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DINING HALL PROBLEM: ACUTE?

Recently, while reading the "Greensboro Daily News," we noticed an article stating that students at Wake Forest College were so dissatisfied with the service in their dining hall that they were contemplating a boycott.

These students obviously are concerned with a problem which is ever present on college campuses. Or to be more emphatic, the Wake Forest students have decided on taking active steps toward solving a problem with which even we, here at Bennett, are concerned.

The boycott step may seem a pretty drastic one to people who are well-fed and do not suffer hunger pangs between meals but to those who do leave dining halls with a feeling of dissatisfaction any step toward satisfaction is attractive.

It is not suggested that the personnel in charge of the dining hall gear their menus to the personal likes and dislikes of every student. But the present situation in our dining hall makes us wonder if the dining hall staff has yet to realize that there are more students on campus at the present time than previously, and therefore, that more food should be prepared. The absence of the once frequent trend of "seconds" at the dinner meal is also a puzzlement.

Is there not a dining hall committee composed of staff and students? If there is such a creature existing, does it plan to function? We do not wish to overlook the progress being made in reducing the periods for standing in line at the meals served cafeteria style, nor the addition of silver, china, tables, and chairs. But it seems that more food would hardly be out of order. After all, birthday dinners only come periodically and regular meals at Farley's are expensive.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

I feel more than grateful to you of Bennett for making my days on your campus more enjoyable. I was remarkably impressed by many kind gestures shown toward my daughter Shirley Ann and me. I later realized that these gestures of kindness were just a part of the warmth of Bennett.

The junior counselling system impressed me as being well organized. The counselors were really like "big sisters." All my fears of leaving Shirley Ann scared and drifting on the own were soon displaced.

The faculty meeting was very interesting and with my limited experience in education the reports were handled very democratically. The faculty with its wide range of resources impressed that Bennett is a progressive institution for higher learning. The enthusiasm expressed, impressed me that president and faculty are interested in the development of the whole student in the latest techniques and procedures for the competitive world ahead.

The strength of the head of a family adds greatness to the family. The head, in the person of Dr. Player, who is gentle, warm

and self-assured, exemplifies that greatness. The Bennett family is great.

I feel that I enjoyed the fullness of Bennett and was deeply impressed. I enjoyed visiting the chapel, the library, the Little Theatre and the gym. I feel definitely that Bennett is immeasurably prepared to fill the aspirations of her students. That they may realize the divine sovereignty of their strength, contemplate history, comprehend the sciences, meditate in areas of thought things that were once strange. Bennett is dynamic.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Thelma Baker
1111 Brooklyn
Kansas City, Missouri
October 12, 1960

To the Editor:

Acknowledging the fact that the first issue of the Bennett Banner was nice I wish to commend the staff. Along with my commendation, however, I wish to make a suggestion. I noticed that there were quite a few articles by the friends of the Editor. While I grant that these entries were nice may I say that I would have preferred seeing more from other of

The Inquiring Reporter

"Do you think that Seniors should have special privileges?"

Shirley Thompson, senior, English major: "After having been here at Bennett for three years, I think that the seniors should be allowed to have first-rate privileges that underclassmen should not be permitted to enjoy.

"I think that seniors should be able to dine at approved places without having to secure special permission for an extension of time. For example: seniors should have to report back on campus at 8:30 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. Seniors should be allowed to go to the drugstore after 9:00 p.m. and no senior would go later than 10:00 p.m."

Anne Brown, senior, elementary education major: "I would recommend that seniors be given special privileges if a reasonable academic average is maintained.

"I feel that seniors should have the privilege of riding in cars; the privilege of overnight visiting on weekends in the city; passes for the weekend for one o'clock and one thirty; callers in the dormitories any time during the day until eleven o'clock; permission to attend any dance regardless of time and date. I do not feel that seniors should have to attend compulsory week-day chapel and that seniors should have to receive special permission for visits at home."

Gloria McKnight, senior, pre-medical major: "I feel that seniors should have the following privileges: (1) Seniors should be able to stay out until 12:00 p.m. on weekends; (2) Seniors should

our students. And while I appreciate "way out" poetry, I must confess that the point in the one that you printed completely escaped me.

Yours truly
Indignant

Dear Editor:

An article in the first issue of the "Banner" included a listing of the lyceum attractions for the present school year with statements of complaints about the lack of variety in the selection of attractions.

I agree with the idea that there should be variety in lyceum programming. But I realize that such varied programming entails a large amount of mental exertion on the part of the lyceum committee and since most students attend lyceum programs in order to fill out little white cards, the extra work required to stimulate an interest in culture per se, would be a waste of time.

Therefore, why don't we accept the programming as it stands and kindly thank the lyceum committee for its efforts?

"Interested"

STUDENTS FAVOR KENNEDY

In a mock election held recently, Bennett students indicated that Senator John Kennedy is their choice for the next President of the United States. This mock election was directed by the 121 political science class. Four dormitories reported Kennedy as their favorite and one dormitory, Kent Hall, was in favor of Vice-President Nixon.



Shirley Thompson Anne Brown

be able to ride in cars with dormitory permission; (3) Seniors should be able to sign out for a weekend to whatever place they would wish to go; (4) Seniors should be able to attend all social affairs after athletic functions at A & T, including the homecoming dance; (5) Seniors should be able to have their parents here for the commencement week-end—free of charge.

"I feel that these privileges will help Bennett seniors become as distinguished on this campus as they are on other campuses."

Daisy Robinson, senior, home economics major: "These are the privileges that I would like to see the Bennett seniors have: (1) Seniors should be free to plan and carry out their own social activities for weekends without the customary chaperones and counsel One Saturday night in each month should be designated "Senior Night" for these purposes; (2) Seniors who desire it should have cars on campus; (3) Seniors should have a "stop day" each year in honor of their achievements. (4) Seniors should be eliminated from dining hall duty, and (5) Calling hours for seniors should be extended from 9:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m."

AS I SEE IT

By Carolyn James

One of the pressing issues for over one hundred years has been that of civil rights. Although the Negro has come a long way in his struggle for civil liberties, the battle is not won.

The society in which we live is fully aware of the injustices suffered by the Negro. Yet, this does not change conditions. The structure of society will not change until the Negro exerts all of his powers to finally overcome the indignities he encounters throughout the United States each day.

It is quite disturbing to hear Negroes continue to question political figures on their stand on civil rights. It should be evident by now that no politician, be he northerner or southerner, has a genuine stand on civil rights.

The time is now, as it has been since the Emancipation Proclamation, for the Negro to take his own stand on "rights." Key figures realize that civil rights is a "sore spot" with the Negro. Many times they use this to their advantage, as a means of obtaining desired goals.

Two important factors in this life long "rights" struggle have been stressed time and again to the Negro. They are the ballot, and the almighty dollar. Even these two powers are not enough if used unwisely.

Practical application in everyday life is one method the Negro does not utilize. Action, rather than words, is the only effective way in our modern society. We must all be united in our discontent if progress is to be made.

Atlanta, Georgia is a good illustration of people working together. It is by far no utopia, but it is located in the center of the "hard core" south. An important factor in the development of Atlanta is the cooperation of the masses and intellect, working toward one common goal, that of respect from their fellow man.

This community could very well be called the most prosperous Negro community in the south. Not because there is more money found in Atlanta, but because the dollar is used wisely to promote the general welfare of the community.

Our course of thinking must be altered to include other important issues which face us as a people. No government is going to grant "rights" to us. They must be demanded through action rather than words.



AFTER CALLING HOURS! BUT I'M HER GRANDFATHER