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Renewed Aspirations

The beginning of each new semester offers to all of us a new opportunity to make greater strides toward our goals of self improvement. If we have begun to succumb to lazy habits and "don't care attitudes" we have a chance to make a new start.

It is possible that many of us made New Year's Resolutions for the new semester. If this is true, do not let it be said that you are only adding to the growing number of "make and break" resolution makers. Instead you might try to remember these few items:

I shall make a conscious effort to enjoy my courses this semester.

I shall make increased efforts to produce the quality of work indicative of my capacity.

I will not neglect my clubs and organizations; instead, I shall budget my time allowing for them as well as for my studies and social activities.

I shall grow and live and achieve beyond my greatest expectations because this semester I shall make a new "self."

Could This Be You?



**Last Minute Cramming . . .
The Night Before Exams.**

Letters To The Editor

WE WOULD LIKE TO REVIVE THE FORMER LETTERS TO THE EDITOR FEATURE OF THE BANNER. IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON YOUR CHEST WHICH YOU FEEL DESERVES PUBLICATION, PLEASE ADDRESS IT TO BOX 192 or 398 AND DROP IT IN THE CAMPUS MAIL.

The Wonders Of Music

If I were to attempt to discover that element in music which unites men's minds and hearts, we would soon understand the creative possibilities in music. The immature, undeveloped mind of a small child may create visions such as those to be seen in dreamland, or toyland; while the adult mind may seek refuge from the hum-drum monotony of everyday realities.

Often we have wondered from what source came the inspiration that lent the world many of its great works in literature and other fine arts, yet seldom have we realized that music can produce such astounding effects on man.

It has already been stated that music unites and strengthens men's minds and hearts, but, I dare say, there are those who will sneer and jeer at this idea. It is, then, to those persons that I dedicate this next concluding paragraph.

During the years of war when terror and fear reigned over the world, men in uniform, soldiers in fox holes, and refugees in D.P. camps were all driven onward by a common thought: freedom. In their many hours of bereavement their hearts were bound together through music, just as their minds were strengthened by the familiar melodies and words of national anthems and universal hymns. In conclusion, we must remember not to sneer at the scribbles of our fellow man; for what to us may seem like an afternoon's dabbings is actually the beginning of a creation for which men so willingly and unselfishly burn the midnight oil.

—Yvonne Wynn

Quotations

Happiness lies not in the mere possession of money; it lies in the joy of achievement; in the thrill of creative effort.

—Roosevelt

It is . . . the knowledge of one's self to know what one knows and what one does not know.

—Socrates

Not only is there an art in knowing a thing, but also a certain art in interpreting this knowledge to others.

—Cicero

Be Sure to See
the
Clothing Exhibit
February 14-17
On the Balcony of the
David D. Jones
Student Union

A Sophomore Speaks On "Living Up To Standards"

(This month we are featuring an article written by an outstanding sophomore. Miss Barbara Campbell speaks on "Living Up To Standards").

Displayed in the library on one of the card catalogs is an article in the World Outlook which is concerned with the Bennett Way of Life." The author says, "The Bennett girl is maturing into a woman of poise, self-direction, and inner control."

Recently the president called our attention to another magazine article which referred to the campus as the "unbroken green." It was a compliment on the beauty of the campus, especially the well-kept, magnolia-lined lawns.

All of us, I am sure, are quite pleased with these compliments. In accordance with the latter article, Dr. Player began an economy campaign. Though the "economy captains" wore the green and white badges and were directly responsible to the President, everyone joined in to make the campaign successful.

We realized that the "unbroken green" was not an actual reality, but we seemed willing enough to work toward making it one. Persons in the Student Union Building asked us not to mar the floors in the Union foyer by unnecessary use. The grounds crew replanted many sections of the lawn and made other necessary repairs. The economy captains were quite efficient in keeping paper off the lawn, cutting out lights when they were not in use, etc. The reality seemed within reach.

Lately though something has happened. We have become careless, and the enthusiasm with which our economy drive was carried out seems to be diminishing. There are brown places in the grass made by students who are too lazy to use the walks. Trash cans, though located at convenient places on the campus, are overlooked when paper is discarded.

Are not we Bennett girls proud of our campus being called the "unbroken green"? Surely our failure to live up to these compliments is merely carelessness or thoughtlessness.

Let us remember—as Dr. Player has pointed out—that how well each individual student lives up to the college's standards as they are seen in the external appearance of the school, mirrors "The Bennett Way of Life."

The next time you cross the campus, admire its general beauty. Then glance at the small things that mar it—scattered paper, trampled grass near the edges of the walk, the unsightly path near the Administration Building—and resolve to do your part to make the "unbroken green" a "living reality" in every aspect of your college life.

The B.C. Sphere of Social Action

There have been many wonderful activities here at "dear ole' B.C." during the past semester. Each class and dormitory has attempted to out-do the other via way of decorations, music and men at the many parties and dances.

It is difficult to say exactly how the dances rated in terms of the above criteria, but I am sure we all agree that the Freshman Class decorations created quite a stir since they were some of the most unique we've seen. The Seniors had an excellent variety of sounds and Reynolds and Barge really attracted the men.

Considering everything, however, there were some "real gone" social happenings here this past semester.

As we get into the whirl of the second semester may we each co-operate in every way toward even greater heights socially in the Bennett Sphere of Action.

Human Greatness

What do the years 1867-1957 represent? What do they mean to you? These dates are the years spent in this life by one of the greatest musical geniuses the world has ever known—Arturo Toscanini. From 1926 to 1936 he served as conductor of the world-famous New York Philharmonic Orchestra. His name is also almost synonymous with the NBC Symphony.

Perfection was his goal, and whenever a performance did not meet with his approval, he often engaged in various degrees of self-torture. The musicians who worked with Toscanini only naturally felt the greatness of their leader and, therefore, his orchestras were able to achieve much of the preciseness, depth, and brilliance of performance desired by the conductor.

Vast numbers of his admirers among whom were musicians, officials of government, and the many ordinary people who loved his music, attended his funeral.

The Vatican radio had this to say concerning his greatness: "God alone is great, and sometimes it pleases Him to make this clear, stamping His imprint more profoundly onto man. This is the secret of Toscanini's genius."

Toscanini is no longer in our midst in reality, but spiritually he shall live forever in the hearts and memories of the many who have enjoyed and who shall enjoy his music throughout all ages.