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NEW PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT Miss Donnie Rhodes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Rhodes of Lenoir, has been elected president of the student body at Queens college for next year. She will receive her B. S. degree in secretarial administration next year. (Observer Staff photo.)

Pictures have been pasted in scrapbooks, telegrams sent, flowers received, and Donnie Rhodes has rolled up her sleeves and gone to work after having received the gavel in the traditional installation service on Tuesday, April 12.

Donnie's victory in the recent student election has its unusual aspects in that she had been "missing for two years" (as she puts it). Having completed her freshman year in '42-'43, she postponed her education to become a business woman as secretary to Mr. James Christian Pfohl, Music Department Head at Davidson College. And with what consequences — for as everyone knows—it was there that she met Drew! You know — Drew — President of the SPE's, President of Student Body, AND Annapolis cadet!

Not unrecognized during her freshman year, Donnie was elected to Valkyrie, honorary sophomore organization, and was active in orchestra and choral club work. During the present school year in spite of carrying an extra heavy course of seven subjects, Donnie has been unusual in her interest and cooperation in campus activities and organizations.

How about the Student Body's catching a little of her enthusiasm for getting things done toward the making of a more progressive student government and the spreading of a spirit of cooperation, unity of purpose, and of upholding and raising the standards of Christian womanhood fostered by Queens women?



You And Student Government

Like democracy, Student Government is what you make it; it means one thing to me — it may mean another to you; and like democracy, it is a test of the individual.

Self-government in many institutions is merely an intangible ideal — a front behind which a few dominant personalities work toward their own ends; at Queens it is an existing and working reality, and will remain so just as long as it is recognized as an individual possession accompanied by certain intrinsic obligations and privileges.

A student-governed college is a miniature democracy having its judicial body in the Student Government councils and Honor Society and its legislative body in Legislature; thus the preparatory correlation between active interest in student and national government is self-evident. Even though the fact that upon our youthful shoulders rests tomorrow's destiny by this time sounds like the grating of a broken record, it is still a fact, the facing of which cannot be perpetually postponed.

Thus Student Government affords an avenue of training toward a more intelligible participation in future national governmental issues. It means also a testing of oneself and a chance at SELF-governing in the choosing between methods that are foul or fair, between attitudes that are biased or judicial, and between people that are merely spectacular or ones that are truly deserving. True Student Government means freedom; it means character and personality building; and it means that its upholders are well on the road to a sane and integrated adulthood.

The takers-for-granted of democracy were supposed to have learned a lesson in the four and one-half years since Pearl Harbor blasted them from their seats of complacency — where are you sitting in regard to Student Government at Queens today?

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Stop Food Waste

At no time during World War II was food as urgently and desperately needed as it is now. All over the world men are watching their children's bodies grow frail and weak while they themselves find their minds occupied primarily with ways by which they may find sustenance for themselves and their families. The world is tired from the scourges of war; man is also hungry. We are no more excused from saving man from hunger than we could ignore his pitiable plight during the war years. Men die just as surely and just as horribly from starvation as they do from the ravages of war. Hungry men cannot build well a substantial and lasting peace. Can we afford—have we the moral instability—to eat thoughtlessly and carelessly and still look into the eyes of the other peoples of the world unashamedly? We have so much — they have so little. Says LIFE magazine: "Per capita world food production for the year is estimated at twelve per cent below the pre-war level of production . . . Europe, never able to produce all its needs, is now further hamstrung by lack of farm implements and transport . . . world crops have been steadily failing." U. S. shipments of food have been failing too. We managed during the war, somehow, to feed the largest army the world has ever known and plenty of other people besides, including ourselves. Through selfishness and greed, are we going to let starve before our very eyes the very people for whom we fought and agonized and died?

LET'S DO ALL WE CAN
TO HELP FEED
STARVING PEOPLES.

S. C. A. NEWS NOTES

On March 26 at 5:00 P.M. S.C.A. Cabinet sponsored a steak fry to which members of cabinet and the various committees were invited. This party was planned in honor of the committee members who are the unseen workers of S.C.A. They have done such things as plan programs, put up publicity, attractive posters and announcements about other events sponsored by S.C.A.; for those of you who eat at the hut on Sunday night other girls decorate the hut, prepare the food you eat and wash the dishes; another job which these workers do is to arrange for the prayer meetings each week in your dormitory; these are but a few of the many jobs done by the girls behind the scenes in S.C.A. Without their help the work of your Student Christian Association could not have gone forward as it has. To them we say, thanks!

The installation of the new S.C.A. Cabinet officers took place Sunday, April 7. This service was held during the regular vesper hour, and an impressive ceremony was presented. At this time the Light was passed on to the new S.C.A. officers by the retiring cabinet. An inspiring message was presented to the student body by Tonnie Ferguson, the new president, who challenged the student body to hold high the torch which had been given them.

Dr. Jack Marion, pastor of the Grace Covenant Presbyterian

Church, Richmond, Va., was the guest of our college during the week of April 9-12, at which time he conducted a series of services. Dr. Marion spoke each morning at the chapel service and each evening at a vesper service; he also led our thinking in Fellowship on Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Marion also met with the new Cabinet at their regular meeting to give them helpful suggestions in their work for the new year. Dr. Marion's talks have been a source of inspiration to each one of us and we hope they will continue to guide our thinking throughout the remainder of the year.

The date of the spring retreat for old and new Cabinet members has been set for the week-end of April 28. Assembly Inn at Montreat is to be the meeting place of the group.

Suzanne Blackmon, chairman of the project, has announced that we have exceeded the goal which was set for the Fairview Homes and World Student Service Fund. This is indeed wonderful news especially when we realize the value of the causes which were supported so willingly by students and faculty. The goal set was \$400; your contributions raised it to \$486!

And this thought I leave with you: "Put all thy trust in God, let Him be thy fear and thy love; He shall answer for thee, and will do all things well, and is best for thee."—THOMAS A. KEMPIS.

Election Results

At the recent student body elections the following were elected to serve next year:

President of Student Government, Donnie Rhodes, Lenoir.

Boarding Student Vice-President, of student government, Shirley Warner, Greenville, N. C.

Day Student Vice-President of student government, Mary Yandle, Charlotte.

Student Christian Association: President, Florence Ferguson, Charlotte; Boarding Student Vice-President, Doris Turner, Raleigh; Day Student Vice-President, Eleanor Bates, Charlotte; Secretary, Betty Sue Trulock, Climax, Ga.; Treasurer, Jane Davis, Charlotte.

Athletic Council: President, Lois Wilson, Stevenson, Md.; Vice-President, Ruth Ewart, Cornelius; Secretary, Ann Teague, Winston-Salem; Treasurer, Goldie Barron, Seneca, S. C.

Boarding Student Council: President North, Lucy Pate, Gibson; President Morrison, Peggy Miller, Jefferson, S. C.; President Frazier, Laura Sanford, Hendersonville; President South, Jean Campbell, Savannah, Ga.; Secretary, Betty McMurray, Swannanoa; Treasurer, Emily Kimrey, Sanford; Senior Representative, Ruth Ewart, Cornelius; Junior Representative, Cathy Leeper, Elkin; Sophomore Representative, Mildred Hollingsworth, Brownville, Fla.

Day Student Council: Vice-President, Mary Jane Love, Charlotte; Secretary, Travis Wylie, Charlotte; Treasurer, Cornelia Ditto, Charlotte.

Student Government: Secretary, Nancy Gordon, Washington, D. C.; Treasurer, Jacqueline English, Spruce Pine; Honor Council, Mildred Hollingsworth, Brownville, Fla., Mary Katherine Nye, Conway, S. C.

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