The Musical Heritage of JBU

In 1924 John Brown College started its Music Department under the direction of Mrs. Lillian Imhof Robinson. The department offered piano, theory courses, band, and orchestra. A few years later in 1932, the Ozarkian Quartet was formed under the directors Mr. and Mrs. William McFee. The Quartet was featured regularly on KUOA, as well as in chapel services, community centers, and in nearby states. The JBU staff and students created the Cathedral of the Ozarks Choir to sing on KUOA every Sunday morning at 8am in 1939. Director Mabel Oiesen, established the John Brown University choir in 1942; which she organized into the Triple Trio, the quartets, and the many other ensembles that the choir has become known for. Furthermore, in December of 1942 Oiesen directed the first Candlelight Carol Service, and in 1948 the JBU Cathedral Choir performed its first national tour. The Dusty Four, a men’s quartet, performed a barn-raising tour in 1951. Sound Generation, one of John Brown University’s most well-known music groups, formed in the fall semester of 1967, after winning a talent show in Tulsa during the summer. During the years of its existence, the group toured the nation bringing the newest generation of sound to the forefront in America. The group performed with such celebrities as Pat Boone, Jonathan Winters, Florence Henderson, Ray Stevens, 5th Dimension, and Bruce Randolph, as well as with Roy Clark, the sensational star of the Hee Haw television show. In 1970, the Sound Generation received the honor of singing for the President’s Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. Sound Generation performed for the last time in 1975. Another popular JBU musical group, Changing Tyde, started in 1969. As a nationally known music group, Changing Tyde performed both sacred and secular pieces, and their shows varied from worship and assembly programs with

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Quotes from John Brown, Sr.

“Whether men are educated or not depends on several things besides ‘books.’”

“Education must get through the ‘mind’ into heart and hands.”

“Prosperity’ may spell out ‘eternal bankruptcy.’”

“Men who take the ‘easy’ way out, take the way ‘out.’”

“When ‘everybody’s doin’ it,’ it’s a sure shot God is not.”

“It isn’t an amendment to the constitution to protect the kids we need but an amendment to protect dear old dad.”

“We appreciate least that which life hands to us wrapped in pink ribbon and lying on a silver platter.”

“In some homes a ‘talking’ parrot is not needed.”

“There are ‘many religions’ but just one ‘CHRISTIANITY.’”

“Religion’ like matrimony, means every fellow to his liking.”

“The ‘city set on a hill’ church man usually gets the set part all to perfection.”

“Some church members lose their ‘hoper.’”

“The man who ‘sees facts’ isn’t necessarily a ‘pessimist.’”

“You can’t always judge what a ‘woman means’ by what she says.”

“Imagination’ is worse than useless unless one has the ability and grit to turn these ‘imaginary’ things to ‘realities.’”

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Begin Early

"Flunk early and avoid the rush" is the more common expression among the more lackadaisical students and most failures are determined at the first of the term, not in the last few weeks.

A builder considers a sound foundation a matter of prime importance, but few apply this thought to their studies. A student who does his best at the beginning of his course finds the rest much easier than those who procrastinate. He is not handicapped by having to add back work to a full load of studies. He finds the course more interesting, and is rewarded by having more time to devote to the ever-increasing number of other activities.

Selected Hitch-Hikers

This is the day of hitch-hikers. They are found on the highways and byways of our great nation. In outward appearance they are different, young or old, gaunt or obese, blonde or brunette; but most of them have one thing in common—their attempt to invade responsibility. They ride at the other person’s expense.

But not all the “hitch-hikers” are found on the highways, we have them in college and unfortunately our number is legion. They are those students who borrow pencils and never return them; who permit their friends to prepare their assignments; who borrow a nickel “just for the day.”

It is very easy to fall into the habit of letting someone assume your responsibility. What began as a simple request may develop into a vicious habit. Watch for the symptoms! Are you a hitch-hiker?

Selected Education

The momentous proportions of National Education Week bear witness to American recognition of the importance of education. The expenditure of billions of billions of dollars for educational purposes and the adoption of new and advanced methods of administration and teaching have received the wholehearted support of the public. The nation realizes that public education has continually accomplished its purpose, that of preparing young people for lives that will mean the most to the individuals and to society.

With the advent of national education week every effort is being put forth to make the power of education greater and more far-reaching. This is good as far as it goes, but the success of education has not been due to periodic outburst of enthusiasm and application.

The only successful school is one in which every week is education week, and in which no effort is spared to make going to school mean real enlightenment.