

Incidentally...

Why Locked Chans?

A point of growing concern since the beginning of the semester has been the almost constant maintainence of a locked chain at the Washington street entrance to the main campus. This situation has been the topic of many complaints, discussions, and questions throughout the student body.

The problem is a seemingly ever present barrier set up between the Bennett campus and the world beyond the rear of the chapel. The big question is why is the chain locked? It's understood that the driveways will be locked at the campus closing hours. That has been done for years. The confusing point of the issue is the inability, on the part of the student, to understand the rationale behind the locked chains during the hours the campus is "open".

When asked about the reasoning behind this action, the president's reply was to the effect that the locked gate would stop the heavy flow of traffic through the residential part of the campus. Really, now. Perhaps that is an effort of consideration for the campus and students but, it's a well known fact that there is only one driveway through the "residential" area of the campus. This single drive can accommodate traffic only so heavy at any one time anyway. The reason for locked chains couldn't possibly lie in the idea of keeping out fast moving traffic because the "speed breakers" on the drive have mastered that possible problem. Could it be that the gate has been locked in order to reduce the chance of a student being hit by a car as she crosses the pavement to another part of the campus? If that be the case, then Gorrell street should be chained off from Bennett street to Macon street during the hours from 8 am. to 6 pm. so the students may safely cross Gorrell to their classes held in the gym.

It was said that the parking area behind the chapel should be used. Great! It has been used. If a person drives through campus and finds no place to park, if he intends to park he'll find a place on Gorrell street or behind the chapel. Why must he be denied the chance to get close to his destination? And what about the girl who has to catch a cab, in the rain or with heavy luggage? Must she drag her bag from Jones or Cone to Gorrell street or from Barge to the rear of the chapel.

The locked chain can't keep the trouble-makers off campus if that is the purpose. Any pedestrian trouble-maker has a standing invitation and ready access to any area of the campus.

Our Proposals:

What Happened To Them?

Excitement soared as everyone anxiously awaited the announcement of the final results of the 1969 spring and fall student leadership conferences. Everyone wanted to know how effectively the faculty and administration had related to our needs.

When the official notice of the decisions was given by the Dean of Instruction, our optimism and enthusiasm quickly dwindled. The meager compensations we had been given only scratched the surface of our basic problems. The only areas we received any consideration in were: class attendance, pass-no record option, and the discontinuation of Family Life 101-02. This was all that came out of the labrous and tedious work of our student representatives.

Admist all of our disappointments few of us could actually say that we were surprised. As students our goals had been to establish "open lines" of communication at all levels on the campus, to initiate needed changes for the betterment of the entire campus, and to come to grips with the diverse problems on campus. As a student body, we had taken the initiative to repeatedly bring grievances before the administration and faculty and in the process received no significant reinforcement for our time and energy. Vital issues such as equal representation of students on the central administrative committee, a new disciplinary system; a dean of student affairs, extension of library hours, payment of certain student officials, more office equipment, better transportation fa-

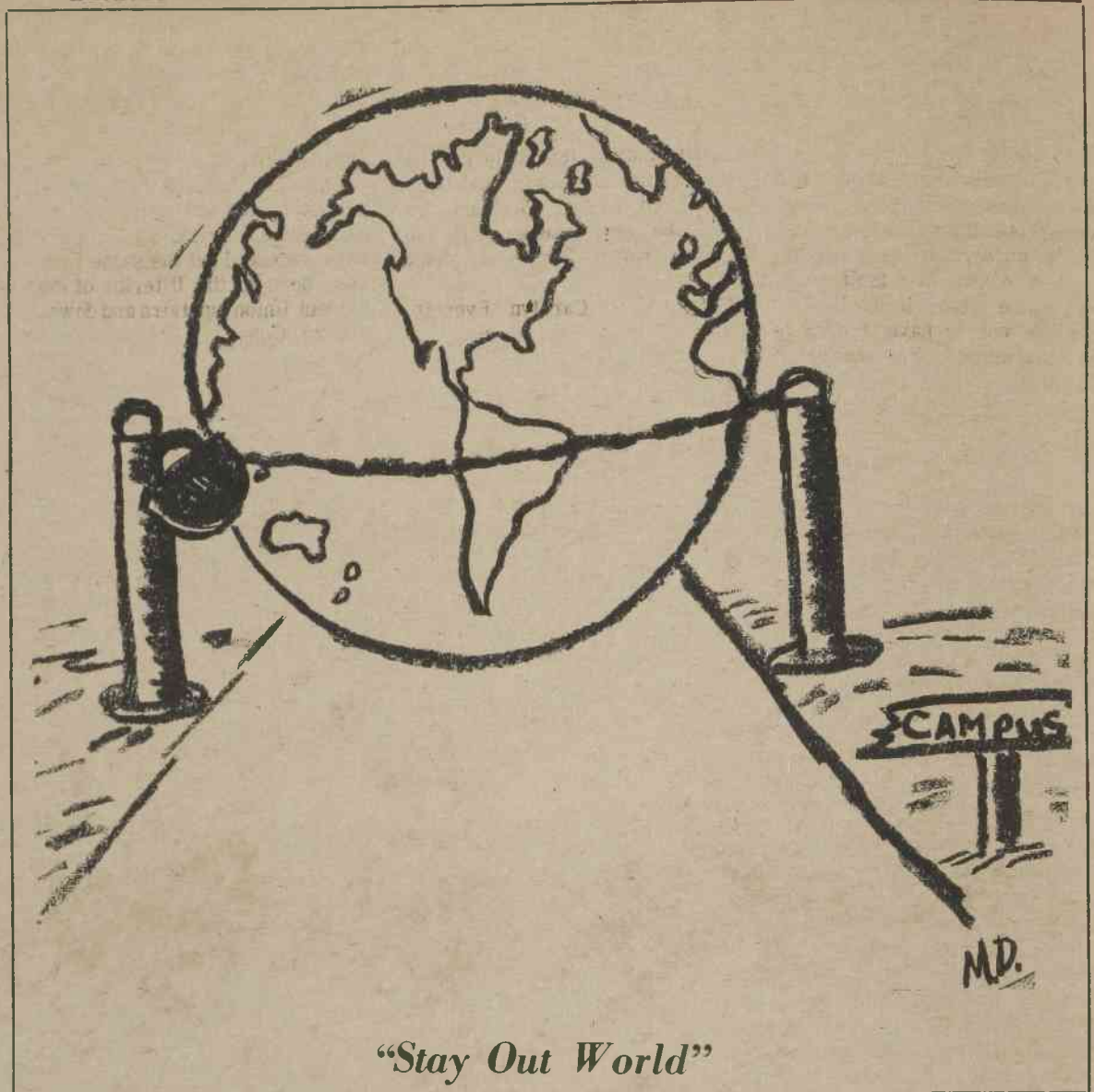
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"Stay Out World"

The Editor Speaks...

On behalf of the Bennett Banner Staff, I would like to invite you to become a regular member of our audience of readers. It is our hope that during this school year, and in future years, the Banner will be read and enjoyed by you.

Realizing that we have a long way to go, it is our aim to make the campus newspaper the official organ of communication on and beyond our campus. In order to make this dream a reality, we need the help of you, the reader. We ask that you remain not just a passive reader but an active participant in the workings of our newspaper. You can do this by becoming an active member of our staff or simply by making your ideas and responses to issues known through the Banner. We heartily welcome every member of the Bennett community to aid us in our never ending stride for progress and success.

Viewing the sluggist state the Banner has fallen into, we understand that ours will be a hard uphill climb. But, with you behind us, we feel we'll have the confidence determination and support to pull ourselves up by our boot-straps.

As far as plans are concerned,

the staff has begun working on a structure for the Bennet Banner that we hope will aid in the achievement of our ultimate goals of success. We hope to increase our news coverage such that our paper can keep our students informed about important issues on our campus, in our community and on other Black campuses. We want to cater to you, our readers. We need your cooperation; we need your responses, your ideas, your criticisms. This can successfully be done through our "Letters to the Editor" column. We ask only that you sign your name to your letters because we feel that what you have to say is important enough to be printed and letters can not be printed if they are unsigned.

We also plan to add more feature columns that we hope will be both enjoyable and in-

formative. In an attempt to improve our present "Tell It To Joy" column, Joy now answers letters marked 'confidential'-- only the answer will appear. This means your persoanal letters can be answered without publishing your original letter.

For those of you who lean toward the literary and entertainment border, in addition to the poetry section, we intend to include some interesting and informative book, play and movie reviews from time to time.

These are some of the things we hope you will enjoy in our newspaper. As the school year progresss we hope you will be able to note other changes. As said before, we aim to make the Bennett Banner the official voice of you, the Bennett Community. Let us hear from you.

Dimples Armstrong
Editor

Meet The New Bennett Ideal

By DARWIN PRIOLEAU

In the past two years Bennett College has achieved new heights. Once such achievement being the "Bennett Ideal." The Bennett Woman was always refined, cultured and proud; but now she is a woman of black refinement, black cultured, and black proudness. She does not enclose her sisterhood to just her Bennett sisters, but to black sisters everywhere.

The "Bennett Ideal" can be stated in two words "black womanhood." Black womanhood is a state of mind. It is a state of mind that can relate to the times. The Bennett Ideal is a black woman who is interested in what goes on around her especially concerning her people. It is a black woman who is curious about her background. It is a

black woman who can realize the power of her people and their achievements. It is a woman who can hold her head up and say "I am black," and truly mean it. It is a woman who is not discriminatory towards her own. A sister with a natural and a dashiki who discriminates against another sister who has none, is just as bad as a fair sister discriminating against her darker sister. These are ideals of the past, they can no longer exist in a true black woman's mind.

The new Bennett Ideal is an ideal which will enable every Bennett graduate to enter the society without confusion or disillusion. The Bennett woman will contribute to the proudness of her people. She will stand high in this society but she will be herself.

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Help!!