

### Stomachs Cry for Mercy

It's bad enough to have the same menus week after week, but to eat uncooked or overcooked meals is just too much. We are proud that the dietician prepares well-balanced meals, but we are damn tired of greens for 14 meals a week. I'm sure that she knows of other vegetables because every now and then she serves something else, in case you don't want greens, like tough stringbeans. On Saturdays, must we eat hotdogs (cold and tasteless) all the time?

The physical strains of studying make the average student want a nice hot meal. However, usually after the second bite, one suffers from indigestion or stomach pains. It's a known fact that the Belles have the strongest teeth in town, after pulling on a Bennett pork chop.

Some schools have sought to lessen the cafeteria problems by adding vendor machines that serve a variety of light dishes; by serving hot sandwiches (chicken, hamburgers, bologna, ham, etc.) in the canteens; or by allowing the Home Economics students to help plan the meals.

The only thing that will bring action here from close-ear administrators in an outbreak of ULCERS and STARVATION.



### A Message From MXLU

Black people must move to make all endeavors constructive. There is no such thing as an apolitical Black person. Being is actually being political in a "negative way".

The "negative way" lends itself to a group of self-harming effects in determining your future; to having an "I got mine, now you get yours, brother" attitude in the community, in schools, in jobs, and in the mind.

All Black people have suffered from the negative way. It would be a "hip thing" if our negative ways were made polotically positive. This is especially necessary among our Black women today. We are counting on Bennett Women to become more polotically positive.

### Poet Leroi Jones Advises Students

Black nationalist, Leroi Jones delivered a stimulating message to the student body of Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N. C. The theme of his speech was that black students in American colleges must learn skills which can be applied to making black people self-determining and self-respecting. Jones advised students to struggle to maintain their black consciousness while at the same time to learn those things which can be applied to building black nations. He said that Black students must learn a skill that can be applied.

"Don't waste your time like white kids do while they are in college."

Mr. Jones placed great emphasis on the fact that the entire black community must be united in the struggle. He included the middle class where most of the skilled blacks are located.

"It takes a total community to make a revolution, not one element which is easily recognized and easily whiped out. You can't go into the black community and be blacker than everybody else, more revolutionary than everybody else, and expect to succeed.

Mr. Jones stressed the theme of Pan-Africanism freely. He cited self-determination as the basic premise of the black struggle. He said that black people must govern themselves on all levels. They should control their own communities, the cities where they are in the majority and in predominately black areas.

Mr. Jones attributed self-respect as the product as the product of self-determination; Stating that blacks must create institutions that "legitimize" their own thinking-in politics, in culture, and in economics. He added that this was not separatism, but nationalism because whites

have separated themselves from blacks throughout history.

Mr. Jones outlined four areas where blacks must develop their activities:

-Control of black communities and their organizations

-Making alliances with colored people over the world (Mexicans, Indians, and Orientals)

-Control over elected officers

-Defense of black institutions against encroachment Leroi Jones gained national fame for his off-Broadway plays "The Dutchman" which won the 1964 Obie Award, "The Toilet," and "The Slave." He is also the writer of the poem "It's Nation Time".

### From The Editors Desk:

### Spirit Of A New Bennett

For the first time during this school term, the BennettBelle can ring with true pride. A new awakening has occurred among the student body. After facing three games of emotional defeat, the campus stood by its newly formed basketball team until defeat turned into sweet victory. Every time the ball went into the basket, a new step was made toward a feeling of being a part of Bennett College. For once the girls were proud of their school. It was a picture of unity that has been absent for so long. This unity showed as members of each class worked together on the court to win a much needed victory. On the sidelines and the bleachers cries of excitement praised the name of Bennett College. Even members of the administration and faculty were on hand to cheer the team on. Maybe it was just the moment, but nevertheless there was a common goal which brought everyone together. The smell of unity is sweet in any form and is vitally needed on this campus. Maybe now there will be more opportunities for harmonious relationships among each class and a new dedication to rebuilding Bennett into a progressive institution.

## Roving Reporter

Question: Would sororities be beneficial to campus life?

"I am an advocate of sororities on Bennett's campus. The idea of sisterhood and togetherness is great. Sororities can be a helpful instrument in our communities. They can be a means of getting to know fellow sisters who weren't known before."



Elaine Jones



Suzanne Tropez '71

"I feel that sisterhood on Bennett's campus is not so obvious today as a long time ago. Many sorority members are hoping to help the sisterhood return. We are not interested in much fanfare as some people think, but more in serving Bennett and our fellow sisters."



Vicki Moore '72

"Sororities can promote some form of sisterhood, at least on this campus. At this point, sisterhood is something we lack. We need it in any way that we can get it."



Sharon Cardoza '73

"I think that sororities on campus are nice, although I don't think they do enough in the line of activities to make one over-anxious to join. They are not together."



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Sororities are alright for those who dig them. Personally I have no interest in them. Sororities seem to develop into small cliches that are at agreement with each member but neglect unison with all Black People. What we need now is unity among all sisters and brothers. For too long we have let all sorts of things come between us (religion, color, including the Greeks). Lets put an end to this isolation that seperates a people, all of whom are oppressed.

### UNCF CONVENTION (Cont. from page 1)

the amount of money raised by the PAC on Bennett's campus. Barber-Scotia, another of the member colleges from North Carolina was second runner-up. Shouse was escorted by the SGA president of Philander Smith College of Little Rock Arkansas, Arthor Parham.

Mrs. Ellease Browning, Secretary of Alumnae Affairs and Harold Watkins, Assistant to the President for Development also attended the convention.

Proposals made during the convention to collect more money for the fund were: to charge a UNCF fee in with the tuition; to invite named rock groups to the campuses; and the sponsoring of industrial conferences on the campus to encourage their financial support. Aims were to get the students interested in UNCF and to realize its importance. The PAC was pledged to raise \$125,000, but only raised \$105,000.

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