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## Seniors' Adieu To Bennett

Here is a kaleidoscope of scenes in the memory of many seniors. The ringing of the bell, the birthday dinners, vespers, waiting in line in the dining hall, running to the mail box, step singing, the Bennett Banner, social hour, student union, fun night, Junior-Senior Prom, Prexy's "I could illustrate it a thousand times", senior recitals, final examinations and having breakfast with President and Mrs. Jones. These are only a few of the many memories we as seniors have.

All of these wonderful experiences we will greatly miss, but the time has come when we must say goodbye to all this we have so happily shared with one another.

These experiences have helped us to appreciate the beautiful, and in many instances have served in our development as good citizens of the world.

We will implement these ideas further in the various fields we have chosen whether it is social work, teaching, law or medicine. With these thoughts in mind, we leave you dear Alma Mater, hoping to make you proud of us and striving to be worthy of you. May God's blessings always rest upon you, and may you continue to impart knowledge for useful living. Farewell, dear Alma Mater,—farewell.

—Minnye Littlejohn

## Sunday School News

The Sunday School began early in September, 1952, with the following officers. Chairman—Dorothy Dixon, Assistant Chairman—Mary Head, Secretary—Sue Simmons, and Treasurer—Juanita Wright. These officers met in the Spring before school closed and decided upon some definite things that they would like to see accomplished during the year. They discussed means of getting the students to attend Sunday School. A few of the suggestions which have been very effective are as following:

1. To offer recognition to the class with the largest attendance record at the close of the school term.
2. To plan inspiring lessons and worship programs.
3. To have a special program before each holiday.

These suggestions were carried out and every Sunday there was strong competition between the class of "55" and the class of "56." In spite of the effort put forth, the class of "56" lost with the honor going to the class of "55." Don't give up, class of "56"; you'll have another chance!

The Mother's Day program was an example of the special program given before holidays. On each Mother's Day a faculty member is selected to represent the Mother of the girls who are unable to be with their own Mothers. This year the Sunday School chose Dr. Steinberger

## Juniors' Farewell To The Seniors

What a coincidence! Exactly one year before I too made the same choice, somewhere in the world you had made up your mind to come to Bennett College. By virtue of that coincidence, it is you of all the curious combinations of individuals in God's creation that I, in these four years, have come to know and to love. It seems sadly strange that in a few days you will be returning to those various corners of the earth, perhaps never to see me again. The memories of the experience, however, must necessarily overshadow its termination. And wherever you go, you do not take with you the part of you which through association, love, and fellowship has become a part of me. For whether my joy in knowing you came through hearing you read Scripture in Sunday Vespers, or sharing a hymnal with you in Mid-Week Vespers, seeing you in the group making its way to the County Home one cold Thanksgiving morning or seeing you march down the aisle with the choir, in seeing you call a meeting to order or in watching you dance gracefully and beautifully, in hearing you explain something in a classroom or in remembering a kind word you said to me at the Post Office, or, as in many cases, through a close and intimate friendship, our relationship has been indelible.

Our sorrow in seeing you leave is the sorrow which accompanies all adieus which means the separation of groups and of individuals who have shared such experiences as we have shared with you. Sadly, we bid farewell. But we know that we are giving you up to a world which needs you.

May the bonds of Bennett Sisterhood tie us ever close and may the spirit of love which we have known here ever enshroud us and seep out into other places where human hearts are in need.

Take with you a faith in the belief that life is beautiful, and you will see beauty, that life is good, and you will know goodness. The nature of the world upon whose threshold you now stand depends largely upon what you are willing and able to see. There are potentialities for the development of many different kinds of "you's". May the best "you" be you.

as the Mother.

The members of the Sunday School also thank Eva Williams, a freshman, who has been a faithful pianist for us. At the beginning of the school term our pianist did not return; and Eva has filled her position wonderfully.

With such capable leaders as Barbara Patterson, Sue Simmons, Ruby Thomas, and Thelma Butler, the Sunday School is anticipating a great year during the 1953-54 school term. Please give the girls your support.

## What's Going On In Classes

Everyone is excited now that school is coming to a close. All we can hear in classes, "I'm going to New York this summer to work, where are you going?" Address books are going around in class so that students can keep in contact with their friends.

I over-heard a conversation the other day just before the instructor came to class. Five or six seniors were discussing their future plans. One girl said, "I am going to get married and then my husband can support me." Another one said, "well, it's nice to get married but I want to work first and give my parents something for making it possible for me to get an education." A little girl in a far corner came up and said, "mama said that I could get married the day of graduation if I wanted to, and believe me I will do just that if John ask me to."

A group of juniors were in a class and one girl asked a senior how much money she would need to do her cadet teaching next year. The senior said, "well, it depends; that is, where you do your teaching. I did mine in Greensboro and I had to pay for teaching I had no other bills to pay. Another junior said, "I am going to make me some sharp clothes for next year this summer. One bright and thoughtful girl in the room came up and said, "clothes are important, but I am looking forward to getting an education and then I will get the necessary clothes I need."

Many of us have discussed in class just what we are going to do this summer and the seniors have a tentative outline in mind of just what they are going to do. It is a good idea to have some kind of outline for a guide because a lot of people cannot go on in life without a guide. Converse with your friends in class and see what they have to offer you in the lines of summer jobs. I was just talking to a girl a few days ago and she told me that she was wondering what she was going to do this summer and when she went to class she asked the girl next to her about summer jobs and what she was going to do and the girl told her that she had planned to work in New York for a private family but now she had turned it down and the lady had asked her to get someone for her. This girl who had turned the job down recommended the other girl and now she can begin her summer job the first week in June and her fare will be paid from Greensboro to New York.

Be sure to wish your friends a happy summer and the faculty members too. Good luck to all of you and may God bless you!

—Inez F. Gerald

## What's Going On In Classes

These last few days before the end of school there is much hustle and bustle to bring the classes to a fitting finish on a fine year. It does seem that we might have a slight breather before exams begin. But "we shall not give up the ship" (or the classes either), say the teachers as we battle to the end. In biology, 101, Mr. Allen's class has covered a chapter a day. Pretty fast readers he has, but I hope they don't get the protozoa mixed up with the metazoa when that crucial time comes around next week. In contrast, Mr. Le Flore's class is confidently taking its time looking forward to his usual four questions, that count twenty-five points each—minus one answer, minus one grade. English 104 had an interesting discussion on the evils of McCarthyism and how not to be convicted. Resulting conclusion: when facing communism do as the communists do: see nothing, hear nothing, say nothing. French 126 is plodding along to the end of the year

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## Campus Poets

### SONNET

Yesterday, there are many yesterdays.

There are yesterdays filled with happiness, peace, fame, and fortune.

Yesterdays that brought with them hope, courage, inspiration and love.

Many of my yesterdays were filled with friends. Large friends, small friends, tall friends, and short friends.

But today, I am without happiness, peace, fame, or fortune, courage, inspiration, or love.

I know not one friend.

Despite all of this, there is a tomorrow, which shall bring back all that is lost.

Happiness, fame, fortune, love, courage, and friend.

—MINNYE LITTLEJOHN.

### A LOST LOVE

My life is not filled with happiness as  
The love I knew and treasured  
Is gone from me,  
Nevermore to return,

My life is not filled with happiness  
as it was then,

This love took with it a part that  
made my life complete,  
I feel as though life for me has been  
crippled,

I won't let myself face reality  
To understand that this really was  
not love,

But instead I look on life with fate  
And cease to care,  
At last I grew strong  
And faced reality, as I was wrong,

My life is now filled with a song,  
I am willing to remain strong,  
And believe that my true love will  
someday come along

## May Day Held On Bennett Campus

On Saturday, May 2, 1953, the Annual May Day Exercises were held at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in front of the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel. Miss Rose White of Beaumont, Texas, was crowned the May Queen. Attending Miss White were Misses Janel Corry and Ann Wright of the Senior Class, Misses Louemma Davis and Andrena Sims of the Junior Class, Misses Barbara Hodges and Mary Jane Horton of the Sophomore Class, and Misses Beatrice Sanders and Shirley Spencer of the Freshman Class. Miss Villa Raspberry of Kansas City, Mo., was the "Maid of Honor."

The May Day Program, which was entitled "A Process of Learning" was directed by Mrs. Armantine Douglass and the original music was by Miss Charlotte Alston.

The program was divided into four parts. The first part was the "Background"; the second, "Introduction To School Life"; the third part, "A Time For Choice"; and the last part, "Commencement".

The entire program was very good and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. May we congratulate Mrs. Douglass, Charlotte Alston, and the participants for a splendid job.

—L. Elizabeth Saunders

### GOD WAS THERE

Today I walked a sunlit path  
Where branches interlace  
I felt His presence in the woods  
As soft winds touched my face.  
I heard Him in an autumn storm  
Too far away to see  
But in the stillness of the air  
His voice came back to me.  
I saw Him in the crags and cliffs  
And where the swallow dips  
I heard Him in the laughter  
And the songs on children's lips.

—Anna Morrow

## This I Believe

Excerpts from Student Statements of Belief

Among the thoughts and dreams in our individual psyches may be found those beliefs which constitute our philosophies of life. Some time ago several of us stole a few moments from our busy lives to sit down in quiet seclusion and organize our creeds. While we might have thought at first that we should not have taken the time to write down our beliefs, after having done so we experienced an inner feeling of peace and security. We now had something tangible which stipulated the ideas that we were striving to reach and made their attainment more possible. The following excerpts were taken from the students' philosophies entitled, "This I Believe."

"I believe that the secret of our success lies not in what the future will bring, but rather, it lies in the way we face the present."

"First of all we must believe that God has not destined the world to an unhappy ending. It is inconceivable to me that a Creator who has blessed the world with so much of beauty would destroy that beauty and replace it with ugliness, hatred. We are instruments of God, placed here for the purpose of doing His work. The world has been entrusted to our (the present generation's) care. The condition that it is in now and will be in the future depends on the way that we accept our God-given responsibilities."

"To me one of the fundamentals of living and enjoying it, is happiness."

"Understanding others is the key to much of my happiness, and this understanding is developed through love."

"In dealing with people I realize that every person is important and possesses some fine qualities whether it is concealed or we are aware of it. Reality must be faced, idiosyncracies are prevalent with this specimen—the human being, but they must be analyzed carefully. The experiences that I have had with individuals thrilled me and caused me to generalize on this point—people whom you have not come in close proximity with the judged from a distance may appear to be very apathetic or indifferent persons; however, when you become more familiar with them, they radiate some fine and beautiful quality."

"We can never live alone; we must share with others in order to enjoy the whole of life."

"I believe that troubles seem much easier to forget, anger more easily overcome, and worry fades from view, when we once learn to forget ourselves and think more of others."

"It is my belief that every individual is an integral part of this vast

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