

B. C. BEAT

BY PATRICIA MURRAY

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those of you who were honored for your academic achievement at the recent all honors convocation. "Keep up the good work". Congratulations are also due to those girls who were recently inducted into Omicron Eta Chi, and those who are now being initiated into Alpha Kappa Mu.

These recent occurrences, have caused me to reminisce quite a bit lately. Let me share some of my thoughts with you because I feel that they concern you as well as myself. It might appear that I am a year or so late but I guess, better late than never.

These thoughts first entered my mind while I was at Mount Holyoke on exchange. My most stimulating experiences, while there consisted of, essentially, the discussions I had with the students. Almost everything you can think of was discussed, from religion and philosophy to current events all over the world and on both of the campuses.

As thoughts run through my mind, these conversations become a thing of "yesterday". Something that was all a part of a different world and un-

like the atmosphere that I am in presently. I ponder these things and I wonder . . . why is it that such informal sharing of ideas never occur on my own campus? I become concerned and ask someone and I am told that such conversations do go on. There they are hidden behind the closed doors of a dormitory room. What wouldn't I give to hear my fellow students deeply involved in things of the world and controversies of which our mere existence should bring concern.

How wonderful it is to take a newspaper and grasp the headlines and then meet a world outside in a common bond, but how good it would be to share my thoughts with some one else.

I say all of this to say that we should finally ask ourselves just what it is that we talk about. Do we talk about issues of persons, places, things? Is the newspaper obsolete? We complain of isolation and yet we isolate ourselves. Can we hold our own in conversation with people outside of our campus?

These people, who do not share our interests in such isolated problems as seem to take precedence in our minds? Do good stimulating conversations, begun in the classrooms, end with the ringing of the bell? What will we talk about when we leave Bennett?

It's true that academic knowledge does not compare to the knowledge gained from everyday experience and one's experience becomes more apparent when he judges it by the experience of others.

How are we going to relate ourselves to the outside world? Are we going to be able to take our recognized responsibility in making the world dream come true or are we going to come out of isolation and find ourselves even more apart?

INQUIRING REPORTER

Do you think there have been any improvements in the student Government and student body this year?



Lily So, junior, chemistry major, Medan, Sumatra, Indonesia. "Yes, an inter-dorm council is being formed, the all-Bennett picnic for faculty and students which hopes to bring

teachers and students to know each other better, also the know-your-family dinner. We have set up recreation hours for swimming, and booths in the snack bar area have been installed. The tradition "Freshmen can't dance before Thanksgiving" has been changed and we have a music box to use.

"Time is changing, so should traditions. Keep it up!"

Faye McClain, junior social science major, Wilson, N. C.: "This school year has marked a new era in student participation. The most remarkable change has



been that of student thought. It seems that student leaders and the student body in general have taken a new attitude — one of assuming more responsibility.

"With the booths and juke box in the Union area, I believe that the student leadership has helped to create a more relaxed atmosphere. This in itself, is improvement. Naturally there is room for more improvement and the students should continue to desire more freedom and, in turn, assume more responsibility. This is as it should be."

Paulette Hopkins, senior, pre-med major, Miami, Florida. "For the first time since I've been here, I have witnessed this year, a very close relationship between our student leaders and the student body. Perhaps the situations which I felt most important to the student body were not deemed as important by the others at the time.



"However, I do feel that much of the credit for the establishment of a closer relationship between the student government and students should be given to our student leaders. They have proved to be interested in the academic, social, and emotional welfare of the students and to the students who have had patience and understanding.

"Realizing that much has been done and yet there is much left to be done, with the continued cooperation existing between the Student Government and students there will be even more accomplishments made by the end of the year."

Gloria Jean Gill, senior, sociology major, Bloomfield, Conn.: "For the first time since my freshman year, have I experienced a significant communication between the entire student body and the student governing body. The students no longer have an excuse for saying they are not aware of the campus events and rules. This more extensive communication has stimulated an interest among some of the students to strive for newer horizons.



"The student government has also made available more opportunities for our social enjoyment. Now it is up to us to take advantages of them. We have come a long way, but we can go even further if there is cooperation on the part of the students to give their full support."

Dear Editor: Recently, I have begun to wonder just where the interest of the student body is. Complaints are continuously being heard, in the dorm, in the dining hall, in the classroom. Yet, when there are times provided for open expression, the students ask about meals in the dining hall, supplies for the dormitories and bring up all insignificant problems that can be mentioned.

Of course, I know well that there are a lot of things which

do exist on our campus in the particular cases mentioned above but are these the important things?

What are we striving for? I'm beginning to wonder. I'm interested in things which concern the big aspects of our institution, the academic, the social, and the religious and what can be done to make these aspects be more meaningful to the students. Are there other Bennett students who share my interest? If there are why haven't they spoken up?

Yours "questioningly",
An interested student

Thailand or Siam? Which is Correct?

The correct answer is Thailand, which is the official name of this country.

The name Siam was used until 1939 and was changed to Thailand after this year. The reasons for this change were:

1. To correspond the English name with Thai name.

The Siamese called themselves "Thais". Therefore the name of the country should be Thailand to which race the Thai belong and live. On the other hand "Thailand" has a definite meaning. It means "the country of the free people".

2. After 1932, Siam was changed from absolute monarchy to a constitutionally Monarchy as the result of a successful coup d'etat. They felt that it was proper to change the old name which associated with the Absolute Monarch to a new name Thailand to mark the introduction of the modern democratic form of rule.

The word "Thai" should be pronounced as "Tie" not "Thigh" for in Thai language here are both aspirated and in-aspirated "ts".

FASHION IS MY BUSINESS

By ERNESTINE MITCHELL

Upon my first day at Bennett three long years ago, a student confronted me with the question, "Why would you waste your time going to college to be a fashion coordinator. You ought to be a teacher, a sociologist or someone who can contribute to the enhancement of society."

Well, I ought to be; but I'm not going to be, and I never shall be.

Education consists of analyzing oneself to the extent of recognizing ones attributes and striving for perfection in this vicinity. As for the enhancement of society, I view it this way. A fashion coordinator is but a walking advertisement (for her store), and advertising is a springboard to economic growth; thus, an enhancement of great importance.

At Bennett, the preparation for any position in the field of fashion stems from the large pink room to the right, (in the science building just opposite the quadrangle). This isn't just an ordinary pink room in the science building, as those of us who spend, or have spent, endless hours there at night catching moths, creating original hats, and just reminiscing old times in family life, very well know.

If you don't cherish the idea of wearing stockings, then you had better hang on to your eyebrow pencil as "Peanuts" does his blanket. If combing hair is your pet peeve, I would suggest a Yul Brynner haircut. You say sneakers and a sweatshirt is your favorite ensemble? Well, you had better "wish upon a star," that is if your intentions are directed toward invading the field of fashion.

Accessorizing garments for fashion shows in the summer is great fun, but when you're searching for a red hat and the

MODELS AT BENNETT

By ERNESTINE MITCHELL

Bennett College is most fortunate this year to have in its midst, twelve additional models, representing elegance far superior to the definition Webster himself bestowed upon the word.

The distinguishing characteristics of these twelve fashionable young ladies are their sincerity, tolerance, cooperation, poise, efficiency, and mental and emotional maturity.

only appropriate one appears in the competitive store next door, "What's a body gonna do?" Or, what do you do when you have to model a pair of "stretch" pants, and the commentator says, "these should fit so well that if a dime was in the back pocket, it would be visible," and yours look like they're housing all the gold from Fort Knox? It's nothing to arrive in another state for a fashion show and find that all fashions were left behind. Fashions are to a show as sugar is to tea. Bitterness is the end product.

So you see, the field is vast, and much more complex than one would ever imagine, but fashion is my business, and "I'd rather fight than switch."

Their dress is extremely simple, consisting of crisp white blouses, green skirts, and unique white beanies; to say nothing of the "Cheshire cat" smile worn by each from sunset 'til sundown.

These "greenies" (as they might be called) devote their time to modeling the ideal attitude and outlook for which this institution stands. On the 9th of November 9, they made their debut into the society of models, better known as Omicron Eta Chi.

Upon this eve, in a candlelight installation, Gloria A. Parker, Janet M. Jenkins, Josephine Dula, Clayvonne P. Wright, Barbara Gadsden, Alicia B. Asia, Lorraine Polk, Barbara L. Williams, Sylvia A. Jones, Shirley Adams, Helen Marie Foulks, and Carol L. Stowe received their official pin from Margie Dillard, designating the society's recognition of "perfection."

Speaking of perfection, the faculty advisors are none other than the two occupants residing in the "large pink room to the right in the Science Building just opposite the quadrangle." Their names? Mrs. Louise G. Street and Mrs. Carolyn Gaither.

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