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EDITORIALS

After spending a long summer vacation, the Student Leaders returned to dear ole Bennett to attend the Student Leadership Conference. It started on the 8th and ended on the 10th of September.

The conference was quite interesting and above all it was integrated. It gave us as students an opportunity to voice our opinions with faculty and staff members.

Two vital issues stressed were, Improving Social Activities and Revitalizing Campus Organizations.

Many recommendations were made that would effect every girl on the campus. Some of the recommendations made sounded great, but I feel that there should be more to recommendations than just words that are never acted upon.

Recommendations were made to have our dances in the gymnasium instead of Steele Hall. The dances have never been the same since we started having them in Steele Hall. The atmosphere is different and the decorations are not nearly as attractive as they were in the gym. I understand that the gym classes for dance will be hampered if we have them in the gym. If the students would co-operate and clean up well after the dance maybe we could have them in the gym again. After all dancing is dancing.

The students felt that we should have more student chaperons at the functions. I feel that student chaperons would definitely help to alleviate some of the difficulty in securing faculty and staff chaperons. I know that it is hard to find chaperons for all the occasions we have. Why work the same people all of the time? Student chaperons should be able to do more than just chaperon a student to town, to a game, or to a movie. Let the student chaperon also play a vital part on the campus.

Another recommendation was made to have a juke-box in the recreational area of the Student Union. Last year a similar recommendation was made but we still don't have a juke-box in the union. The motto of the union is "Let's Live in the Union," but how can we live in the union if there is nothing to do? As it is now it is just a place in which we go to eat, receive mail, and play a few games of ping-pong. Maybe if we had a juke-box, card tables, and free bowling on some nights we could live in the union and make it what a union is suppose to be.

There are sixty-two organizations on the campus, but sixty-two organizations don't function. Why have them? What's their purpose? These dead organizations definitely need revitalizing.

These and many other recommendations came out of the conference. I hope that these recommendations were not made in vain but will be acted upon. Each year resolutions have been made; this year let them not only be made but achieved.

LET'S HAVE A YEAR BOOK!!

As a school makes progress, the ideas and actions of the student body should move ahead in a progressive manner—never before have the students of Bennett College had a year-book. We, the students of 1952-53, feel that to have a yearbook would show school spirit.

The cherished memories of friendship and activities of our college years cannot be bound within the covers of a book, and cannot be recalled by photographic likenesses.

Yet, within a yearbook can be put events of our collegiate experiences to serve as material for nostalgic consideration for years to come. It is up to each member of the student body to not only discuss the production of a yearbook, but to put actions behind their desires.

Having a yearbook would require conscientious effort and financial support of each student at Bennett. Why not give the idea of a yearbook some thought? You could voice your opinion as to whether or not you want a yearbook in the next Student Senate meeting.

Message From The Student Senate President

The Student Senate, with the cooperation of the clubs and organizations, is sponsoring a carnival to be held in the Student Union. This is to help raise money for the Endowment Drive. Each club will be responsible for a concession booth or stand. Originality will be the keynote of the carnival. The Presidents' organization is serving as the coordinating council for this extravaganza.

Also on the agenda for the Student Senate concerning the Endowment Drive is a talent show to be held in the Little Theater. Each class is to offer as many participants as they desire. The talent will be judged by members of the faculty. Proceeds from the carnival will be evenly divided between the classes. The class winning the talent show will receive the largest proportion of the proceeds.

The students will have to challenge the faculty again - - - for they almost trounced us at the Bennett Hike. Spirit was high at the outing. Let's keep it up for the rest of the year.

We can have a successful year if we can depend on you. Support your Student Senate by attending the meetings and giving your opinions on all issues. Your school is what you make it. Let's face it!

What Is In The Other School Papers

THE LINCOLN CLARION, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo.—

In an editorial entitled, "Gentlemen—What Do You Expect?" the following case was edited. Nearly 100 girls escorted with chaperons were taken to Fort Leonard Wood for a dance. A startling reaction came loud and long from the male students, even though most of the girls who went on the trip have no steady companions on the campus; the fellows never escort them anywhere — not even to the soda fountain. Girls want to be appreciated and honored. They will never know you are interested in them if you do not show it or ask them for a date. The editor came to the conclusion that the gentlemen were a little selfish. After all, the girls were to be gone only 12 hours, and they were on the campus 24 hours a day, 300 days a year.

The thinking of another male student was expressed through the person of a sophomore, agriculture major: "I think they should go there again, this time as a WAC."

THE DIGEST, Southern University, Baton Rouge, La.—

The advice given to the graduation class of '52 by the commencement speaker, Mr. Lester B. Granger, executive director of the National Urban League, is certainly worthy of our consideration. "Know your neighbor, know yourself, and know your goals."

THE KILIKILIK, Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio—

From the column, "Whoopee," the following thought was taken:
Live while you're young
Dream when you're old
Mem'ries are worth
More than all your gold.

THE YELLOW JACKET, West Virginia State College, Institute, W. Va.

Let's explore what students from State think about Freshman Initiation.

Sophomore—"I think it's nice and should be carried on. It's an experience to remember always. I think it is a part of college that students should appreciate and look forward to. As long as the probation isn't too hard I consider it a wonderful step of college life."

Senior—"It has its good qualities along with its bad. While initiation helps students to get acquainted and adjusted, it also creates frustration and hazing. However, it does more good than harm."

Freshman—"I think freshman probation is a good thing because you meet a lot of people, and it takes some of the pride out of people with too much pride."

To end the exchange column for this issue *The Yellow Jacket* also donates a poem by Samuel E. Pinkard.

MORNING THOUGHTS

It is morning
And breakfast is close by,
Ah, the illusions of food,
Good Lord, don't let me die.
Out of my dorm
And into the air,
For not one more moment
Can I spare.
Then to my surprise
What do I see,
In the chow door
Staring at me.
These very same creatures
With tongues out of mouth,
Savage eyes,
And in a deep crouch.
Good granny gracious!
Oh me! Oh my!
'Tis biscuits and bacon
I do spy.
All the illusions
Of night's vision past,
Torn down and broken,
Another day to fast.

Campus Poets

SUICIDE

As I lay in my bed last night
I thought, "How best may I
Remove myself from this damnable
plight
Which leaves me here to sigh?"
As sleep had left me—to return no
more,
I arose, and thought again,
"There is a way out for me in store—
The way of the bravest man."
Now, this way is a dangerous one,
A way of ill repute—
A way that the coward has begun
And has made a hasty refute.

I counted the aspirins—one by one
And dropped them into my coke.
After this was thoroughly done,
I began to think of my folk.
"Dear God," I prayed, as I stirred
the drink,
"Forgive me, though I know what I
do.
For when I have supped from this
cup, I think
I'll never lay eyes on you.
For the gates of heav'n may e'er pre-
vail,
And they may be opened wide.
But my soul shall enter the portals of
Hell
For I shall commit SUICIDE."

—By JEAN THOMPSON.

THE DREAM

Late at night I dream and dream of
of things I hope are true.
And come to this conclusion that I
am just in love with you.

I think of this so long that my
thoughts away are carried.
Bells are ringing, choirs singing, and
we, my dear, are married.

Our little house upon a hill so cozy as
can be
We wonder over and over again,
"How soon will we be there?"

I clean the house and cook the meals
So there is nothing else to do.
Together we laugh and plan for our
little one that is due.

After our boy has arrived, the news is
soon spreaded.
I hear so many footsteps that I know
to our house are headed.

My eyes are now opened very wide to
greet the coming friends
Knocks are heard upon the door and
only the Matron comes in.

—By MARGARET C. STUDEVENT.

TO YOU

As dusk slowly glides across the sky,
Bringing with it the hush of the even-
ing breeze,
And the trees whisper softly - - -
preparing for their repose
Of the night, my darling, I think of
you.
I think of you and I become strangely
quiet.

My heart no longer skips two beats
at the memory
Of your noble face.
My love is now quiet, calm, still - - -
The matured love of one whose love
is returned.

Am I wrong to wait here in the still-
ness for you?
Wrong to remain alone when your
presence cannot
Grace my every environment?

Am I wrong in supposing that you
love me—
As I love you, with every fibre of my
being?
If I am wrong, do not tell me—do not!
Let me die in love, in peace, and - -
Yes - - - in ignorance,
For life, without your love can only
mean
Death for me.

—JEAN THOMPSON.

Highlights Of Campus Organizations

ALPHA NU CHAPTER OF KAPPA PHI

Kappa Phi is a national organization of Methodist college women. There are thirty-six chapters with a membership of over twenty-five thousand. Bennett College is the first Negro college to have a chapter installed on its campus.

Alpha Nu Chapter of Kappa Phi participated in an evening worship program at St. Matthews Methodist Church September 28. The program proved quite effective and inspirational.

The week-end of October 4 was considered Alpha Nu Chapters' Rush Week-end, which included an informal party, an opening meeting, and the traditional Rush Tea. Bettye Washington and Grace Haywood are to be congratulated for the success of the Rush Week-end.

YWCA News

Members of the Y. W. C. A., on the night of September 23, presented for the Freshman class a pajama party in the basement of Jones Hall. Games and songs were enjoyed by all.

Gloria McLurkin, past president of the organization, talked briefly concerning the purpose of the Y. W. C. A. on our campus, closing with the introduction of the officers for the year 1952-53.

At the close of the party refreshments were served.

"Darling," sighed the enraptured young man, "when I think that tomorrow is your birthday, and when I think that a year ago I didn't even know you . . ."

"Sweetheart," murmured his darling, "don't let's talk about our past. Let's talk about my present."

A SENTRY on guard at Fort Dix one night heard a sound. "Halt. Who goes there?" he snapped.

"Friend—with a bottle," came the answer.

"Pass, friend—halt, bottle," said the sentry.

Two women were discussing their husbands in that indulgent tone appropriate to the subject. "Henry is perfectly helpless without me," said one. "I don't know what would become of him if I went away for a week."

"John, too," sighed the other. "The way I have to look after that man! Why, whenever he sews on buttons or darns his socks, I always have to thread the needle for him."

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