

B. C. BEAT

By PATRICIA MURRAY

Since the start of school several quite interesting things have been happening on campus. Some things were new, some were old, some were supported by you, others weren't.

One very different and very interesting thing that occurred one Saturday night in Cone Hall was a most original talent show. The title was "A night without the Boys" presented by none other than the Playboy Club. It was nothing less than hilarious with Del Tricia Currie acting as M. C. and many acts to follow featuring such personalities as, Angel (Gwyn) Wynn from the Golden Gates, Tappin' Kitty (Peggy Largent), Brown Baby (Gloria) Leevy, Mama (Barbara) Hammond, and The Grape Sisters (Jean Little and Carolyn Carter). There were many more including the traditional Bunnies directly from the Playboy Club. The entire dormitory was present and a swingin' time was had by all, considering that it was "a night without the boys".

"Come on in, the water's fine". This is a plea from many of us that are already taking advantage of our new pool. The free swimming hours are numerous. You can go in everyday of the week except Friday and Sunday. Check your bulletin boards for the exact hours and the days you can bring your guests. Please support this and all the activities of the Gym.

Speaking of supporting activities on campus. What in the world happened to you on the day of the Union picnic? All I have to say is that you missed some fun and some good food, but as I remember you didn't miss the food. We complain about not having enough activities but in order to have more we must support the ones we have.

Congratulations to SNEA on

Music On Campus

Sometimes we tend to take for granted those things that we are used to. Such things may be the wonder of love, the beauty of a starlit evening, or the magnificence and splendor of nature. Let us bring it closer to home—Bennett College. Many things are taken for granted here by the students, however, there appears to be one major organization whose dedication to us is taken for granted, perhaps more than others. This is the Senior Choir.

Each Sunday, approximately forty-five young women join the processional to the chancel. This is one of the most impressive parts of the vesper service. Dignified and poised in their white surplis and maroon robes, the choir sings, in addition to hymns and responses, two sacred numbers which are completely memorized. Certainly we must realize how many hours are spent in preparation for each vesper service, but we take this for granted. Surely we realize how earnestly and faithfully Mrs. Crawford and Miss Alston work in order to give to us the highest calibre of musical performance that their rich backgrounds can offer to us—yet, they too are taken for granted.

The courts of law tell us that we are innocent until proven guilty. Now is the time to resolve within ourselves to learn to appreciate and respect those things worthy of the same. Next Sunday, don't let your verdict be guilty.

—Joyce Dunn

their dance, the theme of which was very appropriate, "Apple for the Teacher." Good luck to all of you on November second.

Lima congratulations to you too on your recent engagement.

Sandy Vails welcome back from your stay in the hospital. We missed you and are glad you are better.

Here is some food for thought. So, contemplate a while.

Difficulties exist to be surmounted

A strenuous soul hates cheap success or successes.

—R. M. Emerson
"On Man and God"

Ebony Fashion Show Review

"An exquisite production representing the achievements of some of our young Negro talent in the field of fashion, as well as such famous names as Oleg Cassini, Christian Dior and Mr. John."

This phrase of praise could be used to describe nothing other than the Ebony Fashion Fair, held on the eve of October 10, in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Dave Green (who was by no means "green") enticed the audience, with the essence of a prince charming as he gently conquered the keyboard, producing an atmosphere for elegance. Speaking of a prince charming, I must not forget our suave, debonaire little friend with the tight cuffs. The lone male (model) tipped and pivoted with the air of Rockefeller, devoting equal time to "tugging at his cuff". What was in his cuffs? Absolutely nothing, other than starch; however it added to his smoothness, which was his objective.

By no means in the background, was a lovely array of "sun-kissed" beauties who exemplified elegance in the true sense of the word. What better ambassadors could one ask for, to represent fashion and mankind?

The show alone would have been incomplete without . . . Well, her name is irrelevant anyway, for it wasn't her name that captured and relayed the intricate details, by way of commentary. The ease and grace with which she spoke created a type of familiarity, which would incline one to believe that she had stitched every seam herself.

The fashions constituted attire for every occasion from "attracting a Billy Goat," to just "standing", for an entire evening. For attracting a Billy Goat, one must wear pants and jacket constructed of goat fur, with a corresponding hood to make you visible to the goat, but invisible to your friends. If you like standing, give a "standing party" and wear some of the gorgeous gowns from the show. I guarantee you'll do nothing but stand, for there's no room for walking, much less for doing the "frug" or the "Boomerang."

Head covering ranged from helmets to delicate mantillias. A more extensive collection would be hard to find.

Comparing the Ebony Fashion Fair with the Miss North Carolina Fashion Show (which I also attended), I must say the latter was "like a penny waiting for change."

—Ernestine Mitchell

Come '65 and Johnson will come to the white house, family, ranch, livestock and all, Diplomats watch your step!

INQUIRING REPORTER

Do you think that family style meals and Voluntary Service have lost their meaning on campus?

Cheryl Walls, senior elementary education major, Camden, N. J.:

"The voluntary dining hall duty, I feel was set up to give the girls a sense of responsibility to the school, and their fellow sisters. Dining hall duty should give us a sense of cooperation with one another, and should help us to learn respect for our sisters and our school."

"At the present, dining hall duty and our family style meals do not seem to be serving these purposes. In the dining hall, we tend to stick with our own classmates and cliques. Dining hall duty we look to as drudgery, and we are very unco-operative to those people who are working for their six week period. We seemed to have acquired a boisterous attitude of loud uncouthness as we enter and leave the dining hall."

"I think if we go back and try to remember why it is that we have family style meals and dining hall duty we will learn to appreciate them more."

Rose Graves, junior, sociology major, Los Angeles, Calif.:

"It can plainly be seen that the students don't know the original meaning of the family style meals, for if they did, they would not run into the dining hall for meals as they do nor would they sit with the same people every night."

"As for the voluntary service—a list is posted with names on it telling you what you are required to do for the next six weeks, if requirements are not fulfilled you are penalized — is this voluntary service?"

Rosalind Corbett, sophomore, psychology major, Wilmington, N. C.:

"To provide ample opportunities and experiences in daily living that will stimulate practice in the art and science of home-making. This seems to have been the original purpose and meaning of family-style meals and "Voluntary" student services on our campus. However, as time changes, so do con-

"Thank You, Choir"

This is a comment that will be very much appreciated by the Senior Choir here at Bennett College. Do you realize that the choir practices every week day night except Wednesday and practices at 12:00 noon on Saturday? Did you know they have to learn a new song every week for Vespers, besides getting ready for various concerts for the year? Did you know that they too are average students, sometimes carrying 21 hours, very tired some nights but go on because they love the choir and will always stick by it. So say "thank you" choir for making such a fine contribution to the Vesper service. They deserve it.

notations. I feel that this, though not to a great extent, has happened to Bennett. The family-style meals are accepted as everyday practice taken for granted. The "Voluntary" student services are accepted as compulsory chores. This should not be!"

Ana Turner, freshman, English major, Cincinnati, Ohio:

"Yes, if our evening meal in the dining hall is family style, I hope I never have the same experience in my home. This meal is generally looked upon as merely the one for which one does not have to wait in line for. Students feel that this idea of voluntary service isn't really voluntary, out rather an extra chore".

MORE LETTERS

TO MY BENNETT SISTERS,...

On Sunday, how many of us say that we don't have time to go to church because we have to study? What kind of an excuse is that for not going to church? Don't we know that if it wasn't for God we might not even have an opportunity to be here to study? What is there is important about a test that you can't take time out to worship God?

When God could make it possible that we won't even be able to take the test. Shouldn't it be the other way around, I don't have time to study right now I have to go to church, I'll study later? How many of us pray and ask him to help us to pass our test? Sure, we say well, we have to go to vesper anyway, but do we truly get the same thing out of vesper that you would get out of church? Think, Bennett Sisters, God made it possible for us to come here, shouldn't we put him first?

—Nellie Campbell

Man Must Develop 2 Life Dimensions

"Man's salvation is contingent upon his development to the fullest of the vertical and horizontal dimensions of life," the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, of Atlanta, Ga., told the vesper audience, October 25.

The minister, who serves the West Hunter Street Baptist Church and is secretary-treasurer of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, spoke on "Life's Supreme Question."

"Salvation is life's supreme question," he declared, "but when I speak of salvation, I do not mean a place in some faraway kingdom, but the extension of one's life beyond the grave. One must make his life so rich and meaningful that it will not end in death but extend into the lives of yet unborn generations."

Putting God first involves the vertical dimension of life, but loving one's neighbor involves the horizontal dimension. Both are essential if one is to attain eternal life, he said.

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on your ideals and values, it is the individual responsibility of every human to make an ethical attempt in improving his world.

It is fantasy, mere foolishness, to feel that one must fight hate with hate. It is fantasy to assume that one race is superior to another race. Every race has had its "day in the sun." The black race was "called" civilized, and the white race barbaric up into the medieval area. The white race is "called" civilized now in comparison to our black brothers in Africa.

This writer argues that there is no good definition for the so called term "civilized" and therefore cannot feel justified in calling one race superior to another, whatever his color might be. The writer cannot justify hostility and hatred as cohorts no matter what the end of that hostility and hatred might be.

The writer who has seen or read of the oppressed who built their better world out of nothing cannot justify, therefore, the actions of a man of self pity.

—Andrea Mast

Irene Walker Heads Dormitory Council

Miss Irene E. Walker, of '65, of Columbia, S. C., was recently elected president of the Inter-Dormitory Council at Bennett College, and Miss Gretta Middleton, '66, of Charleston, S. C. was named secretary.

The council is composed of representatives of each of the seven campus residence halls, with Miss Mildred Tucker, director of residence life, as advisor.

N. C. PASTOR TO SPEAK

Speaker for the 4 p.m. vesper service on Sunday, November 8, will be the Rev. Orion N. Hutchinson, pastor of Love Methodist Church, at Walkertown, N. C.

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