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AND NOW, GOODBYE

Yes, all good things must come to an end. Four years—four long, enjoyable years — where did they go? how could they have passed so fast? did I get all that I could out of these four very important years of my life? I wonder. Four years. I came to college during the war. During my college days came peace and the attempt to make it lasting. Yes, I came to college during a period in which human destiny was uncertain, in which the unrest and insecurity of the world invaded my own little world and made my once secure feet not quite so secure anymore.

And now—where am I going? is the world in which I am about to go out into still as insecure and uncertain? is there a place out there waiting for me? I wonder?

As the time draws to a close, I can't help but wonder and to think back at my four years here at Bennett. I arrived four years ago, a shy, green little girl, a bit timid but not exactly scared. I guess I was more excited than anything else. Upon my arrival I was immediately struck by the beauty and simplicity of the college itself. It had surpassed all my most vivid day dreams. It was truly a beautiful place. Next I met my classmates and before I realized it I was a full member of the Bennett family—a very nice family to belong to.

And so went the years. One day I awoke to the realization that now I am a senior. One of those superior, sophisticated, egotistical persons to be looked up to with awe by many wide-eyed and admiring Freshmen. I could hardly wait. Senior day came and went and with it the little speech I was called upon to make. Still somehow it didn't seem quite real. It still doesn't.

As the end closes down upon me I feel myself filled with a nostalgic longing for those old days. It wasn't so bad being a freshman after all. I'll miss the old birthday dinners, the Sunday vespers, step singing and oh! a thousand other things that spell Bennett to me. I'll miss you Mom Mac and you, too, Prexy. I'll miss your wisdom and ever guiding counsel. I'll miss my roommates. Yes, we fought but I love you.

'This above all, to thine own self be true—' I'll always be true to you dear Bennett because you are an integral and vital part of my existence. Without the instruction and guidance that I have had these four years I just wouldn't be me. I owe you a great debt dear Bennett—too great to ever be repaid by material things. As I leave you now my tears don't mean I'm sorry or glad; they just mean goodbye to a dream come true, to a place I will always remember.

—A SENIOR.

Kaleidoscope

I remember hearing in my childhood that the world would someday be destroyed by fire just as it had at one time perished into Neptune's realm.

Recently, I heard an article which described the atomic bomb in a rather unique manner. It said that at last man had discovered after thousands of years the secret that the sun has been carrying on continuously since its birth.

Is it inconceivable that this power man now holds in his palm will be the predicted holocaust?

The optimist and the pessimist will, if conditions continue, undoubtedly settle their eternal argument on this question alone.

At any rate it is disturbing to think that heretofore men have been unable to settle their differences without all out war (which incidentally solves nothing). At least the scientists hold that an atomic war would in no way resemble ordinary war with its destructive capacity.

There are some who will turn thoughts of atomic destruction to their own advantage by deciding that with Omar Kyyam it will be better to "eat, drink and be merry." In crucial moments people do odd things in trying to stay in keeping with the so-called "First law of nature." It remains to be seen what will happen in the next few years but it will be something.

SYLVIA VIEWS THE NEWS

Palestine dominates the news of the month. Still the holy land is a land of hate and war instead of one of peace and love as it should be. The Arabs and Egyptians have settled down to fight the Jewish people in earnest. The Palestine situation has ceased to be a mere battle of political pawn; it is now a full sized war. As a full sized war the various nations of the world are preparing to treat it to their own particular brands of interest. The United States has led the way in considering the recognition of Israel as a nation. Russia has followed closely on her heels. As a nation Israel is asking for admittance into the U.S.O. It is interesting to see if this will also go through.

It would appear that the United nations plan to really enter the Palestine war in earnest and on various sides. The Egyptians are along with the Arabs; and the United States is trying to get the embargo lifted on shipping munitions to the East. The move of the United States, while not actually in the way of combat, clearly shows her sympathies and her eventual place of help.

Because we of America cannot look at anything this year without thinking of its results on the home political front, let us look at the motives Truman might have had for his actions. If Palestine is recognized and helped, Truman would have a good chance at the Jewish vote. The concentrated vote of any one group like that would help a great deal in causing a particular group to carry an election. This would be particularly true in a place such as New York, where a great deal of the population is Jewish. The civil rights bill would also win a great deal of votes in one area, although it may also lose the backing of the "Solid South."

And now to the political issue completely. The Democratic nomination is just about in the bag. In fact the Democrats have no choice except to re-nominate Harry Truman. It seems to be a fairly clear guess to believe that the Democratic regime it on its way out.

Republicanly speaking the tide seems to be split between Dewey, the 1944 candidate and Stassen. The other candidates such as Taft from Ohio and the various generals that have brought us through the war cannot truly be considered as leaders for a peacetime nation.

Henry Wallace seems to be gaining support all over the country. The amusing part about the whole thing is that some of the states that are persecuting him and his party so avidly are doing more harm than good. What brings a man more support in any issue than for the opposing group to make a martyr out of him? So long as we live in a country where Democracy is the password . . . if not the latch key . . . we will be able to place the persons we, the people, want in office. If Wallace's name is kept off the ballots of any state, it will merely serve to tarnish further the already dulled armour of Democracy as it is practiced in the United States today.

The strikes are again with us in full force. We now have such things as the meat strike and the railway express strikes along with several minor disturbances with which to contend. It does no harm to strike if there is a logical reason for it . . . but what do these unions call a logical reason? More money is no longer a reason to strike that can be called logical, it should be called ludicrous instead. Perhaps if wages were not so steep prices would get a chance to lower themselves. That would seem a more sane state of affairs all around.

MISS BENNETT MEETS Dame Fashion

In a couple of weeks now we'll all be departing from dear 'ole Bennett to spend our summer in many different parts of the country and possibly world. Yet with the miles between us we'll still be wearing similar cloths, cottons, rayons and varieties that are supposed to be cool and especially adapted to Summer wear.

As with every season, there appears new fabrics on the market and new designs in dress. The corded maerial that is so popular this spring is very beautiful, however I doubt that it will prove to be very cool in the summer due to its closeness o 'weave; but they're grand for this season of the year and cool days and nights.

The soft detail and extra frills in dress now adds a bit of dainti.. to the wearers and so "Cute". I think nothing is more pretty than dresses made from chambrays, denim and other soft cottons. For the person who hates to iron, especially in the summer months, cotton crepes (Seersuckers) are so practical, and they have it in such beautiful and delicate colors and materials. Can you imagine Cotton crepe organdy well it's on the market and what could really be more practical.

The bare-back dresses are quite novel, and very two-fold and what could be cooler? The strapless ones are excellent for sun bathing and leaves no signs of straps.

The Duster is back and so awfully practical and wearable. The perfect piece for summer wear, traveling and so many other things. They can be made from most any materials such as Striped Ticking, Cotton Poplin, and even woovens.

The separates outfit that you will see a lot of this summer is also practical so you can mix and mix to your heart's desire, and always come out on top. So why not get you a set They're really worth what you pay for them. Get them in a cotton denim, they're both very washable and durable and sturdy.

Do you know that the new fall clothes are much cooler than the ones we have been wearing? They allow free circulation of air to and from the body.

The new Straw bags are so cute, and what about the basket bags? You can take your favorite style basket and make your own with little cost or time involved. Why not try it, and perk up your summer cottons.

Before wishing you all a happy summer and etc., I'd like to say fair well to all Seniors and Bon Voyage and may the Best be Yours, Always. And to you that will be back next September, Best Wishes for a very happy, restful and fun packed Summer.

Good Grooming,
"JACKIE"

MISS JOHNSON

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Miss Johnson attended Northwestern University during the year 1944-1945; received Master of Arts degree and a minor in interpretation. She came to Bennett the same year. During the summer of 1947 she received a fellowship to make a study of Summer Theaters in the New England states. Miss Johnson has taught Speech and Drama at Bennett College for three years and directed the Community Summer Theater for two years.

Student of The Month

Miss Virginia Wagstaff, of Burlington, North Carolina, has been chosen as our student of the month. She is a senior and is majoring in social science and English.

From the beginning of her college career, Miss Wagstaff has shown a great deal of ability as a leader. She has served as a member of the Student Cabinet for three years and is this year the President of the Student Cabinet. She was president of the junior class of 1947 and was this year selected as a member of Who's Who. At this time, Miss Wagstaff is also a member of the Bennett Banner Staff.

Perhaps some of the most interesting hobbies which Miss Wagstaff enjoys are: reading current novels, going to the movies and she has a deep interest in conversing with people in general, but especially with people of other nationalities. Her most interesting experience was her work in a factory making casts of wood with people of all nationalities.

At present Miss Wagstaff plans to teach, however she has a longing desire to become a social worker, because of her interest in other people.

As president of Student Senate, she has found that such a responsibility is not an easy task. She has found that the best way to win the cooperation of the group is through allowing the students to present problems and to work along with them in solving these problems. It is never advised to live too far above the students but to live with them and regard them as students.

We sincerely enjoy the opportunity to have Miss Wagstaff as our student of the month. Through her work with the students, her personality, her ability as a leader and her thoughts have found a true mode of expression. So on behalf of the staff and speaking for the student body—Congratulations!

Pearson Attends Interracial Conference

Miss Dorothy Pearson, senior and president of the Greensboro Intercollegiate Commission, recently represented this organization at an Interracial Conference held at Paine College in Augusta, Georgia. The purpose of this conference was to allow the various interracial organizations to meet, discuss their various problems, hear suggestions, and to profit from the experiences of others. Various interracial groups represented were from Columbia, South Carolina, Greensboro, North Carolina, Kentucky of Kentucky, Nashville and Lueky State College, and the University of Knoxville, Tennessee, Lynchburg, Virginia, Durham and Charlotte, North Carolina, and Ohio State College.

This conference lasted two days. One of the interesting highlights was an address by Dr. Brazeale, of Morehouse College. He addressed the group on the subject, "The Relation of Students in the South." Other interesting features of the conference were the four workshops held.

COMMENCEMENT

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 nett voices will sing out to the enjoyment of an appreciative audience. The activities of the day will be concluded with the ceremony of "Campus Illumination" held on the campus quadrangle. Torches representing the Bennett spirit will be conferred on representatives of the freshmen, sophomore, and junior classes in a beautifully lighted ceremony.

On Sunday morning at eight a. m., the Reunion Breakfast will be held in the dining hall. In the meeting of the Alpha Kappa Mu at ten a. m. members of the Alpha Epsilon Chapter will induct new members into the scholastic society. Finally, Sunday evening at eight o'clock, President Jones will receive Alumni, friends, and seniors at his home.