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**An Editorial That We Would Prefer Not To Write**

The headlines of the Charlotte Observer on Friday, April 28, were of vital interest to the students and faculty of Queens, for they carried the news of Dr. Blakely's resignation. We received this news with mixed emotions of shock and surprise. President Blakely's decision to resign shocked us to such a degree that many of us in our thinking have not gone beyond a feeling of regret. Yet, we also could be thankful for the eleven years he has been here. In an article on the front page of this issue of the **Blues** there is a list of a few of his achievements while guiding our school. A glance at this list will show us how deeply we are indebted to Dr. Blakely, for under his guidance Queens has come to be one of the outstanding women's colleges in the Southeast.

We realize something of what Dr. Blakely means to Queens when we begin to wonder who will be the new president. The man who is appointed to the position will have a difficult job. Who else can give Dr. Blakely's annual chapel talk on "The Queen's Lookout," and who else can embody the true spirit of Queens in his everyday life?

The **Blues** is particularly concerned over President Blakely's decision to leave. He realizes, as few college presidents do, the power of the press on a campus. Not only has he shown an interest in the **Blues** and other student publications, but also on more than one occasion in the past he has "gone to bat" for them to save them from threatened extinction.

All Queens students will say goodbye to President and Mrs. Blakely with a feeling of gratitude and appreciation for the many friendly and gracious ways in which they have made their college days happy days.

We shall miss the Blakelys, and we shall remember them.

**Now Is The Hour . . .**

Two more weeks, fourteen days, two hundred more hours and we will all be deep in the midst of exams. Two hundred more hours—why not make those hours study hours? Start reviewing now, put your notes in order, get your material organized, and then **STUDY**. It would be nice to be able to relax during exam week, to go to bed before the sun peeps over the horizon, to go to an exam with a good night's rest plus a head full of knowledge backing you up. It would be nice, and you can do it IF you will. Start now and devote one concentrated hour of review to each of your subjects. The results of such a plan will amaze you, and it will also be a pleasant surprise for your professors. Buckle down to your books and have a most successful exam week. Good Luck!

M.A.

**Sporting — Around Queens**

Even though we don't have a swimming pool on the campus, we do have lots of fish. (I hope the girls I mention have no objection to my calling them fish.) Even the Charlotte Aquacade Club recognized the fact that some Queens' girls are good enough for exhibition. On April the twenty-first and twenty-second the Aquacade Club presented "In An Old Fashioned Garden" at the YWCA pool. Pat Keesling and Holly Lambdin participated in it; and Mrs. Jim Magher, physical education instructor here last year, was one of the advisors. The numbers presented were truly in keeping with an old-fashioned garden. They were: "In an Old Fashioned Garden," "Mistress Mary, Quite Contrary," "June is Bursting Out All Over," "Red Roses for a Blue Lady," "You Wore a Tulip," "Tango Del La Rose," "Welcome, Sweet Springtime," "Orchids in the Moonlight," "Tonight We Love," "Waiting At the Church," "Wedding Samba," "Waltz of the Flowers," and "Memories."

Not only do Queens' girls swim at the YWCA, they also swim in the pool at Davidson. Ola Matlock, Lucy Boggs, Frances Harris, Betsy Cromer, Belva Morse, Smokey Henry, and Miss June Holtzendorff have just completed a five night Red Cross Instructor's Course. These girls were renewing their Instructor's Certificates.

Swimming isn't the only fad here these days, softball is also popular—especially since the days are longer. Miss Squires is helping the softball cause by serving picnic suppers at the grill on Saturday nights. It's so convenient to get to the softball field from the grill, and it certainly is fun to play softball when that some special one can't be here on Saturday nights. The tennis courts haven't been slighted either, and with all the enthusiastic tennis players this year there should be a good tournament.

Sunbathing can't quite be classed as a sport, but it seems to be a favorite pastime about this time of year. There certainly should be something in the catalogue about the wonderful opportunities to get suntans here. Any time from lunch on the Queens' girls desert the dormitories and head for the athletic field.

**Sheer and Blue**

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Here, between sea and sea,  
 in the fairy wood,  
 I have found a delicate,  
 wave-green solitude." Arthur Symons, Miss Scheer.  
 Chinese Mother Goose Rhymes, Crist; Lady-Bug, Baby is Sleeping, What the Old Cow Said, Pat a Cake; May-Day Carol, arr. Deems Taylor; Knock on the Door, Crist; Miss Blue.

**Counselors . . .**

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Folger, Lynn Campbell, Harriet McInnis, Sallie Hood Buie, Eugenia Harris, June DeLamar.

The Day Student Counselors are:

Lucy Dunn Guion, Alice Reynolds, Helena Hunter, Valorie Snook, Betty Ann Pyron, Jean Harrison.

**Dr. Blakely**

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the reference collection.

Queens has been granted membership in the National Association of Colleges of Music and has received recognition from the General Education Board in the form of a grant aiding in the improvement of the Science Building.

Other miscellaneous improvements might be mentioned, among them the remodeling and refurbishing of Burwell Hall and the dormitories, the erection of the statue of Diana, the establishment of the rose garden, and extensive landscaping about the campus.

These are the more tangible and concrete benefits Dr. Blakely leaves to Queens College. It is impossible to list or to limit the effect of his personality, character, unflagging interest in student and faculty, his concern for the present and future welfare of the college, and his never-tiring optimism. Evidence of all these was manifested in the shocked and surprised reception in all quarters of the news of his resignation.

Dr. Blakely will take a position as Secretary of the Committee on Higher Education in the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church. He and Mrs. Blakely plan to make their home in Richmond, Virginia. The best wishes of the Queens community go with them.

Before coming to Queens Dr. Blakely had served as Acting Pastor of the American Church in Berlin, Professor of New Testament-Interpretation in Columbia Seminary (Decatur, Georgia), and as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Staunton, Virginia. He was for many years a member of the Board of Trustees of Mary Baldwin College.

No announcement has been made regarding plans to meet the emergency occasioned by Dr. Blakely's resignation. It is assumed that the Board of Trustees have already commenced a study of the problem.

**Home Ec Dept. Tries New Course For Non-Majors**

A new step was taken by the Queens Home Economics Department when four non-majors were given three weeks training in the Home Management House this semester. Three of these girls, Ann Woodson, Betty Morris, and Peggy Barrentine, had taken the one semester non-major cooking course. The other, June Patterson, had had no previous training in home economics. So in rotating turns as cook, assistant cook, hostess, and housekeeper, these four seniors "played house" and managed not to starve.

At a summarizing conference with Miss Sarah Burton Jenkins, the supervisor, the girls enthusiastically agreed that while they still had much to learn, the experiment had been a great success and expressed the hope that more seniors could be given such an opportunity. In outlining the objectives for such a program the attitudes of confidence in one's potential ability to learn to manage a home, knowledge of basic skills, the acquaintance with the many areas of a home maker's responsibility, and the experience of learning to accept responsibility and to show in common projects were listed as advantages of the home management training to non-majors.

The girls learned that 'tis no small miracle to have everything ready to serve just at the right moment, that there are time saving ways to dust and clean and set a table, that peas and beans are not the only vegetables and that Miss Jenkins doesn't like pan cakes for breakfast—she didn't confess until the fourth time.

Such a program is unique with Queens and is of great interest to people in other schools and communities. It is in such programs that a small girls' school can offer distinctive advantages to its students. Even girls who have taken the one semester cooking course.

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