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Stellenbosch

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The Editor
Pro Libertate
Stellenbosch.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a letter for
Pro Libertate which I would like
to see published if you find it
acceptable.

I trust that my name & address
will remain in strict confidence.

Thank you!

Yrs. truly

(Miss) N. Besselaar.

The Editor,
Pro Libertate.

Dear Sir,

The Stellenbosch women have been hearing much said lately about their reluctance to voice their own opinions, but in relation to one subject, viz. their work, their hands are tied, for should any one express a view opposing that of her lecturer as professor, she faces a probable failure at the end of the year.

Not only the women, but the men too, are concerned in this matter. In exams, far too much importance is attached to personal feeling between professor and student. ^{I doubt whether} Our examination papers are ^{altogether} ~~not~~ marked according to the information given — ~~as is~~ for there, large ~~as~~ ^{as} on the front page, stands the full name of the candidate! Only after personal liking and amount of bunking have been taken into consideration, is any attention paid to the examination answers. ~~this prejudiced attention!~~

Why can't the students get a fair chance? If the student proves in his examinations that he can manage the work on his own, why should he be forced to attend all the classes? After all, the aim of lectures is only to give guidance to the studies of the student. A pretty poor argument then, that of - "He bunks my classes, doesn't think them worthwhile, so I don't like him and shall make him come again next year".

My plea is therefore that in future we write under numbers and not names. Then every student will get a fair chance to show what he or she can do. After all, lack of knowledge is bound to be discovered in the examination.

Cannot something be done? ^{Not only} ~~It~~ must we still knuckle under the already wrinkled hand of Tradition!

I am, etc.

Justina.