

Just Thinking

By ANGELENE JOHNSON

I was once a little girl, but I wondered, I anticipated, I rushed time. I was tired of drinking my milk. I was tired of being put to bed at seven. I didn't like my vegetables, especially the spinach, and I wanted to run my own show. You see, I wanted to be grown-up.

Well, I grew up. I seldom drink any milk; I do well if I get one carton a day. I stay up all night because I have no choice. The work has to be done. I have to eat spinach, if I want a vegetable. I do run my own show, when it's not running me.

You know what? Sometimes it's a hard life--running, rushing, losing sleep, losing weight, and on the verge of losing the mind. The next blow is a death warrant--pain and hurt, fear and shock, and

you're knocked down.

As I was walking around campus one cloudy afternoon, thinking about doing three late papers overnight, wondering what it's like being dead, picturing black curtains hanging at my window, and trying to estimate the rate I'd fall if I jumped off Jefferson Standard, it dawned on me that now I might be in a world alone, a world where nobody loved, or knew how to love, nobody cared or cared about caring. I asked myself, "Am I important to anybody?" I answered, "I doubt it." I walked on. I stumbled and fell. I screamed loudly. Nobody noticed. I bowed my head and cried silently. People passed on by.

Yes, now I'm grown-up. I run my own show. Oh Mama! Mama, please let me come home!



Judge Constance Motley, Dr. Jane C. Wright and Dr. Joan F. Bishop having a brief chat.



Frances I. Eckstein, of Greensboro College, Mr. Harold B. Glover of A&T University, and Misses Iad P. Pinnix and D'jaris A. Ragland of Bennett College - student interrogators of symposium.

Outstanding 'Career Women' Appear On Inaugural Week Symposium

By HATTIE CARWELL

As part of the inaugural week program two symposium sessions were presented, Oct. 11, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening. The topics were: "College Women Find Expanding Opportunities" and "The Negro Woman Faces Special Challenges."

Various career opportunities in the fields of law, business, medicine and overseas opportunities were discussed. It was stated that job discrimination against race and sex has lessened considerably on the governmental level; however, it still exists to some degree on other levels.

A recent increase for lawyers, according to Judge Constance Baker Motley, has risen out of the new legislation requiring all defendants in felony cases to be represented by a competent lawyer. Many more opportunities in law have been created through newly established legal service offices. There are still limited opportunities in private law firms.

In business, there are innumerable new opportunities. Executives in department stores, managers and trainees, underwriters, contract writers, supervisors,

expense controllers (insurance) are in great demand. Also the advancing of EDP (electron data processing) has given rise to new positions in companies such as RCA and Honeywell, Inc., said Wellesley College Placement Director, John Fiss Bishop.

"A national increased need for doctors occurred after World War II," Dr. Jane C. Wright, assistant dean and professor of surgery at New York Medical College, told the group. At present 6 per cent of the doctors in the U.S. are women while 75 percent in Russia are women. Steps have been taken to remove all obstacles preventing women from becoming doctors. The periods for internship and residency have been extended up to two and three year periods for the convenience of mothers. Also night duty for them has been greatly reduced.

Overseas opportunities are most plentiful on the governmental level. However, there does exist some openings in service organizations, private enterprise, law and medicine. The speaker was Bennett graduate Mrs. L. Maynard Hutchings of the World Division of the United Methodist Church.

In the evening symposium chal-

lenges that the Negro woman faces in the urban ghetto and rural South were presented. Since Negro women head many of the households, determine the direction of education and are often active participants in politics, they are the ones principally challenged. To face their challenges, they need to strive to build an integrated society and to improve upon mobility and avoid separation. They need to strive to integrate society in terms of work opportunities because so much of the future relies upon the Negro woman economically. The challenges are even more intensified since the Negro woman with a high school education is most discriminated against.

In the rural South that greatest advancements have been made through voter registration. However, now the greatest challenge is to decide who will lead. Members of the panel were: Mrs. Charlotte Moton Hubbard, assistant secretary of State for Public Affairs; Vernon E. Jordan, head of Voter Registration Project, Southern Regional Council; Dr. Vivian Henderson, president of Clark College; and Dr. Lionel Newsome, president elect Johnson C. Smith University.

Raymond Jackson 'Wows' Them Again

By MYRA HEDRICK

The Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel held an air of expectancy as the audience, which ranged from members of the college, several nuns and other guests waited to hear the brilliant young pianist, Raymond Jackson perform.

Judging from the vibrant, positive reaction revealed by the enthusiastic applause after each piece which was rendered with special "Jacksonian" smoothness, it might be concluded that neither those who were hearing

Raymond Jackson for the first time, nor those who had heard him perform before were disappointed with this performance.

The pieces that had been selected for the actual program were quite successful, and it seemed that many were especially pleased to hear the encore, a favorite, "Claire de Lune" by Debussy.

Alumna Presents Concert

By DIMPLES ARMSTRONG

To view the success of those who have passed the same way as oneself is a treat to remember. The "Bennett Belles", along with friends and guests, had this pleasure Thursday evening, Oct. 10, 1968 when three Bennett Alumnae returned to render "An Evening Of Music With Bennett Alumnae."

Bernice Green Otudeko, class of 1963, lulled the audience with her beautiful rendition of five assorted selections.

Representing the class of 1945, Thora Kelly Brown, pianist, played four selections beautifully. With her husband, Richard, at

the piano, Lady Ann Shivers Tucker of the 1959 class wooed her audience. In her rich, Mezzo-Soprano voice, she sang seven selections.

All three ladies were honored at a reception immediately following the program. It is believed that lady Tucker summed up the feelings of Bennett's Alumnae when she said, in essence, that the world held many opportunities for those who were prepared;

she hoped that the students would get all that they could while they were here because, though the world had many opportunities, it still wouldn't exactly welcome you with open arms.



Former Bennett belles having a last minute rehearsal before the Alumnae concert.

Rushing To Dining Hall Can Be An Act Of Courage Supreme

By DARWIN PRIOLEAU

They say that taming lions, charming snakes, and parachute jumping are only done by extremely courageous people. However, in reality there is nothing as brave as a Bennett belle waiting on a lunch line.

The average student who does not have a 11:00 class rushes to the cafeteria at about 11:15 in order to be one of the first people on line. She walks into the union, counts the number of people in front of her, then she sits down and reads a book. At about 11:40 she gets up and stands in line. Then at 11:50 the fun begins, because all the 11:00 classes are dismissed.

The student who came in early and was number three now becomes number forty. This student does one of two things. Either she keeps quiet and slowly becomes number one hundredth in line, or she gets angry and decides that she is going to get in first if it

kills her, and it usually does. By this time one of the cafeteria hostesses takes her life in her hands and tries to open the door. The single line that was there at 11:40 becomes a mob. The hostess trembles and tries not to think about the pending horrible moment when she has to open the door. At 12:00 the door opens, but nobody gets in. Why? Because by the law of common sense fifty people can not get into one average size door at the same time. But they try anyway, by nudging, kicking, stomping, pushing and any other kind of gorilla war tactics. Heaven forbid that you should drop something. PLEASE DON'T TRY TO PICK IT UP. It's better to lose some money and a pen or pencil than your arm or leg, because the mob does not stop for anything. The poor innocent bystander who just happens to be in the center of the mob doesn't have to worry about getting anything to eat because the mob naturally drags her in the cafeteria when the doors open.