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Dear Graduates:

It is a pleasure to welcome you back to the campus. Here is our sincere hope that you will find here many experiences which will stir your memories of by-gone days. May these days bring lots of fun and a renewal — I won't say of your youth, for you all are young — a renewal of your spirits. May the renewal of your friendships and of your loyalties bring you great joy, satisfaction and happiness. Through the column of **The Bennett Banner**, it is a joy to welcome you.

DAVID D. JONES, President.

Dear Bennett Sister:

It's Homecoming time again — the time when our thoughts turn back to happy days in college, with gratitude for what Bennett meant to us and did for us. Every member of this big family realizes this and will want to have a part in the big celebration comes Thanksgiving. It is this event and many others which help to maintain the warm fellowship of our sisters. The growing interest of the Alumnae to come back each year warms the hearts of Prexy and Mrs. Jones and those of us who have, through the years, remained here to carry out our own little jobs.

I am sure all of you will want to know what the Homecoming Committee has planned for you. They have worked hard to make the activities varied and enjoyable. The alumni luncheon, so successfully resumed last year after war-time shortages, is again to be featured this year with Prexy heading the list of celebrities. It is at this occasion that he will present a cup to the class having the largest number present. There will be dances, parties and the Sunday vesper conducted by the graduates. The business meeting will be devoted to making plans for developing an even more dynamic Alumni organization, centering in the new Student Union Building. I am sure that all will want to participate in this great endeavor.

The graduates wish to express appreciation to the faculty and administrative officers and to the students for the support you have given us thus far, and hope that you will come and let us all gather around and make our voices heard in the affairs of our College.

ANNABELLE KNIGHT GAMBLE '45
President of the Alumnae Ass'n.

Creative Writing Contest Opens to All Writers

NEW YORK, N. Y. — The National Fine Arts Award, Inc., a non-profit organization designed to discover, aid, and stimulate creative writing in the colleges and universities in the United States has announced the first of its annual contests for its Awards and Fellowships totaling one hundred thousand dollars.

Open to all writers, the contests are primarily for new, college age writers in the field of the full length play, the radio script, the popular song, the screen original, the short story and short short. There are six cash awards in each category, a \$2,000 first prize, a \$1,000 second prize and four prizes of \$500 each. In addition, and in a special effort to obtain recognition and financial assistance for young writers, \$70,000 of the total awards will be granted in the form of 140 Fellowships of \$500 each.

The Fellowships, like the cash prizes, will be awarded on the basis of merit alone, rather than age or academic degrees, and will be granted to writers of talent and promise. Further, such writers may use the fellowship money in whatever manner will best further their writing careers for it is not conditioned upon project outlines or specific writing or study commitments.

Sponsored by Norman Gerstengang, Inc., manufacturers of the Normandy Pen, The National Fine Arts Award has begun to contact colleges, universities and writers' clubs for

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Dear Sisters:

How time does fly! One can hardly realize that there have been one, three, six and even twenty years since you have been away from home. You don't look it though, and we are "tickled pink" to have you home again. Every family cherishes the time of year when its daughters come from far and near to rehash memories. And to think of it, Sis, our family is certainly increasing. I'll tell you about our new sisters later. I must tell you now that things are as you left them. That which was important then still is and shall be.

We still have the familiar ring of the bell; didn't you feel wonderful hearing it again? It gives you that certain desire to jump up and get ready for a day's work. As usual sis, the day's work is about the same. We have breakfast, do our "Beauty Work"—(Ma Mac still likes to see the brass well polished—and so do we.) After the morning routine, to chapel we go, and our dear President Jones gives us the advice which we can never be too grateful for. Remember this? . . . 'You've got something there,' "Dear, you're thinking." We too cherish those phrases. Somehow we can never manage more than the sweet smile from Mrs. Jones. Her smile, to, encourages us. The day moves on and we retire . . . to awake again refreshed for another day's work.

About our "baby sisters," they are wonderful! We have one hundred and forty three "baby sisters." Plus about three hundred fifty older ones. Isn't that a wonderful family?

There is nothing like the Bennett family. And to those who are back again, we hope that you are finding things as you would like them to be. You are sincerely welcome and please let yourself be "at home."

Each of us is glad you have come. You inspire us to set even higher goals. We can better realize what Bennett is doing for us through you. This is your home, too, so let your little sisters be as your little sisters. We are so happy that you've come and we wish you the most pleasant "Homecoming" ever.

With all sincerity,
AUDROSE MACKEL, '49.

We appreciate:

The interesting speakers who have brought to us throughout the week and for Sunday Vespers.

The use of movies to promote learning and understanding in classroom work.

The new equipment purchased for use in the Little Theatre.

The additional merchandise available in the Bookstore.

The benches that were added to the campus early this school term.

Student behavior in the dining room and chapel.

Students who dress properly for theatre productions.

We do not appreciate:

Rumors concerning the increase in school fees. We would appreciate it if the facts would be given us. Resentment of any kind would not result as we all know that the cost of living has increased.

The awful odor in the kitchen of the dining hall on Sunday evenings.

Students who insist on keeping their guests on the campus after the last bell for the first shift dinner has rung. Guests are to be dismissed at the ringing of the last bell for the first shift.

Thanksgiving Events

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ful time is open to everyone and it is up to YOU to take advantage of every activity not only because they are entertaining but because they hold special value for YOU.

Sylvia Views The News

The diplomatic world stood still for approximately 36 hours on election day, November 2, 1948. That's the day that shall go down in history. As one radio commentator put it, "We elected a president and defeated a dictator." He was referring not to Dewey or the Republican party as dictators, but to the Gallop Polls and other measurements of what America thinks. He felt, and I do to, that at last the American mind has been freed from being told what it thinks whether it believes it or not.

Harry S. Truman won a great and personal victory in this election of surprises. He campaigned almost singlehandedly. Not one of his people helped him as they should. It was felt that the democratic party was out of the running actually. Dewey's presidency was "in the bag." Truman, they decided, would just run as a matter of form.

It wasn't only the democratic and Republican parties that counted their chickens before they hatched. This week the majority of American magazines are a week late coming out because they had all printed feature articles on Dewey, the next U. S. president.

It seemed to me that the American people actually told the world that they were tired of being considered stupid pawns in the hands of political chess players. Big business can tell them many things, but it can't be a majority by itself; southern prejudice can make the south a hotbed of hate and misunderstanding, but it can't run the entire country by itself. The majority ruled in this election, and neither lack of backing, adverse propoganda, nor third parties could keep the people from electing the man they felt could do the most for them.

The part played by Wallace in the election was to many a mere farce . . . another reason why the republicans could not help but win. But I disagree. I feel that Wallace and his third party played an important part in this election in that it forced both major parties to take a definite stand on many controversial issues to answer his attacks, and in that it will remain as a type of gage or conscience, keeping the people well aware of how well the controlling parties are covering their responsibilities.

But enough about the election now since the other things in the world did not waste time in conjecture but began to move again when they found out who was in control.

As soon as Russia heard the election returns she stated that the American people had ruled their last chance for peaceful understanding out in electing Truman to the presidency. With that statement she continued the 'cold war' in full blast.

Luckily the United States too gave an answer to the Russians continuation by continuing to fly food and other necessities through to Berlin.

How long do these two immature nations think they will be able to keep up this bickering before the consequences are counted in blood? Even now the United States is sending troops to China to the besieged city of San Ping there. The troops have been ordered not to participate in the fighting, but if the city is lost by Ching Kai Shek's army, they are not to withdraw. The implications or such a move as this are far-reaching. It could be the first direct step in a new war.

France, too has had a turnover in politics. General De Gaulle and his party won the French government control in a landslide. It is interesting to note the support of De Gaulle and his party by the Western powers. I cannot but help wondering what the result would be if the western powers were not feeding the hungry French voters.

Editorially Speaking

Thanksgiving! Homecoming! We will experience an appropriate blending of important events of similar nature. Have you combined the two and felt the spiritual tempo most likely to exist on November 25th?

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Thanksgiving day again, and we must admit that it is impossible for us to express our thanks for the numerous blessings we have received during our stay here on earth. But wait!! Are you thankful for anything? Have you thought about being thankful? Do you know what it means to be thankful? Do you realize that you have much to be thankful for?

Yes, many of us live ten, twenty, thirty, forty and more years, without expressing to God in our humble way our thanks for life and what it contains for us. It is true that Thanksgiving is a national holiday; we observe it year after year, following the traditional 'First Thanksgiving' observed by the Pilgrims many years ago.

How do you observe the day . . . A foot ball game, a dance, big dinners, vacations, all packed in one day? Quite a full day, we must admit.

Although the day is brimful of rejoicing, the greatest majority of us leave out the element of the title of that day, "Thanksgiving." We rejoice, but not in worship to God. We have football teams, dinners, dances and their orchestra's, but not God. We halt our labor for fun and excitement, but not for worship. Has Thanksgiving Day lost its significance?

When the Pilgrims held their 'First Thanksgiving' they did rejoice, including a very big dinner and merrymaking. But uppermost in their minds, the reason for planning such a day was to 'sing praise unto God and rejoice in him' for having blessed them and granted their survival and success. Does appreciation for your blessings enter your heart upon the dawn of Thanksgiving Day? Do you look forward to a day of "rejoicing and praising God" or 'a great day at the game, dinner and dance?' Does the grace you chant or recite at your Thanksgiving dinner ring out with a special note of thankfulness?

Let us revive the "spirit" of Thanksgiving this year. Have your fun, but remember, "unto God we owe our very being."

For all the blessings of the year,
 For all the friends we hold so dear,
 For peace on earth, both far and near,
 We thank thee, Lord.

For life and health, those common things,
 Which everyday and hour brings,
 For home, where our affection clings,
 We thank Thee, Lord.

For love of Thine, which never tires,
 Which all our better thought inspires,
 And warms our lives with heavenly fires,
 We thank Thee, Lord.

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Homecoming!! Another note of thanksgiving will ring out when the older sisters return home to join the Bennett family. Every family rejoices when its members reunite and reminisce over old times. To those who will return, 'Memories' of those by-gone days at Bennett will be renewed. To those of us who are here, a stronger link will be formed in the chain of the ever-growing, ever-increasing **Bennett Family**.

With Homecoming, many forms of sentiment will be witnessed. A few hearty words from President Jones, a heart-warming smile from Mrs. Jones, a note of chastity from Ma Mac, and the pealing of the bell saying 'punctuality is a keynote to success.' All these and many other thrills, spills and events that once occurred during the lives of our big sisters, will be relived.

To the younger sisters of the Bennett family, be sure to do your share in making 'Homecoming' an enjoyable one for your older sisters. A smile, a note of welcome, an invitation to some new site of interest on the campus, will again strengthen the link in the chain of our own **Bennett Family**.

Let us unite in a true bond of love and concern this day of homecoming.

Let's Make This The Best Homecoming Ever!