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Editorial

Whether the present discussion about an overloaded curriculum and extra-curricular calendar culminates in a workable plan whereby the activities will be trimmed down to our student-body size, participation controlled by an agency other than the student's own judgment, or the student body deeming the movement unnecessary at this time, the issue should have caused us to delve beneath the surface into some of the conditions which exist on our campus that make such a discussion arise. The whole issue may well be just a bubble, from a boiling internal condition, escaped to the surface and interpreted by us as too many activities. For we must recognize that there are inconsistencies present when we know that some of the activities we consider most vital on our campus (such as RA and SCA) go begging for active participants.

We would like to suggest at least four reasons relevant to this activity issue.

(1) Too few students are sensitive to their responsibility as citizens of our college community. "Spectator-itis" has "sat in" to the point where "playing the game" is no longer as enticing as being "critical lookers-on." As in the case of every community we of necessity are governed by certain rules formulated to protect the individual and to preserve the community life. We, as good citizens, should abhor a spirit among us which refuses to "play the game" by the rules, for it is in deviating from them that our freedom is curtailed. Citizens of a college community have other responsibilities aside from the law for the on-going life of their community like unto that of citizens of any political community. Hence, we may say that a good citizen has convictions about, loyalty to, works for, and participates in the life of his community. The faithfulness and willingness of a few chosen leaders is no competent measure for a lack of citizenship responsibility.

(2) Lack of Day Student participation. Of course, the peculiar situation of the Day Student must be recognized. She does not shake off her activities in the home community as does the Boarder. The demands, therefore, on her are frequently doubled. But we believe that the experiences of a college community have much to offer the developing personality which the Day Student cannot afford to miss. Certainly the college program needs them. In this respect, we would suggest that the activities become more Day-Student centered than they have in the past.

(3) The present prohibitions on the Freshmen Class in activities of leadership. Our present policy, although purposed with good intent, encourages the largest class in college to become "spectators." This fact throws undue responsibility on the upper classes for leadership and participation. We believe that the freshmen year is most vital in education about college citizenship but that that education must be re-enforced immediately with experience in college citizenship. Many new students come to Queens, with excellent records of leadership in high school and church, willing and able to realize new experiences only to find themselves up against a "caste system" of upperclassmen leadership.

(4) Clustered weekends. It seems that the idea this year has been to have something taking place every weekend. The idea has its merits but since classes run five and a half days a week, the day and a half left of the week is the only time in which the student may seek the diversion demanded by the universal law. Even during that day and a half, the student must prepare herself for Monday's classes and (the majority) attend church. Consequently, most weeks are begun with tired bodies and unreplenished spirits which is sufficient to cause laxity rather than activity in citizenship.

Zoller Visits Home Ec Dept.

Miss Helen B. Zoller, an instructor for Procter and Gamble, was a guest of the Home Economics Department for two afternoon laboratory periods. Miss Zoller is an attractive person who graduated from the University of Miami and did graduate work at the University of Indiana. She spent eight-and-a-half years with Procter and Gamble and says that a degree and teaching experience enabled her to obtain the job. In her demonstrations, Miss Zoller gave a number of helpful hints on methods to use in cookery. She also gave and demonstrated a number of new recipes. While here, Miss Zoller was entertained by members of the Home Economics Department.

The Home Economics club held its regular meeting on January 17 in the Home Management House. The Program and Social Committee planned and gave a beautiful tea the purpose of which was to instruct the members as to correct tea service.

The Home Management House has been the recipient of several lovely gifts which were on display at the meeting of the club. These gifts included cuptowels, dishcloths, and pot pan holders given by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cannon of Concord; Sanitex garbage can given by Mrs. Lee A. Lorick, Columbia, S. C.; and a Betty Crocker iron with steam attachment given by Mrs. Ben Montgomery from Spartanburg, S. C.

The Towle Silver Company has sent a silver display which was shown at after dinner coffee on Friday, January 14 and was also shown to several of the classes. A knife and fork of a number of their patterns were sent and a complete setting of "Old Master." The silver display will soon be returned to the company.

Forever Elmira

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twig of the slender branches and shook furiously hoping for a glimpse of my beloved.

"Leggo," cried a startled voice.

I dropped the branch I had been vigorously twisting only to discover it was my sweetheart's arm. Darn that green sweater!

I looked deep into the deepest depths of his deep eyes and then I knew; he loved me too! Joy spread across my face like ink on a wet blotter as I shyly asked, "what's your name?"

"Isoptera," said he "and you must be Elmira," he added as he glanced at my perspire tunic neatly stenciled with name, address and phone number in bold, black letters.

"Yep, how did you ever know?" I answered. And that was how we fell in love.

Last night, dear friends, I was pinned. Sigh! it was so romantic! You see, we had a flat tire coming back to school after our regular Thursday night of billiards at the "Y" and as I leaned over to pick up the wrench . . . I . . . opps! "Gracious-to-Burwell, have you a pin, Isoptera?" He did and that's how I became pinned. Today a big bushel basket of D. C. spring onions arrived, compliments of his fraternity brothers. The entire school enjoyed the gift and I hear that the "Y" store did a booming business on "Airwyke, Dentyne and Blue Waltz" perfume.

I must leave now; three tests on biology, one history test and an English quiz were given yesterday and the pennies in the pool must be plentiful!

RA PROVIDES RELAXATION

R. A. has planned a program of recreation for exam week which is designed to give the girls some pep during "that awful week." This recreation will be every night between 6:30 and 7:00. A calendar has been posted in the Y-Store telling what types of recreation there will be each day.

In addition to these plans, R. A. is sponsoring jump rope and roller skating, on Monday and Wednesday afternoons at 4:30 in the "Rec" room. Also a basketball tournament is being planned to take place after exams.

SCA Announces Program Theme

If there's anything you want to know about S.C.A. just come to the Hut and look in our scrapbook. Florence Ashcraft has begun a scrapbook concerning the members and functions of S.C.A.

We are not quite ready to announce the complete plans for next year's program. We'll tell you soon though.

The theme for February is "Christ Above All In My Life." S.C.A. feels very fortunate in having Dr. William B. Ward, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg, speak for our Spring Services to be held February 20-23. We are planning to have a special conference with those girls who are going into full time Christian service. Dean Goddard's talks at Fellowship on "Love, Courtship, and Marriage" have been very successful. S.C.A. wishes to thank Dean Goddard for doing this series, and we hope everyone will continue to set aside an hour every Wednesday for Fellowship.

French Students

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one who would like to contribute good but outgrown clothing is urged to bring them to the Modern Language room or give them to any of the chairmen of the French classes. All contributions will be greatly appreciated. The clothing can be either winter or summer apparel. It is hoped that all Queens students will help in this act of good will.

Chairmen of the various French classes who are in charge of this French Student Aid program are as follows: Maria Barazza, Frances Mimms, Elizabeth Evans, Alice Reynolds, Carolyn Kay, Joyce Crosland, Marion Christopher, Gwenn Ewells, Barbara Hamby, Marie McCravey, Aileen Kabrick, and Mary Ruth Talbert. Won't you help the French students with this worthy cause? Check through your wardrobe today and see if you don't have a skirt or sweater which you can contribute.

Students Audition

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Grieg. Katherine Knight accompanied.

Mary Jo Whisenant was heard next, with "The Rose Enslaves The Nightingale" by Rimsky-Korsakoff and "J'ai Pleure en reve" by Hue, with Mary Ann Brezsky at the piano. The last group was by Ashley Jones, who sang "How Beautiful Are The Feet" and "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," both from Handel's "Messiah."

Letter Tells Origin Of Blues

From the
 Division of Bibliography
 August 1, 1934

To the
 Librarian of Congress
 Referring to letter of Miss Rena C. Harrell,

Charlotte, N. C., requesting information as to the expression "Orderly of the Blues".

"The Blues" is the nickname for the British regiment of Royal Horse Guards, a troop of the Household Cavalry. The regiment dates from 1661, and is still in existence. We quote regarding its history from "Famous British Regiments", by Major Arthur Griffiths (London, T. Fisher Unwin, 1900, 152 p.), p. 18-34:

"The Household troops are entitled to be called the oldest military forces of this country . . . The Household Cavalry owed its existence to the determination of the restored King Charles II to possess an army . . . The Royal Horse Guards Blue, or the Blues of our modern parlance, were originally known as the Oxford Blues from the name of their first colonel when finally formed, under the Restoration. This regiment was created bodily from Colonel Unton Crook's regiment, which had been a part of the Commonwealth army. A certain Colonel, Daniel O'Neale, who was a gentleman of the bedchamber of Charles II, was named as its colonel in the first abortive attempt of the King to raise an army (1660) and it was called the Royal Regiment, being officered by gentlemen of rank, but not recruited amongst the higher classes. It also was disbanded in 1660, but recreated the following year, and then Aubrey Vere, Earl of Oxford, became its colonel . . .

The only service that this Household Cavalry saw under Charles was against Monmouth's rebellion, but they . . . were taken into high favor by William III . . . and served under him in the Irish campaign . . . and in the Low Countries . . .

. . . George III was especially fond of the Blues. He reviewed them frequently, and often appeared in the uniform of the regiment . . .

From Waterloo to Khassassin (1883) 68 years intervened before the Household Cavalry again came to blows with a foreign enemy . . . At last, in 1883, they laid aside their helmets, their corselets, their white breeches, and jackboots, and no longer the famous 'tinbellies' of the London street cad, they embarked for Egypt in plain jackets, with simple breeches and gaiters, to use their swords once more . . . A 'composite regiment' of six squadrons made up from the two Life Guards and the Horse Guards, went out to the Cape (Boer War) . . . It is an indisputable fact that the Household Cavalry has been extremely useful in every kind of service."

We do not find any specific account of the Royal Horse Guards during the World War, and it is possible that they were merged with regiments of the line. We note in the British Army List for 1929 that the average period of service of the Royal Horse Guards was barely five years.

Respectfully submitted,
 Florence S. Hellman
 Acting Chief Bibliographer.