girl on Queen's campus is a member of the Recreation Association. From all I can gather, "the harvest is much, but the laborers are few" and 'twould be to our advantage to get on the ball and join the fun.

The dormitories competed in a volley ball tournament last week with South taking the championship. Again, on Monday, the freshmen reared their mighty heads and suprressed the educated fools. Poor sophomores!

The juniors left the barn after suffering a crushing defeat at the hands of the seniors. Even so, 'twas all in fun and everyone enjoyed the volley.

The disc jockies who open the rec for dancing have reported a booming business here of late. Stop in and join your friends in a few struggles some evening after dinner. For details see one of the Byerly sisters.

During the year R. A. sponsors a number of activities for those of us who are not too keen on exerting ourselves. Why don't you and I follow closely the work of R. A. and co-operate with the council in order that this year might be a successful year for all? It's a great and useful organization.

## Ladies Dope

Time can do things to romance the cynics tell us, but even after the swift passing of the summer months we still find many of the same "callers in Burwell." Dot McLeod and Billy, Dee Dee Shepherd and Sam, Shirley Byerly and Bob, Pete Peterson and Jim, Barbara Shaw and Archie, Ruth Porter and Chris, Clara Barnes and Lane can all be included in that still going strong category.

Yet some changes have been made. Some of the rather serious new developments feature diamonds which point to Carolyn Davis' marriage in November, and Mary Jane Gardner's and Betty Anderson's some time next summer. The Beta pin that Lois Fillmer wears so proudly was exciting news for some.

Then there are the definitely summer time happenings. Betty Lynn Davenport has a Westward look toward a fellow named Don. Margaret Wikle didn't spend all her time in pursuit of higher learning at Wake Forest, and Peggy Barrentine let the moon over the ocean provide inspiration for her and Ken. Frances Harris seems to have acquired a new interest at Montreat this summer—or maybe two if you count both John and Richard! June Patterson did all right at Montreat too. Don't mention Texas or Ralph in June's presence unless you have an hour to hear all about it.

On our return to school we found Maritza talking in glowing terms of "Carlos," but she and some other Chi O's really had a big week during the Davidson rush parties.

The seminary has taken them away but Louise Conrad still waits for Orion and Helen Alexander for Wilkes. As we know Nancy Weaver decided not to wait and was married to Floyd in August.

The freshmen are getting quite the rush. That first big party with its excess of men gave those gals a real introduction to the Davidson hopefuls. The phone in South is constantly busy and an unforeseen "campus" can create havoc—eh Mary Anne, Ann, and Ashlyn? Madeline Johnson and Kitty Sue Carter give the whole dorm a thrill when they take their pin up boys to the phone table with them for inspiration during phone duty.

A general Queens reunion could have been staged at Chapel Hill the week-end of the Georgia-Carolina game. Betty Norris, Ola Matlock, Kellah Murray, Bootsy Stafford, Frances Harris, and Lucy Boggs were among the gals there.

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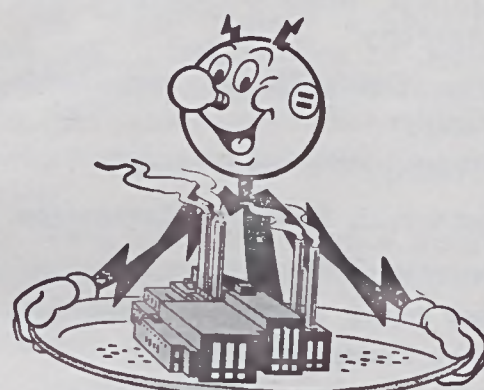
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