Graduate Work A Growing Need, Bryn Mawr President Declares

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The role of the woman in the process of being educated, the importance of going into graduate school, and the intellectual atmosphere of a university were among topics discussed in a recent interview with Dr. Katherine McBride, president of Bryn Mawr College.

THE CONCLUDING speaker in Jones College’s recent symposium on “The Role of the Educated Woman,” Dr. McBride believes that the role of the woman in the educational process is to explore the possible choices that lie before her and to see what the consequences of these choices might be. She cited the symposium as a method of exploring these choices.

A member of the board of the National Science Foundation, Dr. McBride believes that the changing world of today requires graduate work in a great many departments.

“IN SOME fields you need graduate work in order to be independent in your field,” she stressed. She believes that it is this desire for independence that has increased interest in education beyond the four-year level.

“I think that a student body with an electric intellectual atmosphere is like the green fields — far away,” she replied when asked to suggest a university that contains such an atmosphere of intensive interest among students.

“I HAVE great confidence in students,” she asserted when asked her opinion of the school’s responsibility toward student behavior. “In our school we back the Student Association in its work.” She praised the existing system of student government at Rice: “Part of the great value of college education is what students share with each other.”

Dr. McBride, who has been dean of Radcliffe College, was highly impressed by the “gracious living” policy carried out by Jones College at evening meals. She said that the women of Rice seemed to get a “very fair share of attention” but that further recognition will only follow as the women “earn a reputation” for themselves in education.