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Editorial

Do you know where your yearbook is?

During the past three years at Bennett College I have received only one yearbook, instead of the three I am supposed to receive.

This leads me to believe that I'm being taken advantage of because \$60 of my tuition and fees pays for a yearbook each year that I attend school.

There are about 600 students enrolled this year at Bennett. That means that we will pay \$36,000 this academic year for a yearbook that we probably won't receive. Should we pay for things that we don't receive?

Where is the money going since it is obviously not going to producing a yearbook?

I offer a solution that is both reasonable and practical.

Instead of offering useless courses such as "Career and Life Planning," the College should implement a yearbook lab course. Such a course would allow students to earn credit for producing a yearbook. In addition, the money should be used to provide an office for desktop publishing and a photo lab specifically dedicated to yearbook production.

Letters to the Editor

The Bennett Banner welcomes letters from its readers. All letters must be typed double-spaced, not longer than 500 words, and must include the author's name, address and daytime telephone number. We reserve the right to edit letters. Letters may be hand-delivered to the Banner Office in Shell Hall Room 2 or mailed to: Letter to the Editor, The Bennett Banner, Shell Hall Room 2 Bennett College, Greensboro, NC 27401.



Reader responds

Honor Code decision defended

In your letter to the editor, "When to Enforce the Belle Honor Code?" published in the Nov. 4 issue of the Banner, you expressed concerns about the validity of the Honor Code. You questioned the decision of whom you presumed was that of Dr. Tiajuana Mosby, Dr. Daphne Thomas, Dr. Gloria Scott and Dr. Alston. You were wrong. You were not just wrong about who was responsible in making the decision that SGA president Pamela McCorvey be reinstated, you were also wrong about how many people were reinstated. The presumption that she was reinstated on a technicality followed by the presumption that she appealed her case.

Just to set the record straight for once and for all, McCorvey was not charged with the use or distribution of illegal substances on campus. She was vaguely charged with breaking the Belle Honor Code, a charge that was never justified.

My sympathy goes out to you Miss Williams. You have ignorantly questioned McCorvey's commitment to God, her character as a positive black woman and have labeled her a threat to our Bennett sisters. Is this the work of a woman of the Lord? I have known McCorvey for nine years and I have observed her as being a God fearing woman who forgives, is positive enough to overlook your blatant ignorance and is concerned enough about her Bennett sisters' safety not to prolong this issue.

Referring to a comment in your letter, "We are all women at Bennett College and it is time we started acting like it," Get the facts, not the rumors, whispers or bathroom stall conversations.

Last month, SGA issued a Student's Right to Know pamphlet which private institutions were excused from adhering to until last year. The pamphlet outlines several topics including the use and distribution of illegal substances on campus. On our campus

there have been no previous cases. That should have you questioning, if anything, why McCorvey was suspended at all.

The decision to reinstate McCorvey and one other Bennett student was not left up to the administrators you so gracefully advised in your letter. The decision was first reviewed by Dr. Mosby. Thereafter, it was sent to the judiciary committee, which included: five faculty members and three students. All were randomly selected. They based their decision on evidence given in statements by witnesses selected by each, the accused and accuser. The decision was a result of the due process of the College; it had nothing to do with "who she is."

Instead of making a mockery of Bennett's screening process for admission, perhaps you should research more on the issues at hand. Tammi McCall
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