

Banner Briefings

On and Off Campus Events • Activities • Announcements

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53rd National Baptist Student Union Retreat

Wouldn't you like to experience a weekend of Christian fellowship with students from over 145 colleges and universities? The 53rd National Baptist Student Union Retreat will be March 26-29, 1998 in Birmingham, Ala. For more information call (919) 859-0756.

Gumbel / Disney Scholarships Available

It's back. Tia Smith, a mass communications major in the class of '97 won it. It is the \$5,000 scholarship being offered by the Bryant Gumbel/Walt Disney World Tournament Scholarship Program. Juniors with a 3.0 gpa are eligible. The deadline is Oct. 17. For more information contact the Financial Aid Office at 370-8677.

Multiple Sclerosis Assoc. Offering Scholarships

Attention freshmen, sophomores and junior. The Multiple Sclerosis Association of America PROJECT: Learn MS' 98 is sponsoring an essay contest with one \$5,000 scholarship and three \$1,000 scholarships. Under contest rules a student submits a 500-1,000 word essay on multiple sclerosis and how it impacts a person and his or her family on a daily basis. All essays must include the registration and sponsor forms, a minimum of \$7.50 in sponsor fees and postmarked by June 5, 1998. To obtain registration form call MSAA at 1-800 LEARN MS.

Trick or Treat

The Children's House annual Halloween parade will be Oct. 31. If you want the children to stop by your office or dorm room for treats, call Sharon Bibbs, director of the laboratory school, at 370-8709

Black HERstory

On this day in OCTOBER

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• **1, 1945 Dr. Mary Schmidt Campbell** becomes dean of New York University's Tisch School of the Arts.

• **3, 1904 Mary McLeod Bethune** founded Daytona Normal and Industrial School (now Bethune Cookman College) in Daytona Beach, Florida.

• **4, 1944 Pearl Primus** makes her dancing Broadway debut at the Belasco Theater.

• **5, 1929 Autherine Lucy**, the first African-American student to enroll at the University of Alabama, is born.

• **5, 1977 Naima Q. Barbour**, mass communications major, from Fort Washington, Md. is born. Naima is a copy editor for *The Bennett Banner*.

• **5, 1932 Yvonne Braithwaite** becomes the first African-American woman from California elected to the House of Representatives.

• **8, 1930 Faith Ringgold** is born in New York City. She will become a multimedia artist.

Bittersweet story explores women's cravings

CRITIC'S CORNER
reviews
& previews

(NAPS) Americans often confuse food with love. Evidence of this can be found in Jillian Medoff's brutally frank and wickedly funny first novel about body image and self esteem.

"In Hunger Point" (HarperCollins, \$24), Medoff explores the tortured and sometimes fatal relationship that women can have with food and how women use food to feed feelings of emptiness.

"Eating disorders are not about food," Medoff said. The novel's two main characters, funny, irreverent and self-destructive Frannie and her seemingly perfect but anorexic sister, Shelly, have grown up obsessed with food and body image. In this family, "The word fat assumed a meaning deadly as cancer."

Their family is ultimately torn apart by this obsession when Shelly's anorexia sends her to a hospital and ultimately causes her to kill herself.



Book Review

"Food is easy to abuse, because you have to eat (unlike alcohol which you can give up completely), it is very desirable and tastes good. When you have no other control over your life, you can control how much you ingest," Medoff said.

Medoff said she knows these

control issues intimately. Her preoccupation with weight developed into anorexia at 12 and bulimia from 14 on. It also led her into self-destructive relationships with unsuitable men (whom the book dubs "rat-boys") that did little for her self esteem.

"My foundation was shaky to begin with and as I got older, I got more confused until I was whirling in an emotional vortex that was the result of this incredible void. I developed a coping mechanism-albeit a very destructive one-to deal with it.

Writing the novel proved to be cathartic. My eating disorder was a way for me to function in the world," Medoff said.

"My relationship with *Hunger Point*, which has spanned four years, has been my greatest love affair."

The Critic's Corner accepts reviews, previews and criticisms of music, books, poetry, plays and movies that are 150 words or less. Articles must not have been published elsewhere. Once submitted, an article becomes the property of the Bennett Banner and may be edited.

BANNER CLASSIFIEDS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy 21st Birthday Jamie! Have a great day and no rebukes. You deserve it. We all love you. Love your roommate

EMPLOYMENT

Earn MONEY and FREE TRIPS!! Absolute best SPRING BREAK packages available!! INDIVIDUALS, students, ORGANIZATIONS, or small GROUPS wanted! Call INTER-CAMPUS PROGRAMS at 1-800-327-6013 or <http://www.icpt.com>

FOR SALE

Books for Math, Biology, and Mass Communications Majors NEW AND USED! Our prices lowest in the city or money back guaranteed!!!! For more info. call 621-1368 ext.00

SERVICES

Weekend Math and French tutors available for Bennett students at a very low price! For more info. call 621-1368 ext. 23

WANTED

Textbooks from Spring '97 The Banner wants to sell your old textbooks for you for Free. Send info about book (price, book name, course, etc) to Shell Hall C-2.

THE BENNETT BANNER 1997-98 SCHEDULE

Deadline	Publication
Oct. 17	Oct. 24
Oct. 31	Nov. 7
Nov. 14	Nov. 21
Dec. 5	Dec. 12
Jan. 23	Jan. 30
Feb. 6	Feb. 13
Feb. 20	Feb. 27
March 16	March 20
March 26	April 3
April 10	April 17
April 24	May 1

MISCELLANEOUS

Fall break is almost here. Need a ride home? Somewhere else? Why not place an ad in the Bennett Banner classifieds? See Banner Ad Manager Renitta Hills in Shell C-2 for more details.

"Belles of Harmony" rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria