

Daylight

By Katie 'n Jane

There is a radiant smile on the face of each W-B Belle as thoughts of how to spend ten lovely days run through their mind. After exams everyone feels that they deserve a rest and are certainly looking forward to it. Most of the girls plan to just sleep and eat, but the Seniors will probably stay awake to read their novel. How thoughtful of the English teachers to give us something to occupy our days!

Our Senior-of-the-Week this week is Ruth Carson (or Marion, either one). This girl may be seen dashing to class with a book in her hand saying "I didn't know we had a test today!"

Former Northerner

Ruth only moved to Nashville last year to come to Ward-Belmont. She attended high school in Detroit, Mich., and even now you can still detect some Yankee expressions in her talk.

Spaghetti Gal

Her favorite foods are spaghetti, steaks, and a hamburger with plenty of pickles. Ruth loves to bowl and swim; she also is famous in the spring for her good tan. The only thing that she dislikes about school is biology and she constantly worries about this keeping her from marching with her friends to get that diploma in June.

Ruth wears a diamond on her left hand and plans to add another in June. Best wishes to Ruth and the boy of her choice!

Upon looking at the *Banner's* society page we noticed the smiling face of our own Becky. She, too, is making big plans for the month of June. I know it will be a lovely wedding with Katherine Williams and Beverly Smith as attendants. We can hardly wait.

Nick's Place

Nick's must be the most popular place to eat these days. Saturday night Margie Pruitt, Bobby Davis, Dot Breen, Wallace Williams, Ruth Carson, Jimmy Kelly, Patsy Krenson and Sonny Wilson were seen eating and discussing W-B as a coed school.

Ann Zedler still looks happy after her trip back home (Texas, of course) to attend her sister's wedding. When she found out that she could go she

was so excited that I thought she was going to die.

Well, this is the bottom of the page. Have fun during the holidays and I'll see you in April.

W-B TO BE CO-ED

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transferred to the Baptists in 1946 and that now in use would be used to strengthen the law school at Lebanon.

The recommendation must be approved "by an overwhelming majority of the present Cumberland trustees and those serving at the time of Cumberland's transfer to the Baptists."

At this point, such wholehearted approval of the proposition appears highly unlikely. Several members of the old board have been quite outspoken against the removal of Cumberland's arts and science college from Lebanon.

Dr. Pope has said that the old board has no actual authority, but that the Baptists simply wish to give all interested parties a voice in saying whether the transfer will be made.

Civic Groups Act

Persons close to the Lebanon situation said it was quite evident civic and business groups plan to take action this week to "perpetuate" Cumberland at Lebanon.

It was reported that a large number of persons have volunteered to donate funds to make a legal fight to keep the university there.

Meanwhile, Dr. W. Edwin Richardson, president of the university, declared:

"I have not taken sides in the issue of moving Cumberland University. I have not expressed approval or disapproval of the action of the board, but will cooperate with its final decision."

"I did not make the statement attributed to me that the arts and science schools have not played an important part in the development of the university."

Harry Phillips of Nashville, president of the Cumberland board of trustees, said today: "I personally feel very strongly about the Baptist recommendations and opposed to the transfer of any portion of Cumberland to the Ward-Belmont campus."

In the event that either board rejects the proposition to transfer that portion of Cumberland, the special committee of the education commission appointed by the executive board asks that Cumberland be restored to the former board of trustees after compliance with the contract entered into with TBC and the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

This provides that all endowments, other money and property of Cumberland given by Tennessee Baptists be returned to the convention.

Dr. Pope said this would amount to \$273,000 in operating expenses for the past five years, plus capital improvements and \$200,000 in unconditional endowments and other funds earmarked for special purposes.

The transfer to Nashville would mean that all offices of the Lebanon school except the law school would be here. Dr. Richardson and other officials probably would head the institution. The six-man board of trustees for Ward-Belmont recently appointed would then be dissolved.

If the proposition to merge is turned down, the Ward-Belmont board will continue to operate the school.

No decision has yet been made regarding continuation of the Ward-Belmont Preparatory School and

MERRY-GO-ROUND

BELMONT: Wednesday—"Blossoms in the Dust" with Greer Garson. Thursday through Saturday—"The West Point Story" with Doris Day.

BELLEMEADE: Tuesday—"The Jackpot" with Barbara Hale. Wednesday through Friday—"The Skipper Surprised His Wife" with Robert Walker.

MELROSE: Wednesday—"Fortunes of Captain Blood." Thursday through Saturday—"The Milk Man" with Donald O'Connor.

PARAMOUNT: Starting Wednesday "Call Me Mister" with Dan Dailey. Loew's: Tuesday through Thursday—"The Invisible Man" with Abbott and Costello. Friday—"The Royal Wedding" with Fred Astaire.

KNICKERBOCKER: Tuesday—"The Enforcer." Thursday—"Lullaby on Broadway" with Gene Nelson.

Conservatory of Music, and will not be made until after the issue of the transfer is settled, Dr. Pope said.

In an effort to clarify the Baptist position concerning the acquisition of Ward-Belmont School property, Dr. Pope made the following statement:

"Baptists did not take the initiative in approaching Ward-Belmont officials for transfer of the school. Every approach was made by representatives of the school to Baptists. Baptists are taking over the school, not buying it. They are, however, offering to buy the bonds and preferred stock of the school."

A. A. Adams, Jr., of Lebanon, acting chairman of the Board of Trustees at the time the university was turned over to the Baptist convention, declared later today:

Disapproval Voiced

"We feel that we have been betrayed by this attempted action. We feel that this a flagrant attempt to destroy Cumberland, including its name and its heritage."

"We'll take it back, but will insist that all assets turned over by us as well as all accruals to the endowment fund or otherwise be turned over at the same time we accept the return of the school."

Before the Baptists acquired Cumberland, the university had been operated under sponsorship of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. A.

However, the old board is composed of persons of numerous denominations. Members of that board included Dr. Dayton A. Dobbs, Nashville, a Presbyterian minister; Sam S. Bone, prominent Lebanon resident; J. Mac Peebles, Nashville attorney; H. K. Edgerton, chairman of the board of Lebanon Woolen Mills, Walter J. Baird, president of the State Building and Loan Association; Edward Potter, at Nashville, and John Hooker, Nashville attorney.

Carl J. Chaney, chairman of the Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church of Lebanon, declared:

Moral Obligation

"The Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church has resisted with all its efforts the action to move any part of Cumberland University and reiterates its belief that the Baptists have a moral obligation to themselves and to the people of the state to continue Cumberland University at Lebanon and make of it an accredited institution."

Chaney is now superintendent of education in Wilson County.

Lebanon Mayor William D. Baird declared:

"This action is a repudiation of a moral obligation and a violation of the basic principles of ethics." He is a graduate of Cumberland.

Wilson County Judge Turner Evans, a graduate of Cumberland, said: "I am very strongly opposed to any such move. I even hate to think that such a thing is even being considered. Everybody here is very much against it."

Dear Diary . . .

By PAT PRICE

Dear Mom:

Well, at last it's time to go home! It seems like years since I last had a minute to sit down and relax. The worst is yet to come, however, and by the worst I mean—packing—and the trip home. Even my experiences coming down here haven't diminished my desire to get home. After all, what was twelve short hours sitting in a station, exercising to keep awake, slapping flies (for whom I seem to have some lurid fascination) and eating grilled cheese sandwiches which had definitely seen better days, in comparison to getting to eat a home-cooked meal. Nothing, you say! Hah! You should have had to go through it and perhaps your indulgent smile at your daughter's lack of traveling ability would turn to one of infinite pain.

First of all, when I had to change trains the Nashville car was not to be found. After running up and down the track about four times with my small suitcase, my overnight bag, my shoulder strap purse, my hat box, three magazines, a box of stale chocolates and my two half-dead turtles, plus trying to keep up a stocking which somehow managed to dribble down around my ankles, I was in no mood to be left in a perfectly strange town. I finally managed to find the car (and I use this expression loosely) which was on exactly the opposite track to which I had been directed, and I climbed or rather fell up the stairs. Dumping my small suitcase, my over-night bag, my shoulder strap purse, my three magazines, and my turtles on the nearest seat I went to the dining room (dribbling stockings and all) for a cup of coffee. Natural-

ly the car was just crowded, it being four in the afternoon and everyone having figured that they would beat the crowd and go to dinner early instead of at six or seven. Fanatically grasping my stockings, I knocked some poor unsuspecting woman down and grabbed a table. When I had finished my coffee I started to make my way back to my car. After walking through about thirty cars and not finding my own I came to the conclusion that my car was not there. I went to the conductor and, trying to remain as calm as possible, I asked him where in the world the Nashville car had disappeared to. He gave me a toothless smile and announced that it had just "took off down the track." "Ha-Ha," I said, "now where is the car." Without saying another word he pointed outside and there, disappearing down the track was the Nashville train. Trying to summon what dignity I had I flounced off the train and into the station (still clutching my stocking). Evidently I looked pretty pathetic because the station master shoved me into a chair and gave me a glass of water. Breathlessly I told him what had happened and begged him to wire ahead to Nashville for my baggage and my little four-legged friends, which he did. Coming back he sat down and began to give me a long and hardly encouraging story about how some woman had once lost her luggage and how it had turned up five years later. This made me feel just wonderful. After all if I started stunting my growth now, I could fit into my clothes five years from now. Suddenly I felt the familiar sting of a horse-fly and I began to slap the air madly. Everyone in the station probably thought that the loss of my luggage had unnerved me completely. Anyway, I never did catch the fly and after a few minutes I heard a loud buzz and about seven flies joined their leader, who had probably informed them of the tasty bit of humanity sitting over in the corner unprotected by a fly swatter. I had to give up trying to catch any of them because the station master was obviously worried that he had a maniac on his hands. After twelve hours of mad exercising and fly swatting, plus intermittent promises that "the train would be in in a few minutes. It was a little overdue," I heard the welcome whistle of the locomotive and gathering up my stockings which had by now given up any pretense of staying up I went outside, hopped on the train and promptly fell asleep.

Oh, well, Mom, accidents do happen. (But why do they always happen to me?)

Love,

Susie

Juniors Score At Basketball

Thursday the fifteenth—a big day in prep school: the mighty Seniors faced the "Jolly Juniors" in basketball and bowling. The Senior basketball team, composed of Dory Barefoot, Susie Leppert, Lue Eddie Diver, Patsy Casetty, Rosemary Melton, Harriet Provine, and Jane Ward, made a good showing against the victorious Juniors but lost 17-8. The half-time feature was the Senior skit. The theme was W-B Belles and Frances Caldwell introduced Jeanette Baker as the fire bell, Janice Aklin as the school bell, Christine Poole as the bicycle bell, Elizabeth Shanklen as the dinner bell, and finally the Senior Belle who was portrayed by the Senior Class President, Lue Eddie Diver.

Then the Seniors bowed to the Juniors again in bowling by only 40 points. The Seniors: Mickey Forbes, Alison Tidman, Nell Maxon, Carole Long, Pat Kaufmann, and Cissy Roberts, put up a good fight against the Juniors—Nancy Sager, Nancy Marshall, Nancy Perry, Cordette McCracken, and Mary Edna Clark. Even though the Seniors lost, they are eager to face the Juniors on the softball field in another day as enjoyable as this one.

"Y" IS ACTIVE

Several representatives from the Ward-Belmont Y.W.C.A. attended the Tennessee Student Christian conference at Scarritt College Saturday, February 24. The major conference speaker was a prominent Methodist minister and former editor of the *Christian Advocate*, Doctor Roy Smith. He is at present, one of the two persons responsible for all publications of the Methodist Church.

Second Speaker

A second speaker, Mrs. Arnold Nash, is a member of the faculty at the University of North Carolina, in Chapel Hill. She is an authority in the field of discussions on marriage.

College Classes Formulate Plans

Ann Robertson, Senior-Mid athletic manager, announced the following starting line-up for the Senior-Mid basketball team. Mary Jane Bumpous, Phyllis Dewes, and Ann Draper, guards — and Margaret Menge, Jean Holdsworth, and Ann Robertson, forwards.

The Mid bowling team will be composed of Lelia Hentzen, Barbara Clark, Arlene Aick, Mary Glen Moss, Betty Lou Williams, and Jane Davis.

The second Senior-Senior Mid challenge of the school year will be Thursday, March 22. In this meeting, the two college classes compete for class honors in basketball and bowling. The biggest combat of the year will be April 21 when the classes meet to compete in softball, tennis, archery, and the big parade.

The members of the senior basketball team are Jo Ann Paris, KKK; Marguerite Robinson, KKK; Diane Dorton, Agoras; Jody Mansfield, Penta Tau; Ridgely Duvall, Penta Tau; Sue Porch, Agoras; Peggine Dismuke, Agoras; Barbara and Norma Locke, Agoras; Ann Lewis, KKK; Pat Neblett, XL; Ann Cox, Agoras; and Betty Lynn Walters, FF.