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Statistical Data of Promotion and Failure of Dunbar High School

Often has it been said that youth is heedless; and that wisdom comes only with experience, who, tho the best teacher, is oftimes an expensive one. Nevertheless I shall put down a few points as I have observed them in our records, with the hope that some, if only a few, of our students at Dunbar High School will take heed to statistical figures concerning our promotions and failures.

The Current Events for the week of November 7-11, 1927, states that there are 25,000,000 children attending public schools in the United States. Of this number four million are high school students. This represents an expenditure of nearly two and one-half billion dollars annually for education. The average annual cost per person is one hundred dollars.

Dunbar high school has a total enrollment of 282.

The table below represents the number of failures in the specified grades since 1921:

1A	1B	2A	2B	3A	3B	4A	4B	Total
31	36	22	31	26	52	31	34	263

This makes a total of two hundred, sixty-three repetitions within the past six years. Dividing this total by two, we have one hundred eighty-four, the number of pupils who have stayed in high school a year longer than necessary. Multiply one hundred eighty-four by one hundred dollars. The sum is \$18,400. Upon these estimates our students at Dunbar have wasted, literally thrown away, \$18,400 within a period of six years!

Now, what are the causes of such wastefulness? Failures are due to one or more of the following causes: First, inefficient teaching; second, lack of interest or application on the part

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DUNBAR ROLL OF HONOR

IV-B—James E. Davis, Virginia Louise Davis, Gertrude Haynes, Rebecca Scott, Olga Lomax.

II-A—Edna Patrick, Nellie Brown, Willie Penn, Clara Johnson, Alberta Jones, Flonda Sheperd, Blonzetta Bil-lups.

III-B—Alma Fowler, Rennice Fowler, Odessa Carrington, Selina Lang-horne, Rosetta Mosby, Evelena Payne, Eva Mae Rucker, Hazel Jones, Susie Jones, Bessie Turpin.

III-A—Elson Higginbotham, Roger Spencer, Herman Thompson, Lillie Mae Brown.

II-B—Elviza M. Diuguid.

II-A—Thomas Deane, Helen Moore, Clara Epperson.

1-B—Wellington Campbell, Maceo Day, Katie Lomax, Mabel McKnight, Sarah Patrick, Lucille Reid, Shelley Spencer.

1-A—Ruth Jones, James Taylor, Frank Penn, Dorothy Jackson, Janette Irvine, Wilhelmina Reid, Geraldine Pinn, Georgia Woods, Margaret Simms, Carrie Pannel.

L-7—Etta Barksdale, Elizabeth Fowler, Geraldine Grooms, Amanda Harris, Ethel Pennicks, Juanita Jones, Elaine Barnette, Clara Reeves, Thelma Brown.

H-6—Helen Sorrel, Hubert Diuguid.

DUNBAR ORCHESTRA AND GLEE CLUB REORGANIZES

The Dunbar Glee Club and Orchestra were reorganized last week, with a membership of forty-six and twelve respectively. The prospects for the Glee Club and Orchestra are bright. There is a great need however for orchestra instruments. Who will make Dunbar a Christmas present of an orchestra instrument?

ALUMNI NOTES

Frances Cornelia Berry, a Dunbar graduate of the class of 1924, is a Senior at Morgan College, Baltimore, Md. Her average in all college work for the past three years is 93.5 and in music 98. She is president of the El Progresso Club, a member of the Scientific Research Society, secretary of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, pianist for the orchestra and all college clubs, and a member of the quartette broadcasting from station WBAL, Baltimore. She represented Morgan College at the Y. W. C. A. conference held in Eagles Mere, Pa. She will graduate June, 1928.

Misses Gregory Higginbotham and Dorothy Jones visited Dunbar December 8th and reported that they are doing well in College.

Misses Letha Tucker, Lucille Brazington, Cordelia Davis, Elizabeth Long, Minnie Johnson send word from State College at Petersburg, that they are making the best of their opportunities there, and that they will be home for Santa Claus.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Dunbar Library will be open during the holidays for the reading public.



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Now that we are about to take our Christmas vacation we should not forget that when it is over our hardest tasks are to come.

We are all hoping for promotion in February. It will only come through study and hard work. We should not have such a "big time" during the holidays that we will forget all we have learned.

After the holidays are over let us come back and study so that when examination day arrives we will not be fearful and worried, but self-confident and ready for what may come.

"Work thou for pleasure—paint or sing or carve
 The thing thou lovest, though the body starve;
 Who works for glory misses oft the goal;
 Who works for money coins his very soul.
 Work for the work's sake, then, and it may be
 That these things shall be added unto thee."

DUNBAR STUDENT WINS PRIZE FOR ESSAY

Gertrude Haynes, of the 4-B Class, won the second prize of five dollars for the second best essay on the subject,

"Recent Negro Achievements," offered by the Gamma Omega Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity during the week of November 21.

Five high schools were registered for this contest, which is one of the activities carried on by the Fraternity during its Negro Achievement Week. The Fraternity is national in its scope and has prizes of \$150.00 for such essays. Gertrude Haynes is reported to be the only high school student of Lynchburg who entered the contest. She brings honor to her school.

FACULTY NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan have invitations to spend Christmas in Florida and at Woodford. When last heard from the covered wagon was headed for Woodford.

Mrs. O. S. Williams will spend the holidays in the little city on the Dan.

Mr. H. A. Davidson in Lynchburg during holidays.

Miss F. Smith will remain in the Hill City for the holidays.

Miss Lomax is present after being absent three weeks on account of illness. We are glad to have her with us again although it means much work in Latin. Miss Smith substituted during the illness of Miss Lomax. We hope the children did not make her lose courage in being a permanent teacher.

STATISTICAL DATA

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of the pupil; third, inability; and fourth, the curriculum.

Intelligent consideration eliminates the first, poor teaching, on the ground that certification of teachers protects the system from inefficient instructors. Furthermore, the majority of pupils do not fail in any subject in any grade. It is the small minority of students who repeat several grades twice and three times, or who fail in any one subject, as mathematics, five or even six times.

If it be admitted that the majority receive adequate instruction, it brings us to the second reason, namely, lack of application on the part of the student. No one can deny that this is **not** the cause of many failures. Students fail because they do not take advan-

tage of their opportunities. Oh, the heedlessness of youth!

We must admit that individual differences is a most important factor. Mental capacities or abilities differ, and they are as numerous as the individuals. Yet, these variations are easily determined. The pupils who repeatedly fail in a grade or grades or those who continually lower our promotion average are demonstrating their lack of application or low ability.

It is very well to admonish youth to take heed and apply itself in order to take advantage of the educational opportunities given, but suppose certain pupils prove by repeated failures that they cannot measure up to the present requirements of our high school curriculum. Should these pupils be made the victims of the system?

Since we lose three thousand, sixty-five dollars a year, and much of this amount because we do not have more industrial courses or vocational courses to offer these students who waste funds and keep our promotion averages low by repeated failures, it may be hoped that in the future such courses will be introduced. These courses might lead to an industrial diploma or be offered as credit toward graduation. It seems that in the end this might be the most beneficial as well as the most economical course to pursue.

This would be offering our students courses adapted to the ability of each and every one. It would leave the student no excuse for failure; he would have no excuse for the shifting of his responsibility to the city and state to make of himself a useful citizen in return for the expenditures in his behalf.

Then might we with impunity say to our students that their lack of application is the sole reason for failure. Take heed to these statistics, think on these things, determine your course and work for success. For, "as a wise son maketh a glad father," and "as you grow in wisdom," so will you make a success of your lives in becoming useful citizens, and make glad your parents, raise the standard of your school, and raise the promotion averages at Dunbar High School.

AMAZA L. MEREDITH,
 Registrar.

Names-Crossed Puzzle

(Appeared in Issue of Dunbarian of December 2.)

Solution to the Names-Crossed Puzzle
by J. Arthur Jordan.

(Note—On account of a mistake made in copying the puzzle in 5 horizontal in space eleven, which should have been blank, a prize is awarded to all who turned in the correct solution to all spaces except 5 horizontal.) The prize is a year's subscription to the Dunbarian.

Horizontal

- 1—Akenside's.
- 2—Homer.
- 3—Pepys.
- 5—Motherwell.
- 7—Lamb.
- 8—Howe.
- 9—Burns.
- 14—Shakespeare.

DUNBAR SPORTS

(By Midg.)

The Dunbar eleven ended the Grid-iron season with three thrilling games. The first game played in Lexington against a team that outweighed the Dunbar team completely and were more experienced players. The second game was played against Bedford at the Municipal Stadium. The third and most thrilling game was played Thanksgiving against Seminary Freshmen. Both teams played hard, but the Dunbar team with Patrick making long end runs, paved their way to victory. The scores for the last three games were:

Dunbar 2—Lexington 12.

Dunbar 6—Bedford 6.

Dunbar 13—Seminary Freshmen 0.

The Dunbar Basket Ball team played their first game Friday, December 16, against the Seminary second team, the final score being: Dunbar 7—Seminary Second team, 6. The Dunbar Basket Ball team has prospects for win-

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- 20—Abe.
- 22—Clay.
- 21—Swift
- 23—More.

Vertical

- 2—Holmes.
 - 4—Steele.
 - 6—Wordsworth.
 - 10—Dickens.
 - 11—Bacon.
 - 12—Landor.
 - 13—Chaucer.
 - 18—Gray.
- Prize Winners — Madelyn Jones,
Olga Lomax.

ning every game throughout the entire season. The team is hoping to have a good attendance at all games.

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATING COUNCIL MET IN PETERSBURG

The executive council of the Virginia High School Debating League met at the State College, Petersburg, Va., December 18, 1927.

The following schools were represented:

Armstrong, Richmond, by Miss Lavinia J. Banks, who was secretary of this meeting.

Booker T. Washington, Norfolk, Mr. Winston Douglas.

Dunbar, Lynchburg, J. A. Jordan.

Peabody, Petersburg, Mr. C. W. Galoway.

Newport News, Huntington, Mr. L. F. Palmer.

Norcum, Portsmouth, Mr. W. E. Reddick.

Prof. C. W. Florence, secretary-treasurer, acting chairman of the meeting.

The Council worked out schedules for the sectional debates to be held March 9, 16, 23.

The Council decided to use the subject for debate that chosen by The Virginia High School Literary and

Athletic League, or some other suitable subject.

The Constitution was amended to select a team from any section where there is a tie as was the case last season. Official announcements will be sent the schools later.

Announcement was made at this meeting that the Board of Control of the Virginia State Teachers Association had arranged to pay the expenses of the two teams to take part in the State Championship Debate.

The Council decided to have both the affirmative and negative sides of the winning teams report to the Championship Debate, and that the side to be debated by each team be chosen by lot in the forenoon of the day of the debate.

In order to have the teams understand thoroughly the principles of debating, a standing book on debating was adopted.

The council decided that local judges will be eliminated from the debates this year, and that a staff of judges for all the debates may be recommended at the next meeting of the Council next year.

Class News

II-B CLASS NEWS

The 2B Class winds up the year 1927 as sole owners and proprietors of the Attendance Banner.

The class held a debate December 16 on the subject, "Resolved: That the Reading of Newspapers is More Harmful Than Beneficial to High School Students." The affirmative side was debated by Bettie Davidson and Elviza Diuguid, the negative side by Henry Davis and John C. Long.

The teams showed much knowledge. Some of the members are reported to have "waxed eloquent." The judges rendered a 2 to 1 decision for the affirmative.

The 2B Class wishes the teachers and students a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

2A CLASS NEWS

Our class is very glad to have the Honor Roll increased the past six (Turn to Page Four.)

weeks, and more are trying to make it this month.

We want to wish all of our teachers and schoolmates a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A certain boy in our class seems very much grieved because one of the opposite sex is not in school. Can you guess who she is?

Miss Beatrice Hubbard is expecting to spend her Christmas in Richmond.

NEWS FROM 3A CLASS

The 3A Class has four pupils on the Honor Roll this last six weeks, three boys and one girl. We're wondering what happened to the girls this time. The boys are having a streak of good luck.

In a test our geometry teacher wanted to know what was a half circle called. One pupil said it was called a semi-colon. She also asked what was a tangent, one bright pupil answered, "It's something like an orange."

We are planning to send one of our pupils who has been absent for some time on account of illness, a Christmas remembrance.

Our class wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

3B NEWS

Hurrah for our class—we had ten on Honor Roll!

Evelena Payne seems to be something of a fortune teller. We wish she would tell us what Santa Claus is going to bring us.

Mr. Jordan cannot understand why women carry such small handkerchiefs when their noses are as large as men's. Won't some one tell him why?

We extend our heartiest wishes that every one may have a delightful Christmas.

Advice: If you don't find a full stocking Christmas morning, look at it as an optimist would, and imagine that everything went out of the hole in it.

H-7

We are very glad to have two prospective sculptors in our classroom. Harrison Jones and Laurence Jones. The genius seems to run in the family, because they are cousins. Laurence has carved from a block an Indian on horseback somewhat in imitation of The Appeal to the Great Spirit. Har-

ison, whose genius is along a somewhat more practical line, has carved a cow that is so natural that just to look at it makes one wish for a nice, cool glass of milk.

Our teacher has seated our class according to their ability. If one is sent to Detention Hall he loses his seat. Edward Walker went to Detention Hall so often that he has slid all the way from Row No. 1 to Row No. 6 in one week.

The class is thinking of giving him a pair of non-skid chairs for a Christmas present.

The Teacher: "Joe, use Euripides in a sentence."

Joe: "You-rip-a-deese pants, I kill-a you."

4A CLASS

We 4's have a delightful strain of joy running through our veins at the thought of approaching Christmas. We just can't help having that Christmas spirit when that "Christmasy" feeling is in the air, when the shop windows are decorated, and people everywhere are busy and bustling preparing for Christmas. We wish to the Dunbarian readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Since it is folly to be wise where ignorance is bliss, we will let Clara Johnson continue to believe that the North Pole is a wooden construction, and we will not tell Louise Banks that the Underground Railroads were not subways in New York City.

Mr. D.: "Stop that talking!"

Gib: "Who?"

Mr. D.: "Whoever you are!"

Gib: "Whoever I am ain't talking!"

1A2 CLASS NEWS

The 1A2's have gone on a strike. They worked well for the first two six weeks and as a result they have taken a rest on the third. We have 32 pupils out of a class of 36 who did not get on the Honor Roll.

F. N. Johnson, our retired class reporter, is a great favorite with the girls.

We hope the teachers and pupils of Dunbar a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

1A1 HOME ROOM NEWS

After a long vacation George Barnes came back to us Wednesday before last, thinking he was coming to man-

ual training, but to his great sorrow the schedule had been changed. He has started on another vacation.

Wilhelmina had a trip on the excursion last Thursday afternoon, which was something quite unusual, and had an hour of peace and quiet.

We are patiently waiting for Santa, and hoping that he won't forget us.

Hoping everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

THE A'S.

4B CLASS NEWS

On December 9 the Literary Digest Club gave a debate on, "Resolved: That women do lose their power to think earlier than men do." Lawrence Burton and Houston McMillan with James Davis alternate, represented the affirmative, Louise Davis and Madlyn Jones with Billie Fawcett alternate, the negative. The judge's decision was a tie—however, the general opinion was that the affirmative won.

Gertrude Haynes is on the sick list.

With our roommates the 2-B's, we are keeping the Attendance Banner. Try and get it!

The Senior Class is working on a school annual—give it your support.

J. L. M.: "Why are you late?"

P. K.: "I was entertained by Mr. Jordan."

Peter Greene, an ex-classmate, is home again. We are very glad to know that he will remain.

L-7 NEWS

We are very proud to say we had four on Honor Roll for December.

One of the members of our class Saturday, December 17—Samuel Bradwas hurt in an automobile accident, ley. We hope he will soon recover.

John Copeland has two homes, his late home is the Detention Hall, at which he spends most of his time after 3 o'clock.

We have a very wealthy girl in our class. She is giving \$50 worth of Christmas presents.

1B CLASS NEWS

The 1-B's wish every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

H-6

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.