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WHAT ABOUT COLLEGE?

Should I go to college? This is the question that all high school seniors ask. Yes, if you have the requisite mental capacity for college work and a reasonably definite purpose in securing higher education, together with ambition, health and sufficient funds.

Any high school graduate of ability who possesses funds enough to cover his freshman expenses should not hesitate to go to college, because scholarships, loan funds, or work will likely provide for their future education. Lack of ambition is a far greater handicap than lack of funds in securing college training.

The chances for success of college-trained men and women are much greater than those of non-college graduates. In fact, the chance of achieving distinction by an individual without education is very doubtful. In view of these statistics prepare yourself further for the competition of life by securing a college education.

IT MATTERS WHAT YOUR GOAL IS

"You must keep your goal in sight; labor toward it day and night, then at last arriving there—you should be too old to care."

The wise person, when planning his life's goal should go about a similar procedure of that which a traveler would, when choosing his destination by first deciding what means he will use on the journey, for life, too, is a journey. It must also have a reasonable goal chosen before determining how to spend each day.

Many people today have taken as their goal the attainment of wealth and material goods. This is an inferior "destination," for it reduces man's dignity, making him serve something lesser than himself—for material goods are inferior to human personality.

BE GRATEFUL

"Grateful must we be that the heart may go withersoever it will."

Gratefulness is a way of expressing appreciation and thankfulness, and is an important asset to all in every walk of life.

Are you guilty of taking others for granted? Did you forget to send a greeting card, a thank-you note, a small gift or visit a person who has been very kind to you? How about you who ride to and from school with your friends and teachers, do you ever say thanks or I'll help pay for gas this week? Will you rob mom of that new dress she needs for your own selfish reason? Have you ever taken time out to say thanks to mom and dad? Has life become so much fun that you lack the time to say a simple prayer.

Many favors which are done daily are done without compulsion or recompense; but how many individuals stop to consider this fact and give a reply of thanks for such gratuity shown toward them?

When we can give a simple reply of thanks for such small courtesies as a bus driver waiting for us, others picking things up for us or holding a door and many more courtesies paid, signifies that we are growing in consideration and human kindness.

"HUDDLE PRAYER"

Lord we thank Thee for this day,
Grant us guidance in our play.
Give us strength in hand and heart
To play the fair and sportman's part.
With courage and regards we will play
by the rule _____
For honor of good ole "Dudley High School."

Letter To The Editor

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The Panther's Claw Staff
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Dear Friends,
Thank you for sending me issues of the Panther's Claw this past semester. As a graduate of Dudley and a former member of your staff, I can appreciate the effort it takes to put out a newspaper; certainly one, which is by far, the caliber of the Panther's Claw.

You might be interested in knowing to what purposes I have put my experience in journalism and some of its advantages to me: Mainly it has been helpful in securing my present job as a Technical Editor for a large Aircraft Corporation. It was one of the first items listed on my application that the interviewer noticed. Then as I work at this job, my knowledge of journalism, even though limited, has been useful in making abstracts of articles and reports inasmuch as in these instances conciseness is an important factor. Thus can you understand why I value the extra time as well as have fond memories of the days I helped to "put the Panther's Claw to bed".

Again thank you for including me on your mailing list. I am looking forward to the next issues with news from Dudley.

Best wishes also for continued successful publications in 1957.

Sincerely yours,
Delores Douglas Archer

Music Speaks A Language

Music is a universal language, one which the people of all countries can understand. Music is like a language written in notes instead of words. The written notes are read by the player and made into sounds which the listener hears. In this way the composer gives a message to the world. He expresses joy, sorrow, nobility, fear, beauty, and many other feelings and moods with his music. The music that makes people feel emotions is usually the best music. Music appreciation also makes you want to make music yourself. If you do play or sing, it should teach you to be a better interpreter of the great music of the world. As a vocation, music offers opportunities to earn a living in at least seven different classes of work—teachers of music, performers, singers, conductors, makers of musical instruments, critics, composers and arrangers, the manager or "seller" of music, called the "impresario" and music publishers.

Art Club And Modern Dance Group Initiates

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Panther's Pulse

Heretofore, various colleges have always reported how well former Dudley students behaved and did their work. Dudley has always been happy over such reports, but it seems that some of these former Dudleyites are not holding up the tradition. It is constantly being said that several former students are carrying on activities that tend to bring down the high standards of the schools they are now attending. These reports have been brought to the Claw Staff so many times that it was decided to get opinions from present Dudleyites.

A Senior—

The thought of attending college after high school occupies many minds of Dudley students, one time or another. What they do after they get there occupies the minds of teachers and parents often. Will their actions in college cause praise for Dudley or disgrace.

This is something one should think about more seriously than in the past, and make an example to cheer for one's former Alma Mater!

Using the slogan, "Those who do right have nothing to fear," will help many I'm sure.

A Sophomore—

If such things are true and are not soon stopped, colleges may be very careful before letting in other Dudley students and this will be hard on some of them.

If this applies to one, check and live up to this quotation, "Let your light so shine that men may see your good work and glorify your father which is in Heaven." This means live right so that other people can see your good work instead of all your bad work.

A Junior—

The colleges are willing to serve all pupils using it for recreational and educational purposes in the right way, and willing to comply with its few simple rules of school etiquette. Because of the crowded campus this year, consideration for others is more than ever important. This should not include running around the campus trying to be heard and seen. You may accomplish both by just being your old self.

HALL OF FASHION

By Mae Ruth Shaw

Hi girls! Are you looking toward a new season and a new wardrobe? While you are in the process of organizing and thinking, I am going to let you in on the new types of the 1957 suit changes.

Beginning for this year's suit-news is a blouse. Simple as that—is the open jacket suit filled with the freshness of a blouse. The blouse is apt to be delicious in itself. For instance: white surah with big dots, a big bow or both.

What about the suit skirt? It ought to be hemmed an inch or so longer than last year's and it ought to fit on the easy side. Some skirts have begun to gather every definite fullness, that's the of the cropped jacket suits now.

For the rest of the suit look, for the soft little hats worn the bias, with an eyelash curved; shoes with a little less heel it, but slim nonetheless and for believable jewelry, pearl pieces more often in triplicate do not.

Clothes Make The Man?

Do you heard the saying, "Clothes make the man?" That you, too. So why not try a military manner, a fall trench coat of cotton gabardine for handsome serviceability at everyone has been talked about.

The sport car age, a three-length cotton-gabardine suit with zestful debonair

Remember the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Don't be a trouble maker."

A Senior—

"Lives of great men all remind us . . . We can make our lives sublime, and, departing, leave behind us . . . Footprints on the sands of time . . ."

What kind of footprints are you leaving—good or bad? It never occurs to the actors of these evil deeds that their lights of life reflect on each student now attending Dudley and the future generation. Each person has to live his own life—how it will be lived is entirely his responsibility.

The people who insist upon doing wrong and know it are the kind to be banned from our cultural society. One rotten apple can spoil a whole barrel—are you that rotten apple? So the plea from the Dudley family to these students is: "Good, better and best, never let the three rest, until good becomes better and better becomes best."

A Junior—

Are we losing sight of the main things of life by having a temporarily good time which will result in paying for one hilarious moment throughout our lives?

It is not necessary for us to be unusual in an unlady like manner in order to gain attention from others.

Instead of our indulging in such things as to hinder others' reputations as well as our own and place such untasty reflections upon our parents, teachers, and our "dear ole Alma Mater" which are not deserved, let us put our best foot forward, and remember in preparing for and attending college we should realize that a college life should lay the basis for a broader and a sounder christian life.

A Senior—

We, the student body, are ashamed of and sorry for some of these students, because we feel that they are weak and not strong enough to stand up and say, "No that is wrong and I'm not going to do that, because my parents taught me better." Dudleyites should always be kind, courteous, obedient and respectable.

A Junior—

Got A Problem

Question

I am a high school student and have not decided what to do as a life's occupation. This brings the problem of what to major in while at college and which college to attend.

Answer

This problem has confronted many students and the school is trying to offer help. Our guidance counselor suggests the following: (1) Start planning early (2) Take "solid" subjects and (3) Get good grades.

Available also are aptitude tests. From this you may find some subjects that would prove worth being your major in college. With a definite major, it would help greatly in deciding on an occupation. Our counselor has catalogs which you could look through for choosing a college. The library carries a set of catalogs also.