

# DURANT NEWS

by Rowena Hill

We at First Baptist Church regret that Mrs. Gale Sheppard has resigned as music leader and moved to Pearl. She is to be married in a few weeks. She is very special to many of us. We wish her much happiness and hope to see her often.

Prayers continue for several of our community who are sick including William Henry Hathcock, Pat Burrell, Mrs. Frankie (Judy) Bledsoe and others who are patients in Jackson hospitals. Hope all will be well and back to their homes feeling well again soon.

Mrs. Sammy (Shirley) Higginbotham and Jay of Clinton spent time during the weekend with me and the Durant family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Alexander enjoyed a visit from their daughter on Mother's Day.

Mrs. Cynthia Bratcher

enjoyed spending time with former residents, Mrs. Ruth Gill and Ann in Jackson on Friday. We miss them a lot since they moved to Hattiesburg but hope to see them often.

Mr. Carl McLellan spent time during the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Carl McLellan. He doesn't get back home very often.

Mrs. Jodi Hill May and children of Stewart visited Joey and Jackie Hill on Saturday. They will be going to the mission field soon. Friends and family will surely miss them and pray for them as they go.

The many friends of Saranell and W.R. Martin are thankful they are home and feeling better. He was recently a patient in St. Dominic Hospital. Hope to see them out and about and feeling well soon.

## \*Living

(Continued from page 11.) incidents of that sort are called "acts of bias" and students are encouraged to report them to the presiding Bias Response Team - constituted of administrators, campus law enforcement, faculty, and perhaps even students - which will then investigate. If the investigation supports the contention of the offended party, the supposed offender will be hauled up before the BRT and might suffer even expulsion. This, mind you,

Friends and family of Mr. and Mrs. David Truitt are very glad his surgery is done and look forward to complete healing. They are to move soon and will be greatly missed. Our love and best wishes go with them. All look forward to lots of visits. They are very special to our town and leave a host of friends behind. May you be happy and return often for visits.

because one student hurts another student's feelings by, say, looking at him the wrong way, whatever the "wrong way" might be.

At the University of Michigan, for example, students are advised that "the most important indication of bias is your own feelings" and are encouraged to report - anonymously if they prefer - any "bias incidents." Apparently, at UM and many other institutes of increasingly absurd mis-education, in loco parentis has been replaced by in loco Magnum Frater.

I often tell my audiences that I am a member of the last generation of American children whose feelings didn't count for much. Occasionally, one's feelings would count for something, but not for long. When I had an outburst of self-drama, for example, my parents usually told me to rein it in, and if that appeared beyond my immediate abil-

ity, to go to my room. The overwhelming number of people my age and thereabouts report that they do not remember their parents ever talking to them about their feelings. It should be mentioned that the mental health of 1950s kids was bigly better than the mental health of today's kids.

Children are soap-opera factories by nature. They are inclined to over-dramatize, over-emote, and generally take themselves far too seriously. Their hearts rule their heads. Once upon a time, parents understood that in the raising of children, they were responsible to their neighbors, broadly defined, and that one of said responsibilities was to teach their children to bring emotion under the dominion of intelligent thought. At times, the teaching in question required blunt insistence.

Then, in the 1960s, mental health professionals began advocating for letting

children express their feelings freely, lest their emotions become "bottled up" inside and possess them like demons. Said professionals told parents that children's feelings contained deep meaning that needed to be properly interpreted and properly responded to. Thinking that people with impressive credentials must know what they are talking about, parents began giving relative indiscriminate credence to their children's emotions and thus began growing children whose hearts rule their heads in perpetuity.

These same kids eventually go off to college and can't deal with the very sort of stuff I had to deal with (because no one would deal with it for me). University Bias Response Teams are fifty years too late for me, and I am clearly better off as a result.

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