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Are We Ready To Take The Forward Step?

The end of another school year is rapidly drawing near. To some of us it merely means another summer vacation, while to others it will mean the dawn of new horizons.

For those of us who will be returning again in September, it is time to pause and realize what the passing of another year means. The "Rats" of this year will be ruling the "rats" of next year; the Sophomores of this year will be glorified Juniors; and the Juniors of this year will be singing, "I'd rather be a Senior." There are a few questions that each of us should ask ourselves upon climbing a higher rung in the ladder of education. Have we grown both mentally and spiritually as well as physically? Have we realized our responsibilities and made the most of our parents' sacrifices to send us to college? If the answer can be "yes" to both of these questions, then we are truly ready to take that new step forward.

For those who will not be returning, it is also wise to stop and ask a few questions. Am I going to turn my back on future study simply because I have acquired my diploma, or shall I take a wider view and realize that education is a never-ending process?

In this the final issue of the **Blues** for the year 1949-1950, we want to say to the Seniors that we the underclassmen, as a whole, will always remember your contributions toward a greater Queens. We the underclassmen, as individuals, will cherish many precious friendships that have helped mold our lives and lead us forward. To you, the Senior Class of 1950, we extend every good wish and every sincere prayer for a successful journey along life's way.

Behind The Scenes

Many faculty members, students, and visitors compliment the beauty of the Queens Campus in the Spring. This beauty is often noted, but the untiring thoughts, time and labor spent are over-looked by those who see only the product. At this time the student body and faculty want to thank Miss Sarah Nooe for all her efforts to make Queens campus a real garden. Miss Nooe is one of the leaders who is recognized as such by all who know her and her work. In addition to her work in class, laboratory, and on campus, she has contributed to community and state organizations in her field.

R.S.

Job Trends For 1950

With about 500,000 college students graduating this year—75 of that number from Queens College—the job outlook for the new college graduates is generally good. It is not, however, as good as in 1947 and 1948 and 1949. Prospects are excellent in some occupations, industries and areas. In others, where wartime and post-war shortages have now been filled, many graduates will find it difficult to get jobs.

In teaching for example, there is at once an acute shortage of personnel in the elementary schools and a growing oversupply at the high school level. For the current school year, only one elementary teacher was trained for every three who were needed. On the other hand, four times as many students completed training for high school teaching as were required.

Other professional fields in which stiff competition for jobs is expected in the next few years include: **law, journalism, and personnel work.** In **engineering**, the number of graduates will exceed the number of openings in the early 1950's; after the next 4 or 5 years, the employment situation for new graduates is likely to improve in this rapidly growing profession. In **chemistry**, competition will be keen during the next few years among persons without graduate training; the outlook is better for those with graduate degrees.

There will probably also be an oversupply of **business administration** graduates. A surplus of new graduates has already developed in the field of **accounting.**

Liberal arts graduates with work experience or specialized training will find it easier to get jobs than those with only a general undergraduate education.

Prospects for new entrants are good in **health service occupations.** There is a current shortage of **nurses**, and demand for nursing service will probably continue to rise. In **medicine** and **dentistry** those able to enter and complete training will have good opportunities; however, competition is very keen for admission to professional schools. In **pharmacy** the supply of new graduates has almost caught up with the demand; the profession may be overcrowded in the long-run if enrollments in pharmacy colleges continue at present high levels. Good opportunities are expected also for other occupational groups important in health service, such as **veterinarians, medical X-Ray technicians, medical laboratory technicians, dental hygienists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and dietitians.**

The picture facing this year's graduates is a mixed one. Business conditions as a whole are continuing good. In spite of this high level of business activity, the growing labor force and growing productivity may well result in high levels of unemployment. The picture for job opportunities is equally mixed. Some occupations are oversupplied with graduates, and the competition will be intense for the available jobs. Other fields have a demand for jobs which far outweigh the available supply of trained people to fill these jobs. Those whose training lies in the crowded fields have several alternatives open to them. First of all, they would be well advised to explore the possibilities of entering any fields closely allied to their field of primary interest, where there may be more openings. They should also explore the possibility of graduate training to equip themselves with more specialized skills.

Sporting — Around Queens

Dormitory checks aren't so bad after all when R. A. sponsors dancing in the Recreation Room. There are certainly no dull moments for anyone when R. A. has anything to do with it, and I've been told that they are making big plans for various kinds of recreation during exams. This is strictly confidential so don't say I said so, but watch the bulletin board for publicity; and be sure and throw your troubles away every night from 6:30 to 7:00, and come on out and have some fun.

Softball and tennis are still competing for the number one place of the list of favorite sports at Queens. Lest someone think I'm partial, I would hesitate to say which I think is the most popular.

Believe it or not, there are more golf minded girls here than you think. The Myers Park Golf Course is just filled with Queens' girls every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoon; and just ask them their scores if you're wondering about their ability to play golf. (Just in passing, I've been told that one of our able golfers has been offered a position on the Richmond Professional Institute track team next year. She saw a snake on the golf course the other day and rumor has it that she made sixty miles an hour running back to Queens.)

Barron Elected

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The number of members in this organization is limited to an eighth of the senior class which this year was seven people and to a fifteenth of the junior class which was six. The girls taken into Sigma Mu this year were Margaret Barron, Deanie Berryhill, Betty Jean Byerly, Bettina Marable, Wanda Oxner, Barbara Schweizer, Alice Reynolds, and Dot Thomas; old members were Mary Jane Gardner, June Patterson, Ruth Porter, Margaret Wikle, and Mildred Ann Wilson.

Home Ec Club Presents Show

The May meeting of the Home Economics Club was in the form of a fashion show entitled "From the Pages of a Pattern Book," given Monday afternoon, May 8th, at 4:30 in Ninniss Auditorium.

Margaret Barron, this year's club president, gave a welcome to the audience. The theme was that with little skill and initiative, a fashionable wardrobe for around-the-clock wear can come from the pages of a pattern book. Following this idea, the stage was decorated with three huge 'books,' one for morning, one for afternoon, and the other for evening. The girls wore dresses they had made themselves.

For morning wear a Chintz sundress, a brown and white sundress and a blue chambray sundress, all with white boleros, were modeled. Also a blouse and gathered skirt combination, the new look in sleeveless dresses, a petite pink pique, and a navy and white cotton were shown for morning wear. The models in this group were Jackie Davis, Cecilia Moss, Jeanette Plyler, Jackie Henley, Jane Blakely, Lamar Berry, and Nancy Timberlake.

Dresses for the afternoon group included a mauve cotton, a dressy navy cotton, a linen suit, three dotted-swiss frocks, and several organdies. Kitty Moore, Nancy Timberlake, Jackie Henley, Dot Folger, Jeanette Plyler, Carolyn Purcell, Dot Chambers, and Jan Purvis modeled these outfits.

In the last section, evening wear, Nancy Timberlake wore a blue ballerina type evening dress with touches of pink at the neck, hands, and waist back; and Dot Folger wore a full length evening dress of a dark green velvet bodice, and white Korean-cloth skirt and stole.

Dot Thomas, the narrator, closed the program with the hope that those in the audience would soon be opening the pages of a pattern book for themselves. Barbara Shaw was in charge of the program and those of her committee were Rachel Stevens, Mary Nowell, and Dot Thomas. Betty Jean Byerly played the piano for the program. Miss Sarah Burton Jenkins and Miss Sarah Dunlap were the advisors.

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