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Banner Mailbag

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Miss Royal Blue & White offers words of wisdom

Bask in the radiance of womanhood and sisterhood. It is time to stop looking at ourselves through the eyes of others. I yearn for the day when the tunnel vision of jealousy is abolished, the blindfolds of bitterness are lifted, and the cataracts of prejudice and misunderstanding that distort and shadow our eyes are healed forever.

Never compare yourself to others or let others define you. Half of the people walking around today have no idea who they are or what their divine purpose is. Thus, you should feel no pressure to imitate someone else's idea of success or righteousness. Our Creator does not make mistakes.

When you are complete, you cannot help attracting the awe and adoration of those that come into contact with you.

You are an original. The people around you may not always appreciate that fact, but they will notice.

Remember that real beauty, the kind that counts, cannot be hidden or taken away from you but will emanate from your creating an aura of strength and charisma that will draw others toward you.

We are all individuals, but we are one. Our Creator knew exactly what He was doing, when He shaped and molded us from Him. He is the very epitome of love, making us a part of that love as well. So each morning, when you rise by the grace of your Creator, look into the mirror and open your senses to receive. The love that you are created from will be reflected back to you perfectly.

*Candace Deanna White
Miss Royal Blue & White*

Belle defends Miss Royal Blue & White

Did SGA ever ask the students if Candace White was derelict of her duties?

Those that I've conversed with attest to quite the opposite (some even fingered other officers as derelict of duties).

We've seen Candace serve as marshal at every ACES, recruit students to marshal when others didn't show up, make herself available to talk when needed (even if at 3 a.m.), and consistently speak to everyone with whom she comes in contact on and off campus.

She represents the phenomenal women of Bennett College because she's well rounded. She's intelligent, sociable and articulate.

Isn't that what Bennett Belles are supposed to be about? Several students have testified

to witnessing tension between members of SGA and Candace from the beginning and I came upon an upset Candace whose clothes and belongings had been locked away on the day of the A&T parade when no one could be found to get them out for her.

Have we forgotten Bennett College's purpose (Isaiah 61:1) as inscribed on the college bell?

We elected those which we felt would best represent us, yet SGA seems to represent itself (non-senate members are not permitted to speak).

Does that sound like democracy or sophisticated autocracy?

*Nicole Southern,
senior, biology pre-med
Pittsburgh, Pa.*

College choir tour praised

Kudos go out to the Bennett College Choir and the faculty members who are accompanying them as a part of the 1997 tour.

All too often, school administrators receive letters indicating what isn't right and what needs to be fixed. I am very pleased to report that the two concerts I attended recently were very well received by all in attendance. Please be assured that the concert was a representative showing of your vision for Bennett women. The performers were impeccable.

The gleam in the eyes of the alumnae was quite evident, particularly when they sang the alma matter along side the choir.

This experience and the visual impact of the Bennett students and the alumnae was one of historic proportions.

Ms. Valerie Johnson is to be congratulated for her experience, patience, creative energies, and poise. Without question, Dr. David Pinnix is one of the greatest

accompanists. Masterful comes to mind with respect to his talent and vision.

May God be with you and Bennett College as you continue your vision for the school and may He bless your efforts in transforming exceptional young students into Phenomenal Women.

*Clifton and Evangeline Prince,
Proud Parents of Angela Prince
Class of '98, Computer Science*

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introduce the bill in the next session, or not re-elect some members of the N.C. House of Representatives.

If the new bill does pass, the new program will not be funded via a tax increase. Adams has proposed that the new program

be financed by adding \$20 to the current civil action fees assessed by the divorce court.

"The program is good because some women are hesitant to leave unhealthy relationships due to financial instability," said Ursula Altemus, a political science major from Atlanta.

"I think the bill will affect Bennett directly because not only do we have non-traditional students who face some of these same problems, but anyone of us could end up in that predicament and need assistance," said Brandi Johnson, a elementary education major from Delaware.

SGA Cabinet 97-98

The new members of the SGA were elected March 26. The 1997-98 SGA Executive Board members are:

President *Brandi Crawley*
Vice President *Tenille Francis*

Recording Secretary *Paquita Herring*
Corresponding Secretary *Demetria Bell*
Treasurer *Starr Allen*
Parliamentarian *Demetria Bell*

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