

Thanks and Farewell

The most cherished of college experiences are those through which we come to know and love the people around us. Yet the process is so gradual that we seldom are aware of it. Especially is this true of our growing friendships with members of the faculty and administration. We hear them in class, seek their help and advice, talk with them in informal gatherings, and giving the matter little thought, assume that they are a part of the college and will remain here—at least as long as we do. We are then shocked and dismayed by the realization that one of them is leaving. When that one is Dr. McCutchan, the loss seems unbelievably great.

As Chairman of the Division of Language and Literature and ranking Professor of English, Dr. McCutchan has improved the division through his practical wisdom and liberal approach. One of his important additions to the department and to the college is the Great Books Course, offered to the students and the people of Charlotte. Another is the informal seminar in Creative Writing set up at his request and offered to students who wish to learn to write by writing. But along with contributions such as these has come another as vitally effective and as lasting as any academic accomplishment—a strength of character that is contagious. Dr. McCutchan's students and associates admire his scholarship and integrity almost as if the two were one and inseparable, because they are in him so perfectly blended.

In spite of the time consuming responsibility of his department, Dr. McCutchan has found time to participate in every phase of college activity. He has served on the Advisory Committee and is serving now as advisor to the *Blues* staff. In the past two years he has taken part in three plays. Yet, no student who has approached him with a problem, and hundreds have, has been turned away. They have found objective consideration, tempered by understanding.

The loss of one who has done and been all of these things will be great, but perhaps, as one of Dr. McCutchan's associates said, "it will not be unbearable if he is replaced by someone as wise, as capable, as sincerely frank, and as kind as he is."

From the Editor . . .

The editor would like to thank each and every person that has contributed in any way to the successful publishing of the *Blues* for this year. We have had our trials and troubles, but we have enjoyed every minute—enjoyed it so much, in fact, that we would probably do it over again if given the opportunity.

We on the *Blues* staff wish to extend sincere congratulations to the new editor. We hope that you will make a better and more informative paper than we have done. We hope that the student body will continue to show you the loyal support that they have shown us. We also want you to know that although you will often burn the midnight oil, you have many exciting experiences ahead of you—experiences that will greatly enhance your college days. Here's to you and a greater *Blues*.

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CAMPUS . . . CHOICE

"Have the pictures come? Has anybody seen Mr. Bromfield?", questions an excited and frantic voice. These familiar utterances belong to none other than the editor of the college annual. Her Christian name is Jacqueline Alice Otey, but she is better known to her friends as Jacquie. Many nights has Jacquie burned the midnight oil, slaving diligently over the annual. (Everyone is looking forward to the best one yet.)

In addition to her responsibilities of the annual, Jacquie is one of those seniors who is involved with practice teaching; so if she has been seen lately dashing around with a bewildered expression on her face, she probably was on her way to or from Park Road School. It would be easy to assume that Jacquie has made a hit with her pupils because of her sincerity, patience, and likeable personality. She is a conscientious worker—both in her school studies and her outside activities.

Jacquie comes to us from Parisburg, Virginia. During her four years at Queens, she has been a member of the International Relations Club, the Queens Players, a committee of the Student Christian Association, the *Blues* staff, and Phi Mu Fraternity. Her Junior year she edited the Student Directory. She also has taken an interest in church work in one of the local Episcopal churches.

After graduation Jacquie plans to teach in her home town. Only the future can predict whether she will be teaching as a Miss or a Mrs. At any rate Jacquie is really a *Campus Choice*, and here's wishing her great success and happiness.

College Librarian Receives Letter

Miss Rena Harrell, the college librarian, received the following letter from Sir Richard Livingstone who lectured at Queens in November. Sir Richard saw the *Bible* which King George VI presented to the college at the dedication of the new chapel and was very much interested in the manner whereby it was obtained.

"March 2, 1951.

Emory University,
 Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Librarian:

Won't you very kindly hand this letter to the lady who was good enough to show me the Queen's Bible on my recent visit to Charlotte, if I am wrong in thinking that you are the person?

I wrote His Majesty's Private Secretary over how much his gift has been appreciated by the college and how carefully it was kept, and I have just heard from him that he showed the letter to the Queen and that she expresses her warm pleasure and interest in the way the college values the gift.

I thought you might be interested by this: it is pleasant to think of this tie of sentiment between our two countries.

Sincerely,

R. LIVINGSTONE."

As a matter of fact there are only two Bibles in the United States which have been given by King George VI. The first one was given to President Roosevelt for the Saint James Chapel near Hyde Park. It is half the size of our Bible and has gold lettering on the outer cover reading "Saint James Chapel from George VI".

The Question Box

"What do you think would add most to the betterment of school spirit at Queens?"

BIRDIE CROW: "More cooperation and less competition. The majority of activities which involve any spirit at all are competitive such as stunt night, different sport tournaments, etc. We need more cooperative activities in which the students are united into one school body, not segregated into separate groups. An equilibrium of both types of activities would build a strong school spirit."

MANON WILLIAMS: "That, my dear, is a difficult question to answer. It involves so very much. I do not have a ready answer, but I think that our recent acquisition of money and the improvements made in the teaching staff will draw public attention and give Queens the prestige it needs. This prestige would very soon transfer to the students."

EDITH YOUNG: "It is my opinion that a gymnasium would contribute more than any other single thing to school spirit on the part of the individual student."

JUNE DeLAMAR: "I believe that a new and larger Y store with some new booths would contribute very much to school spirit."

DOT WILSON: "I think we need more student participation in the various activities already offered on our campus. It seems to me that a gymnasium would be exactly what we need to make people conscious of these recreational activities—just as our chapel has made us more conscious of our religious activities."

SHIRLEY SIDDALL: "Let's have more social events that will bring day-students, boarders, and faculty closer together. Such events could be community sings, informal picnics, etc. . . ."

ANN SHIFLET: "Let's have at least one hour every week when students and faculty can get together to relieve the tension of the daily routine."

ANNE SMITH: "I think we need a closer relationship among the students on our campus."

MARTHA RHYNE: "We need a general meeting place where all students can meet together and have a good time and do just what you feel like doing—especially on weekends."

BETTY HORN: "Each student should feel a little more responsibility for the college through an increased interest. This interest might be gained by more information to the students about the various functions of the college."

JACQUIE OTEY: "It seems to me that informal get-togethers of the whole student body, peppy songs, and sports would contribute more than anything else that I can think of."

WITH THE GREEKS

Alpha Delta Pi

The A D Pi's started friendship week by holding their Black Diamond Candlelight Service for their new initiates on Thursday, March the 8th. They brought this initiation week to a close with a dance. The actives gave a formal dance in honor of their new sisters, which was held at the Chet Montet on Saturday, March the 17th, following their sorority banquet.

Alpha Gamma Delta

The Alpha Gams happily extend the bond of sisterhood to Jo Pat Cooke of Belle, West Virginia, and to Susan Buskirk of Cedartown, Georgia, both of whom were pledged Tuesday, March sixth. Friday, March ninth, the pledges were entertained at the home of Mrs. Sue Holder by the members of the Alumnae chapter. Saturday, March third, before the Spring dance, the Alpha Gams entertained with supper for friends and dates. The house was arrayed with arrangements of Spring flowers. A dinner was prepared and served with the help of several members of the Alumnae chapter.

It was a night to remember for the Alpha Gams and their dates at Camp Hermon, March the seventeenth. There was round dancing, square dancing and lots of food too—all this in honor of the new initiates.

Chi Omega

The Chi Omegas held their initiation banquet on March 17, at Rozelle's Ferry. We were very glad to have several alumnae with us including Mrs. Pinkell, who talked on the purposes of Chi Omega. The Charlotte alumnae are giving a Founder's Day banquet on April 7.

Kappa Delta

Kappa Delta welcomes its new pledge, Jackie Stafford.

On March 1, the following girls received Second Degree: Betty Jo McCormick, Jane Anderson, Katie Jean Aycock, Carmen Carter, Georgianna Gettinger, Mary Lib Lemmons, Betty Steagall, Bee Richardson, and Janie Wildman.

Phi Mu

Is that music I hear coming from the third little white house on Sorority Road? Ah! Yes! And the Phi Mu's are celebrating; for they—with thanks to Lulu—now have a radio and record player that plays. The music just adds to the gala times had by all at the house. March the seventh was another wonderful day for Phi Mu for we were happy to pledge Cecelia Moss to our chapter. March the sixteenth will also be remembered for on that day Sallie Hood Buie, Barbara Edwards, Mac Hines, Betty Hunter, Dotty Saunders, Charlie Skelton, and Joyce Tucker were initiated into Phi Mu. Congratulations, initiates! The following night the Phi Mus and their dates went to a banquet and dance at the Selwyn Hotel in honor of the new initiates.