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## TO B. C. - FAREWELL!

As this school year draws to a close we are all growing increasingly cognizant of the swiftness of time. It seems as if it was only yesterday when we were busy packing our clothes and heading for B. C.

For some of us the time has been profitably spent as we have gained new insights into knowledge and into the total art of living; but for others the time has been spent in doing only enough to get by, and in the idle wasting of time and energy.

Each year holds varied memories for each person. We all remember the outstanding events of our Inaugural Year but even more personally, we remember how proud we were when we made the honor roll, when we were elected to an honorary organization, or even when we received an A on a paper from an instructor whose A's are a rare premium indeed. We certainly shall not forget the young men who walked us to the dorms from dances or who visited us with any degree of regularity.

To each class this year holds distinct memories and accomplishments. The Freshman have adjusted to college life and are now ready to assume new and added responsibilities as they become Sophomores. The Sophomores have also added to their knowledge as they eagerly look forward to their Junior Year. The Juniors can hardly realize that next year they will be leading the way on the campus as they move forward into their Senior Year. To the Seniors, this marks the end of what will probably be their most memorable year.

It has been said that every thing of worth must some day come to an end, therefore, as we view this school year in retrospect and as we attempt to face the future with faith, humility, a degree of knowledge and fortitude, we might each turn to one another as we remember these words of Byron, "Farewell! a word that must be and hath been: A sound which makes us linger: — yet — farewell!"

Grace M. Coleman, Editor '56-'57

### Editor's Note:

The Banner staff for 1956-57 wishes for the staff of 1957-58 an abundance of success in its new endeavor.

## ETTA KETT

Dont's —



Don't refuse to dance with any fellow who cuts in.

## NEW EDITORS SPEAK

We, the editors of this publication in the forthcoming school year (1957-58), deem it a great honor to have been elected by you, our fellow students, as editor and co-editor. The expression of a mere "thank you" does not begin to embrace our deep appreciation to you for helping us to arrive at these positions. Therefore, instead of saying only "Thank You" we add to this our sincere pledge to bring to you, on a more regular basis, all the news, in the best form, during our stay in office. As a member of this college community we feel that each of you is entitled to the best that can come forth from our combined efforts.

We advocate progress, and rise to greater heights for the *Bennett Banner*. Thus, we make known our intentions to revise this publication in order to advance it to the loftiest of heights in the world of journalism.

Carolyn Brown, '58  
Yvonne Wynne, '58

## THE BATTLE ROYAL

There constantly rages within each person a battle royal. Whenever there is doubt within your mind whether to do one thing or another a conflict begins between the two forces: to do or not to do.

Have you ever debated the question of attending a concert or just spending the evening with cheerful friends and a highly polished deck of cards? For some, this problem requires a thought provoking decision, especially if one delights in both of the above activities. Evidence on campus show that to some this question demands only one answer. A gay round of whist playing, an evening of chatting with friends, or the chills produced by television thrillers are much more enticing than an evening of Schubert, Mozart and Beethoven in the chapel or Little Theatre.

This fact was brought into view vividly when the humanities division presented a program of Opera Highlights. Impressive scenery, voices and costumes were displayed to a small appreciative audience and many empty seats.

Rationalizing one might say that the girls needed those spare moments to study, to perform personal duties and just to relax from a day of toil. This point is questionable. Can all of the noisy voices that float across the campus originate from tired females attempting to relax and perhaps study?

Students attend programs according to their interest. Should one be "downed" because he or she does not care to tolerate Beethoven's Fifth Symphony or hear the pros and cons of conditions in Africa discussed? It is far better for students interested in these activities to attend in small numbers than to have a mixture of appreciative and unappreciative attendants. From this mixed group comes the loud wise cracks, the crude laughter and uncouth chatter during performances which usually cause confusion for the performer and embarrassment for the average on-looker.

If there are only two persons in the audience and they appreciate and enjoy the results of a performer's efforts, the purpose of the program is as complete as though there were 40,000 present.

So why worry when the battle between whist and Bach prevails. One of the two will win. The enticing power of each will determine the victor of the situation. No matter how the choice goes one should fulfill his or her own desires.

Barbara Elliott, Co-Editor '56-'57

### THERE IS NO UNBELIEF

There is no unbelief;  
Whoever plants a seed beneath  
the sod  
And waits to see it push away the  
clod—  
He trusts in God.

There is no unbelief;  
Whoever says beneath the sky,  
"Be patient, heart; light breaketh  
by and by."  
Trusts the Most High.

There is no unbelief;  
Whoever sees 'neath winter's field  
of snow,  
The silent harvest of the future  
grow—  
God's power must know.

There is no unbelief;  
Whoever lies down on his couch  
to sleep,  
Content to lock each sense in  
slumber deep,  
Knows God will keep.

There is no unbelief;  
Whoever says "tomorrow," "the  
unknown,"  
"The future," trusts that power  
alone  
He dares disown.

There is no unbelief;  
The heart that looks on when the  
eyelids close,  
And dares to live when life has  
only woes,  
God's comfort knows.

There is no unbelief;  
For this by day and night uncon-

sciously  
The heart lives by the faith the  
lips deny.  
God knoweth why.  
E. Y. Case.

### AN INTERVIEW ON SMOKING

"Insecurity, anxiety, fears and attempts at escaping reality are the main causes of smoking", said Dr. J. Henry Sayles, chairman of the Science Division at Bennett College.

When questioned concerning the advocacy of smoking, knowing that experiments have shown a close correlation between lung cancer and smoking, Dr. Sayles firmly stated, "No, I do not advocate smoking because of the possibility of getting cancer." However, the non-smoker, further declared that studies have shown that cases of lung cancer have been found more often among chain smokers than among the "on - again - off-again" smokers. This does not necessarily mean that all chain smokers have or will have lung cancer.

It is believed that smoking serves as a tension reliever and therefore it helps the smoker to escape from reality. Although smoking might be considered a practical method to use for escaping from anxieties, to settle one's nerves and to relax, it is not advisable. Smilingly Dr. Sayles said that persons who use cigarettes as an escape object may be considered weak. The interviewee

## Inquiring Reporter

Question: "How can our over-all campus living be improved?"

Answers:  
DELORES ALEXANDER, A SENIOR

"Life in our dormitories is a major part of our campus living. To learn to live harmoniously together would have a great bearing on our campus living. We should at all times have regard for others, be courteous to our next door neighbor, give consideration to those who enjoy quietness, and learn to be appreciative of those little things that make us real sisters living in one "big home."

JO ANN RAIFORD, A SOPHOMORE

"The sophomore rotation courses are confusing and lack organization", declared Miss Raiford. She explained that the social science and English classes change instructors every nine weeks. "There is no unity of instruction, and students are not able to adjust to the teachers' methods before "it's rotation time".

VIVIAN HOPKINS, A SOPHOMORE

"Before we can attempt to make any improvements in our campus living, each individual must make up her mind that she wants improvement. When this step has been thoroughly considered, each student must then combine her activities and work as a unit because "a house divided against itself can not stand."

VINIA SPIVEY, A JUNIOR

"If every girl (or a greater portion of the girls) would enter Bennett with a basic standard of values firmly established as an integral part of her character and continue along this line steadfastly persuing the higher values of life, then living on Bennett's campus would be more ideal."

readily agreed that smoking was a popular thing to do, and confessed that he too is a former smoker.

If one would take the time to study carefully the advertisements of the different brands of cigarettes one would find that all of them contain the same substances, but they differ only in the processing of the tobacco. Therefore the talk about one cigarette being smoother, milder, and tastier is nothing but sales promotion chatter. The coal tar ingredients that form the basic for lung cancer can be found in all cigarettes.

There was no doubt in the mind of the division chairman that the filtered-tip cigarettes were better than the nonfiltered. Therefore, if one must smoke, it is considered best to buy cigarettes with good filtered tips. These tips serve to absorb some of the coal tar substances that cause cancer in rats.

In conclusion Dr. Sayles stated that smokers should not take lightly the findings discovered concerning the close association between lung cancer and smoking.

Barbara Elliott, '57

Editor: "You didn't spell this word correctly."

Young Reporter: "Sorry, sir, I spell by ear and sometimes I don't hear so good."