

POETRY PAGE

PUT YOUR BRAINS TO WORK

By Virginia Hatch

How wonderful the human brain:
Tis where our senses work—
We should justify this great inheritance
By putting it to work.

We should keep the brain busy —
Else
Our thinking power may stop —
And one writer well said, "An idle brain
Is the devil's workshop."

Give it plenty of exercise.
For it is a sad fact
We often allow others to think for us,
And then we do the act.

We cannot expect to advance
When we attempt to shirk
Intelligence increases with constant use
So put your brain to work.

For it will go to sleep — Like
A child one tries to lull
A mind kept busy on principle and toil
Will not ever grow dull

Think, my friends, thoughts rule the world
And life will be enjoyed —
For there is very little happiness—
If
Your brain is not employed.

TO SOMEONE DEAR IN THE FUTURE

To someone dear in the future,
You will give the world your best,
Because you're really trying,
To find your true success.

And though it may be hard
And you struggle day by day
You'll find that it's all worth it
And someday that's what you'll say.

Valalyn S. Smith

POEM OF LOVE

Heavenly Father up above,
Bless C. H. the one I love,
Bless him and keep him so he will know that
I am the one who loves him so.
Where ever he may wander
Where ever he may be
Let him know that my heart
Is locked with love for him
And he holds the key.

Charlillie Bryant

"TRUTH"

Selected by Virginia Hatch

And if the sun comes
How shall we greet him?
Shall we not dread him
Shall we not fear him
After so lengthy a
Session with the shade?

Though we have wept for him
Though we have prayed
All through the night- years
What if we wake one shimmering morning to

Hear the fierce hammering
Of his firm knuckles
Hard on the door?

Shall we not shudder
Shall we not flee
Into the shelter, the dear thick shelter
Of the familiar
Propitious haze?

Sweet is it, sweet is it
To sleep in the coolness
Of snug unawareness
The dark hangs heavily
Over the eyes.

This poem written by Gwendolyn Brooks, expresses the complexity of our attitude toward truth, which we long and pray for. This poem contrasts truth and ignorance. Truth is compared to the sun; Ignorance is represented as the shade.

THE SOPHOMORES AT BARBER

The Sophomores have been here a year and almost two
We've become attached to Barber,
and we stick like glue.

The freshmen are new and very meek,
To be a Sophomore is their goal to seek.

The Juniors have problems they may not solve,
With a prom and all, That's a very big job.

The Seniors really have it made,
One more semester and they've made the grade.

Getting back to the Sophomores,
I must confess
We've still a long way to go
But our aim is still success.

Fannie Daniels

CAN YOU IMAGINE

Gail Thomas without James Becton.
Linda Foye settling down.
Steven Slade without Gail Downs.
Cynthia Jarmond with Jeffrey Nelson.

Carolyn Foye with False teeth
Lyndia Wynn with everything.
Jacqueline Carr not modelling or singing.

Barbara Norman without the title of "Miss Cafeteria."
Leslie Stanly with colorful pants.

John King not looking like Mr. African.

Donald Brimmer acting sane.
Sandra Stallings walking decent.
Cheryl N. White with the title "Miss Beautiful".

Vonretta Worrl fat.
Wanda Cunningham without her wig.

Cynthia Jarmond not sleeping in English I

Barbara Norman without Michael Bryant, Alumnus

O'Neal Ballard a Red Bone.
Dalton Staten without his flat head.

Sharon Rodgers passing Driver Ed.

Amos West a playboy.
Johnny Cox without his sun tan.
Samuel Foskey without his big nose.

Dalton Simmons not being a lover boy.

Ronald Godett without his frog voice.

Mittie and Joyce enemies.
Celton Davis without his leather coat.

Gerald Stallings without a spinal cord on his nose.

Senior boys without Junior girls.
Constance Simmons "fast."
William Edwards a sorry basketball player.

Eddie Johnson without the Junior girls.

Freshmen slowing down.
Linda Simmons looking ugly.
George Royal without James McCray.

Valderia Hillard well dressed.

Shelia Jones going steady with William Saunders?

Gloria Powers with her hair really combed?

Linwood Scoot using bleaching cream?

Cynthia Smith not running her big mouth?

Carol Wilson looking and acting sensible?

Michele Amos skinny?

Reginald Moore wearing size 4 clothes and shoes?

Delwin Tyre not laughing?

Doris Branch without her teeth?

Cynthia Peters fat?
Brenda Cox bald-headed?

Constance Brooks playing the role of Barnabas Collins in the Dark Shadows series?

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