

AS I SEE IT . . .

In our hectic world today there is no place for pacifist ideas. There exists an atmosphere of ominous oppression—an atmosphere of doom being lowered over our heads, a doom of anxiety and fear. We see in the near future the possibility of the dreaded war of mankind—the nuclear war which will wipe out the entire world civilization. We must act quickly to counteract the quick rising threat to the free world.

In July of 1956, the US withdrew her offer of financial aid to Egypt to build a strategic dam. Nasser then took control of the internationally owned Suez Canal which is the world's oil lifeline; hence Britain and France with important interests in the Suez filed a complaint with the UN; it was ignored. British and French troops moved into the canal area. There were a series of raids against Israel. The Israelis moved into Egypt to wipe out the Egyptian raiders and as a result Russia offered "volunteers" to the Egyptians for their cause.

Russia is winning in the Middle East and must be stopped; she sees a chance of infiltration into the line of defense of the free world and is preparing herself by one method or another to add the Middle East to her Communist dominion.

We have checked the Soviets in Southeast Asia by sponsoring the Southeastern Asia Treaty Organization.

We have warned Red China against aggression in Formosa.

We have checked aggression in the Far East by treaties with the Philippines, Nationalist China, and Korea.

The chasm is left open to the aggressors is the Middle East. Five countries in the east — Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, Greece and Turkey — have given us their support. They look to us for moral, military and economic leadership. We must give them this support. This is the only way we can close the crevice left open for our opponents.

The UN is now in the position to check the aggression in the East, but should it fail, there must be a checkmate to fall back on; the US is the only country that can provide such leadership. Moscow must be informed in strong language that we will ally with Western Europe and the Middle East and challenge any aggressor with armed force.

This is why Congress is being asked to adopt the "Eisenhower Doctrine", a plan designed to give this challenge reality. The plan has 2 points: to make known that the US will defend the Middle East against any armed aggression and to increase US economic aid to the Middle East.

No — this plan will not permit us to cut taxes in 1957, but it may mean whether we survive or fall in this crucial period of history. Let Congress consent to a nuclear war if the Soviets need such prodding. To approve such a plan will require great courage; the alternative could be oblivion!

From a Bird's Eye . . .

To tell the actual and heart-breaking truth, this "bird" has viewed and had impressed upon her little except the already well-known fact that it is raining, has rained, and seems determined to continue to rain for as long as those heavens remain unempty. Of course, to cheer us up a wee bit, the lazy old sun (or maybe it HAS grown bashful as some say) did manage to roll in front of a cloud for a few brief hours. We were fooled for a while, and enjoyed the warm sun, the almost spring air and just felt "dry" for a change. Even the earthworms wiggled back to wherever earthworms dwell in warm weather. Then that nice steady little drizzle began to . . . well, drizzle again. Thus it is evident that our rainy season is not yet over.

Rather an odd, but colorful sight to behold, is that of opened umbrellas looking like so many varied - colored mushrooms planted outside the doors of their respective owners' rooms in the halls of the girls' dorm. 'Tis said this some well-meaning wee-folk plucked all the umbrellas from their places one midnight recently and left them stacked in the lobby — all together and ready for use the following morning . . . A slightly mad scramble was the result.

Another well-known fact is that Spring semester has begun at "Brevard Tech". Everyone seems to have waited for this opportunity

to begin making his New Year's resolutions!

Sincere good wishes — 'tho perhaps a trifle tardy — are extended to Shirley Thompson, nee Henderson; Mac Passmore, Neal Howell, and Christine Sitton, nee Wilson; who took the fatal step over the holidays. Congratulations are also in order for Jane Allred, Mary Helen Williams, and Betty Jean Hensley, and Mary Alice Godfrey, who received DIAMONDS for CHRISTMAS!

Did many observe the moon the other night, I wonder? They say it lingered over the lily pool for a while and then seemed to just "fall in" — the reflection was so beautiful. Speaking of the lily pool, on which so much of Brevard's activity centers—it has been reported from various sources that that lil' ole pool experienced a bit of "internal combustion" recently and almost burned up . . .

No doubt much has been overlooked and — or forgotten which should have been included in this little epistle but, after all, it is only a "Bird's Eye View".

MARCH OF DIMES

The March of Dimes campaign at Brevard College was sponsored by the four social societies on campus. The girls solicited donations on campus; the boys covered the up-town district. The girls collected a total of \$25.30; the boys \$25.19 for a grand total of \$50.49. The president of the various societies organized the drive, and the other members of the clubs cooperated very nicely.

A. B. G. MEETS AT CAMPBELL

On December 8, 1956, the national meeting of Alpha Beta Gamma was held at Campbell College, Buie's Creek, North Carolina. The Beta chapter, from Brevard College, was represented by Miss Bobbie Jean Nicholson and eleven members.

Two of our members, Charles Hilbert and Laney Funderburk, were initiated there with members from other schools. Part of the initiation was a march by the initiates through the cafeteria after dinner. They were tied together to remind them that they were joined by a common bond. Each wore a hat as a reminder to keep his thinking cap on. Dark glasses illustrated the blindness of ignorance.

Alpha Beta Gamma is the junior college chemistry society and fraternity. It was founded when a group of students in Asheville Biltmore College went to their chemistry professor, Dr. David H. Pierce, with hopes of starting a chemistry club. With cooperation and ideas of Dr. Pierce and students, Alpha Beta Gamma was formed March 25, 1952. Later it was realized that other junior colleges had need of a similar organization, and soon a well-organized expansion program began.

Some of the goals of Alpha Beta Gamma are: to learn more about the different fields of chemistry and its place in world progress, to develop interest in chemistry, to meet more people having the same interest, and to acquaint students with the vast opportunities in chemical employment. It is an organization that creates an opportunity for a "good time" socially and intellectually.

The qualifications for membership in Alpha Beta Gamma are good standing in college, approval by Dean and chemistry instructor, and a grade of B or better on chemistry. Each member must be interested in chemistry and be willing to take an active part in any of the Chemistry Club's functions.

Alpha Beta Gamma has two national meetings each year. Brevard will play host to either the spring or fall meeting in 1957.

FORMER STUDENT NOMINEE FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Miss Martha Fortune, presently a junior at the University of North Carolina and a graduate of Brevard College, is one of two nominees for a scholarship being offered by the North Carolina Classroom Teachers' Association. Martha made an outstanding record while a student at Brevard College and apparently she is continuing her fine work. While at Brevard she was Editor of the Pertolote and campus beauty queen.

Welcome Newcomers

BY DON GENTRY

W
When new faces are seen at every turn
How hard it must be to try to learn

E
Everyone's name and everyone's face
And still try to study and keep up the pace

L
Let alone run a chase after the girls you have seen
Especially when she thinks you are only visiting.

C
Changes are in order, you must become known
And not try to struggle thru' the world alone alone

O
Often times we miss the boat
And suffer to watch our competitors gloat

M
Musing in recluse about the stupid mass
With their bourgeois ways and their bourgeois class

E
Even thinking sometimes we will change the course
Of history and put an end to all man's remorse

N
Never stopping to think of all time and all space
How many have lived and their talent did waste

E
Ending their lives never tasting of life
Suffering for naught in their self made strife

W
Why did they give so much for so little
I'll tell you why and thus end my riddle.

C
Constantly we search thru' the annals of history
Constantly we find such a self-made mystery

O
Overhead there is a God, a creating force
But man, poor man, can't steer a straight course

M
Many are lost and never know it
Some are lost and readily show it

E
Each man for himself with no thought for others
But this can't be, for aren't we all brothers?

R
Reader beware! To these lines lend your ear
And may it save you from the fate of King Lear

S
Shame on you if a hermit you would be
For you, I have no sympathy.

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