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CLASS NEWS

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Class Of '43

Officers: President, Marian McLaughlin; Vice-President, Wilma Gorham; Secretary, Beatrice Moore; Treasurer, Mary Gregory.

The seniors returned to Bennett this year imbued with a harmonious combination of dignity, zestful ambition, and determination. We realize that young women must be able to face realities when faced with the present chaotic conditions.

We welcome Ruby Doyle of South Carolina State . . . the class of '43 can truthfully say "Something new has been added!" With us once again are Obera Dawson, Maxine Lawson, Helen Clark and Australia Hines . . . all of whom were members of the senior class who had dropped out for a semester or two.

In spite of the division of the class in the various dormitories the senior class spirit will be one of the predominating factors on the campus.

The following organizations are headed by seniors: the Orchestra, Book Lovers' Club, Language Club, Bennett Banner, Student Senate, Women's Society of Christian Service, Sunday School, Home Economics Club, Usher Board, Carrie Barge Hall, and the Senior Choir.

The first class meeting of the year was held September 21st; each member of the class pledged full cooperation. Some varied and interesting plans were formulated by the social committee headed by Miss Eleanor Warren.

Each of us is anxious to get in full measure what Bennett has to offer us and in return to make what ever contribution we can make. We think of Bennett College not as being built of brick and mortar but as being built of spirit, practiceable religion, tolerance, and as a place built on the principle of furthering a rising race.

Thank You For--

- 1. Dean Brett's personality and efficiency.
2. All the new faculty and staff members.
3. The completed walks.
4. The promise of a larger, more complete Bookstore.
5. Such a talented Freshman class.
6. The interesting Vesper speakers slated to come to Bennett during the year.
7. The music in the dining hall during meals.
8. Miss Howard's crisp, clean efficiency.

WE DON'T FULLY APPRECIATE:

- 1. Having our rooms checked so early in the day if we MUST start classes at 7:45 in the yawning (not morning!).
2. The division of classes in the various upperclass dorms.
3. Stopping to get hot dogs at a certain corner restaurant on the way home from the shows and town.
4. The Freshmen (and some others) who haven't learned that

Class Of '44

Officers: President, Betty Wade; Vice-President, Jean Kennedy; Secretary, Olivia Wright; Treasurer, Ruth Dowdell.

Lots of the class of '44 came back—but we left some of our class mates along the wayside. Who's missing? Let's see . . . As we look around we immediately miss the dark, flashing eyes of Vermelle Mason who has transferred her stomping grounds to Howard.

Allease Lucas, Elizabeth Gilliam, and Odessa Artis are now performing their duties by being in the employ of the good Uncle Sam. They're all government workers in D. C.

Misses Emma Perry and Hattie Dixon garnered some pretty good grades from the summer school session of A. and T.

Carrie Carter and Marguerite Pope spent their summer in The City—and though it was in each case their first summer so spent, we've a felling it won't be their last.

Stella Fletcher spent the summer in Cleveland, Ohio . . . in all probability she'll be back in February.

Annabelle Knight was one of the faithful here at Bennett during the summer.

We are Juniors now . . . we have our Freshman sisters . . . we have our loyalty to our ideals. May this year bring us closer together and nearer our goals.

IMPRESSIONS OF BENNETT FROM A TRANSFERRED UPPER-CLASSMAN

As I entered Bennett College, I found myself among a number of unfamiliar faces, and surroundings. I was at quite a loss as to what to do, where to go. But I felt somewhat better after meeting a few of the girls and finding them all very friendly and hospitable.

Because of the facilities of the physical plant and the genuine friendships I have made, I have found Bennett quite easy to adjust to—I am eagerly anticipating a successful year.

—RUBY DOYLE, '43 Transferee from S. C. State.

we LISTEN to lecturers and music appreciation hours—and we TALK during symposiums and open discussion periods. If you get what we mean!

5. Those individuals who are forever talking about what they have. It's what you are that counts now NOT who you are, where you're from, or what you have.

6. The friction between some hostesses and some waitresses. Quite a bit of blame can be placed on the hostesses but it isn't ALWAYS her fault. Let peace reign, sisters! Attitude isn't just something you get a mark in here at Bennett. It's something that spells success or failure for you in later life.

7. The phone calls we get and the callers who come to see us that are never recorded on desk. It can be embarrassing at times.

8. The curt attitude of certain telegraph boys. They could well take a tip in professional courtesy from the mail men and special delivery men who come on the campus. 'Snuff said!

Class Of '45

Officers: President Roberta Favors; Vice-President, Ellen Brooks. Secretary, Lakey Reamey; Treasurer, Rosa Mae Everette.

We know we've made a lot of noise in the past few weeks, hazing the freshman class, but now we're ready to settle down in earnest to a year of progress academically, spiritually, physically, and socially. We who have caused so much consternation among members of the class of '46 wish to welcome those regular troopers to the closely bound sisterhood of Bennett.

Our sister class has now been elevated to the dignified rank of seniors. When they were juniors and we were mere freshman they were indeed a source of courage, comfort, and guidance.

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WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE

Don't the little Freshmen in Jones Hall look cute climbing up on a chair to answer their telephone calls? Why does a certain Kent Haller use the phone after everyone else has gone to bed?

If you want to see the reason Virginia H. had fits one day not so long ago dash over to Barge and dig Ralph Hall's picture in the uniform of Uncle Sam.

Australia and the "Dutchman" are taking up right where they left off awhile back—only Dutch is ass't coach at A. and T.

Grace P., I bet you have a lot of girl friends with that sharp brother of yours at A. and T. Dr. Petioni's first patient was Annie Gist. If you see Annie drinking too many milk shakes down at the Book store kindly remind her that she doesn't want to do a repeat performance.

Miss Stanfield looks too much like a student wandering around the campus. There have been no end of embarrassing incidents because of this—for instance, ask her what happened when she said she didn't get enough potato salad at the All-Bennett Hike! Amen.

Nina Eubanks' boy friend ought to hire a special long-distance operator for his calls to Greensboro. He calls often enough to keep one well occupied.

The King-Stewart combine goes on and on.

It's a boy at the Turner's. Congratulations, Mr. Turner. Where are our cigars?

Marion Mc. '43, says is the real thing—we'll take it for GRANT-ed, kid.

Although two young men found Isabelle Collier of Kent very good company Sunday night she admits, but definitely, that her heart is at the Great Lakes Naval Training Base.

Isaac is still ever-attentive to Sara Lou H. We wonder if at last love has come to "Andy Hardy" Harris?

Rachel M., we're AWFULLY afraid you'll take ALL our boy friends now that you're on the campus. Have a heart, won't you? Take it easy, kid!

Class Of '46

We, the class of '46 hope that we fit in on the Bennett Campus. We have come here with what we hope is the right aim—that is to uphold the standards and ideals of a school deeply rooted in tradition and culture.

We had our first class meeting Wednesday, September 23rd, with our class adviser, Mrs. Dorothy Hamilton. We only had time to elect Catherine Baxter as our president and Pricilla Brown for our Vice-president.

Would we be immodest if we said we have talent in our class? We have twenty students in the freshman orchestra, forty-five in the freshman choir, and several who are agitating for the immediate organization of the Junior Theater Guild which is a dramatic group composed of freshman only.

In the present war crisis we as a class are willing to cooperate in any way that will make Bennett's activities successful. Only with the support of its students can such an institution even make a semblance of continuance in times as dire as these.

THIS HAS HAPPENED TO YOU

(Freshman Reaction to Bennett)

"About three weeks ago one might have thought the rainy season had set in at Bennett if one had chanced to wander through the halls of Kent and Jones . . . but that constant drip, drip proved to be only the tears of little Freshmen experiencing their first trip away from "Mama".

"Seriously, we are glad to be considered one of the large Bennett family. We've found out that the Sophs aren't REALLY as bad as we first thought. We're all Bennett sisters . . . and we're GLAD!"

—GWENDOLYN GAYLE, '46, Cleveland, Ohio.

THE STUDENT SENATE

Officers: President, Helene Jacobs; Speaker, Virginia Holder; Recording Secretary, Kathryn Davenport; Financial Secretary, Cassandra Motre; Treasurer, Ruth Everette.

The Student Senate is the functional governing body. All its officers and members are elected by the student body itself. The officers are elected directly in a campus wide vote each spring. The members (all class presidents, dormitory presidents, and one representative from each class) are elected by the class or dormitory represented.

Those large green trash receptacles have a definite purpose, studes! Next time don't throw your doughnut paper on the grass.

Greetings From Dean Brett

It is a source of real joy to greet and congratulate The Bennett Banner Staff and to wish you success and deep satisfaction in the year ahead. Yours is a glorious call and a tremendous responsibility!

I am happy to greet the Bennett Family and to assure us that:

"Bennett is so full of a number of things, We all should be as happy as queens."

We are fortunate indeed to be a part of a physical environment of beauty and comfort when there is much suffering in the world. We are also fortunate to be a part of an intellectual and cultural environment where resources are available for development of our minds and our bodies and where social relationships are held sacred and have a real significance.

My observation is that Bennett Girls know how fortunate they are and that they have set standards which will enable them to face stark realities and be alert, thinking women, who not only tell but point the way to effective living in a crisis.

The challenge of the hour is three-fold—to interpret freedom on our campus in its true sense, to permit freedom to every individual, and to accept the responsibilities as well as privileges of freedom, knowing that—

"Freedom, when it loses its fetters, Becomes itself the fetter of a greater freedom."

We will meet this challenge, I express appreciation in being a part of the Bennett Family and pledge by whole-hearted support in whatever makes for a nobler Bennett Girl.

Sincere best wishes, T. RUTH BRETT, Dean of Students.

BENNETT ALUMNA HEADS MODERN DANCE GROUP

The Modern Dance Group under the direction of Miss Marion Thacker, Bennett '41, has planned an extensive program for the ensuing school year. Practice by the group has already begun although in former years practice usually did not start until around Thanksgiving.

Among their proposed activities is a joint program with the orchestra. Plans are also being made for a joint recital with the newly organized choric speech group.

The members of the group this year are (just in case you haven't been able to tell them by the stiff muscles heretofore!): Misses Kathryn Davenport, Sara Lou Harris, Katherine Jenkins, Maxine Lawson, Rosa Lomax, Valena Minor, Joan Perkins, Fannie Stewart, and Frances Walcott.

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

(Continued From Page One) enter into the spirit of the Bennett Family. You have increased our numbers and we are glad to have you here. Share this rich heritage with us and let all of us—new and old—resolve to grow together.