

EDITORIAL

CONDITIONS IN THE DINING HALL

By RENEE SIMPSON

There seems to be a great problem with Bennett's dining hall. It is, to say the least, a major topic of discussion for all students residing on the campus. This is not, however, the first year of our woes with the dining hall, but as it seems, conditions worsen every year.

The students, surely understand what this article is all about; but for those of you in top positions, who do not seem to know, we will attempt to make you knowledgeable on the subject.

Students coming to breakfast find that there are no eggs. Man does not live by bread and meat alone. And what about those students who do not eat pork? At times, all 3 meals are missed in a day. And these students who have paid for their meals just as everyone else, must spend more money for meals outside. Of course another solution is to eat vegetables and more vegetables.

Why do they run out of food before lunch or dinner is over? What do you do for the remaining hour of the meal? The solution to this dilemma doesn't seem to be too popular with the students. But it really doesn't matter, the students are only the people who help pay the salary of the dietician and the other dining hall workers.

We mustn't overlook the fact that when you ask for a little extra you cannot get it. Sure there are other people to eat behind you, but why is there not enough to insure that everyone gets enough food at dinner to fill them. Most of us are still growing. But then we must not overlook the fact that we are kindly told, if we want more food, we are welcome to come back at the end of the appointed meal hour. Why then, is it, that as soon as the clock strikes 6:30 p.m. (in the case of supper), the food is promptly whisked away to be served again for tomorrow's lurch? That is, of course, if there was any left.

It is time for the meal planners to realize that this year's student body is indeed larger than last year's, and therefore would consume more. With the whole campus complaining there must be something to the complaints. It is hoped that notice will be taken of our complaints and that something will be done to correct the situation immediately.

Variety Is The Spice Of Life!!!!

WORDS OF WISDOM . . .

"Men of the Negro Race! let me say to you that a greater future is in store for us; we have no cause to lose hope, to become faint-hearted. We must realize that upon ourselves depend our destiny, our future; we must carve out that future, that destiny; and . . . (we) have pledged ourselves that nothing in the world shall stand in our way, nothing in the world shall discourage us; but opposition shall make us work harder, shall bring us closer together, so that as one man the millions of us will march on toward that goal that we have set for ourselves. The New Negro shall not be deceived. The New Negro refuses to take advice from anyone who has not felt with him, and suffered with him. We have suffered for three hundred years, therefore we feel that the time has come when only those who have suffered with us can interpret the feelings of the slave; I interpret our feelings and our spirit. It takes the slave to interpret the feelings of the slave; it takes the unfortunate man to interpret the spirit of his unfortunate brother; and so it takes the suffering Negro to interpret the spirit of his comrade. It is strange that so many people are interested in the Negro now; willing to advise him how to act, and what organization he should join; yet nobody was interested in the Negro to the extent of not making him a slave two hundred and fifty years, reducing him to industrial peonage and serfdom after he was freed; it is strange that the same people can be so interested in the Negro now, as to tell him what organization he should follow and what leader he should support.

"Whilst we are bordering on a future of brighter things, we are also at our danger period, when we must either accept the right philosophy, or go down by following deceptive propaganda which has hemmed us in for many centuries."

—Marcus Garvey
1887-1940

Student Indifference: Revolutionary Consciousness or Regressive Apathy

By RONALD TOPPING

GREENSBORO, N. C. (AANS) — In this the year of politics, Black students have become again a target of various seekers. This is especially so with the need, on the one hand, to register as many voters as possible; and, on the other, to woo the vote of the newly enfranchised youth wing.

Yet, if events in this town can be considered as normal, some things must be said to question the standing belief that today's students are tomorrow's leaders. For if this is so, the Black nation may be in very deep trouble.

During the past month events took place on the campus of A&T State University here which seem to reinforce this thesis. At the very beginning of the semester, Ga. state legislator Julian Bond appeared on campus along with Voter Education Project head John Lewis.

Bond and Lewis schooled the crowd of close to 1000 on the need for increased voter registration of Blacks and yet the apathy which generally reigned before the Sunday afternoon session was just as heavy the following Monday.

In revolutionary circles, such disinterest in "ineffective partisan politics," which many believe to be the ulterior motives of Bond and Lewis, might have been taken as a healthy sign. It could be construed as an indication that the nation's Black youth can no longer be smokescreened into a game previously shown to hold little lasting victories, if, in fact, any at all, for the Black community.

Later the same month, another event took place. The stance on electoral politics was entirely different, for the speaker this time was former hit singer Joe Tex, now known as Joseph X, a minister of the Nation of Islam.

But Bro. X greeted with what appeared to be little genuine interest, or at least what little general interest could be discerned from a crowd which filtered in and out throughout the presentation, seemingly more interested in the curiosity of the messenger than the substance of the message.

Yet, still optimistically, the question could be raised that perhaps there was something distasteful or even counter-revolutionary about the Nation of Islam and Bro. X., and mature Black revolutionary intelligentsia could see through it.

But then later came the talent show and the school auditorium was jam-packed with a capacity crowd of students, screaming, stamping, clapping and completely devoid of any apathy whatsoever: everybody got into the act.

The question of electoral politics as a viable outlet for Black energy is not without its respectable discreditors. Nor, objectively speaking, is the Nation of Islam.

But the problem has come, it seems in that rather than being products of political discrimination, Black indifference to both types of presentations falls more into the line of general apathy which has grown all too common on the college campus.

In recent years, apathy has truly gripped college campuses across the nation. Student

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Roving Reporter

What are your feelings about the present political situation and the upcoming election?

I feel that Nixon does not deserve to be re-elected as the president because he hasn't done anything for the people as a whole.

Marlene Fulton '76
Wyncote, Pa.

As far as the present political situation is concerned, I feel that it is all a big mess. Nixon will win the election if the people don't wake up, and soon!

Yulaundra Ferguson '76
Sumter, S. C.

America's political struggle is in a state of turmoil. The Republicans and Nixon have established a steadfast hold on the American majority. The Democrats are losing supporters because of their disunity. I feel that there should be a restructuring of the political system.

Sandra Johnson '75
Wilmington, N. C.

As I see it, the political situation is one of chaos. I see no way out for the present. I see no leadership that can take us out of it. As for the upcoming election, I do not know who I will vote for. In my opinion neither of the candidates are able to sufficiently take on the job at hand.

Veita Bland '74
Gray, Ga.

Hopefully Nixon won't win!
Renee Evans '74
Hartford, Conn.

Did You Know??

By NATLYN MCGHEE

In Texas, goiter, a disease that can be prevented for 1/4 of a penny person per year, and which we thought extinct in this country, is, by World Health Organization standards, endemic.

Growth retardation, often companion to permanent brain damage, is common.

Vitamin A deficiency, unknown to any child who simply drinks enough milk, afflicts 33% of our children under 6.

Children in this country have rickets and scurvy and beriberi, marasmus and kwashiorkor, diseases common in developing countries and usually associated with famine.

What do these other findings of the survey really mean? The Committee has learned from expert testimony that present nutritional deficiencies result in:

Children born with their brains 1/5 damaged because their mothers are severely undernourished and haven't seen a physician or a midwife until delivery.

Decreased learning ability, body growth, rate of maturation, ultimate size and productivity throughout life.

Lastly, early death.

There will be continued and detailed reports on many of these things, the first to begin in the next issue, on The Tuskegee Study.

These inserts taken from THE CHOICE (The Issue of Black Survival in America) by Samuel F. Yette.

PROMISES, PROMISES, PROMISES

The following are suggestions, gripes, and comments from the Freshman Class.

- Change in curfew.
- More social activities on campus.
- Open House and coed visitation.
- T.V. in dorms.
- Extended Snack Bar hours.
- Bennett is a big put down!
- Snack machines in the dorms.
- More furniture in the freshmen dorms.
- A change in Friday, and Saturday meals.
- Barge needs a dryer.
- Campus needs a clean-up.
- Student Union needs help.
- What is the truth about class attendance for the freshman class?
- Dorm matrons are difficult to find when needed.
- Have all clocks in the dorm offices fixed with the correct time.
- Fungus in Barge!!!!
- Where is ironing board?
- Where have all the brooms, mops, and dust mops gone?
- The cartoon centered around the editorial, in September issue of the Bennett Banner was not liked.
- Sop making promises that are soon broken.
- Why isn't Bennett College together?
- Bennett will be what you want it to be!!
- Barge Hall needs to have the hedges cut from around the students' window.
- The shower doesn't work.
- Need washers and dryers.
- The rooms, rats, roaches (The BIG R's) won't make it.
- Need the heat on now!
- BC should take time in assigning roommates, with the use of freshmen essays.
- It would be helpful to know your roommate and the atmosphere of your room beforehand.
- Desire a new dorm matron.

Don't Lose heart, Freshwomen. We can work it out somehow. That is not a promise, but an honest thought about the total situation.

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