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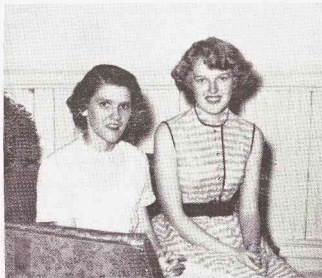
We sincerely appreciate the honor of serving you in this capacity. Our aim is to report prompt and accurate records of the activities on the campus. We plan to present systematic and uniform departments from selected material submitted by you. Since current news is the only news, we shall avoid effusive accounts that hold no interest for the reader. The Pilot's chief reason for existence is to provide a service to the school; thus, our desire is to share this opportunity for service with you.

“... We Must Change Men ...”

A WORD AT PARTING FROM PRES. P. L. ELLIOTT

Because of the lack of vision or courage or both we have twice lost the peace after our boys had won a military victory. Some careful analysts think that America could not have survived another jazz age such as we had during the twenties. A book will soon be published which says that President Roosevelt feared a revolution in America if we did not go into an orgy of spending in order to bring relief to the people. Today we have the creeping paralysis of socialism bordering on communism gradually permeating every phase of our life, partially at least as a result of our reckless spending and handouts but mostly because of our blindness. Mr. Dulles seems to have failed at Geneva. Unanimity among the Western Allies is disintegrating. Many of the most intelligent of our young people are going into a kind of fanatical devotion to the ideal of communism. The communist ideal is based on two assumptions: One is that our present civilization is sick unto death and that nothing can save it. The other is that the only solution is to hasten its death and supplant it with communism.

This is a partial and dark picture of the confused world into which you are going. The solution mentioned above means slavery for many years to come until the chainless mind develops enough force to break its bonds. The alternative is to make Christianity and democracy work in America. In order to do that we shall have to realize that we must change men and that we can't change them with a club. Second, we shall have to have trained minds, for our battles are in the minds and spirits of men. So our training will have to have more than technical know how. The planning and marshalling of affairs has to be done by the learned. You should give serious thought as to your responsibility in training your mind adequately and not too narrowly. You have far more than a living to make. On the other hand training of the mind without an equal development of integrity makes defeat the more certain. The lack of good judgment, courage, and the power to suffer are the elements that will spell defeat to all we love.



(L. to R.) News Editor, Bobbie Oxford, and Editor and Chief, Mary Philbeck, of next Year's "PILOT."