

Help You, Cagers!

One of the class of '76's first bout with Dean Braggs levity was in an orientation meeting in the Science Assembly. The joke was about our basketball team and part of it went like this . . . "I am not going to tell you how many games we won last year. But, the GAME we did win . . ."

In spite of whatever destiny has decided our win-loss record will be this year, we have great basketball team material. (The best that has been here for years!) It is this fact that made our first loss by such a ridiculous margin, a bit much. If team records from past years become applicable for this year, we are in for another season of bitter defeats. In the past these were somewhat more easy to live with but this year they simply will not do.

As far as coaching goes, there is only one official coach. However, any spectator can surmise that if team strategy is failing, new tactics should be inserted immediately. Our team appears to have only one play. Nonetheless, reliable sources say that the "one play" has ten options. After watching our team feed the ball into opponents' hands so often on January 16, one has to wonder to whose advantage our ten play options are supposed to work. Usually reliable sources also say our team was tired early in the game because they had not had the opportunity to practice a full court. Of course, this is because only half of our home court is functional. But hasn't anyone thought to have the team practice at the community center where our home games are played? As a matter of fact a jog to the center might help our team's wind problem.

Let's hope that by the time this paper comes out our team's losing record will be history. And if that's too much to hope for, let's strive for some decent defeats.

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Letters to the Editor

The following poem is dedicated to all my friends at Bennett College in memory of the many happy and fun filled hours I spent there as grounds keeper, actor, grounds supervisor, poet, maintenance technician and, finally, singer. May Jehovah God bless the institution of Bennett College and its ideal forever, in the name of his son Jesus Christ.

Dear Bennett—I Love You And I Miss You

Dear Bennett, I really miss you and hope you miss me too. Every day that goes by, I'm constantly thinking of you. I hope you understand why we can't be together for a while. But nothing will ever erase you from my mind, because you're proven to be good for me. And I feel you're one of a kind. I know people have talked since we're not together and labeled me no good. But I'm not afraid of that outside talk. Because I know I was good and kind. And I always did for you what I could. Our relationship was, oh so beautiful, and still it was cool and alert. But that's the way I planned it, so that neither would be hurt, I hope you will take care of yourself, the way I know you can. And I hope you will still have thoughts of me and remember me as your #1 Tractor man!

Love,
Don "Earl" Webster
Maintenance Technician
Bennett College
Actor, Singer, Poet
YES!!!
(Grass cutter)

Editor's Note:

A letter to Earl should be addressed to:

Dorothea Dix Hospital
Spruill Bldg.—Sta. B
Raleigh, N. C. 27611

Dear Editor:

Before the Christmas Holidays, an incident in Player Hall prompted the seniors into definite action.

The incident itself is not important. What is important is that the seniors realized something had to be done about the complete disregard for each other and the self-centered interest that exists.

The affair arose out of a personal matter for one young lady. Others took it upon themselves to remedy the situation. The result was embarrassment for the young lady and an awakening of seniors to the fact that some of us are very small.

The time has come for us to unite. If we can't trust each other, who can we trust. Living, in as intimate a situation as Bennett, provides no room for petty actions or petty people. I say people because I can not refer to such persons as sisters!

The seniors called a meeting and decided that Player Hall business should remain Player Hall business.

Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors, please take note. The example has been set, note one where we stand divided and behave like high school girls, but instead where we behave like the compassionate women we should be. Instead of knocking someone down, give her a hand and help her up.

Integrity is a necessary part of character. It is almost as important as the ability to have and give trust. Turning on each other is no way to achieve trust or to win respect. Most important, what will it do for you as a human being?

Unity,
Pat Hunt

Dear Editor:

I believe that the nursery school down the street under the instruction of a fellow classmate could play in competition with our basketball team, with its leadership, and win!

Jackie Hemphill



Dear Editor:

My name is Eli Williams. I am presently incarcerated at the U. S. Prison on McNeil Island in the state of Washington. I am 28 years old, black and born under the sign of Virgo. In addition, I am 6'1½" tall, 180 lbs. My eyes are brown and my hair is black. I hail from Los Angeles, California.

I am writing this letter in hopes that your paper will publish my name, stating that I am a prisoner desiring correspondence with any young lady there at the college. I am lonely and desperate for outside female communication. Since my imprisonment (over 5½ years), I have been totally rejected by all whom I once considered friends, loved ones and family. So in my desperation I am appealing to you and anyone on your staff to assist and help me hold fast to the reality of the outside life. Thanking you in advance,

Eli Williams
#35326

Dear Editor:

I would appreciate it very much if you could print the following paragraph in your student newspaper:

Twenty-six year old inmate, 5'8" tall, weight 150 pounds, and an Aquarian would like to correspond with young ladies between the ages of 18-40. Race or ethnic background is of no importance. All replies will be answered promptly, and a photograph would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Lawrence Hall #133292
P. O. Box E
Jackson, Michigan 49204

Cafeteria Breakfast by Mary Sneed

Uncertain mixture of slurred voices
Weary from last night's dreams.
White hats and blue scarves tied on uncombed hair.
Angry voices following those in front
Whose cut leaves the others a step behind.
Impatient followers at the end of the line
In search of friends near the door.
The scent of bacon in the air,
Familiar odor of eggs and toasted bread.
A repetition of unpleasantness, but nothing new to be said.

Did You Know?

There are approximately 22 students on Bennett's campus with the first name Deborah, Debra or Debora. Their last names are:

Herbin
McIntyre
Beale
Davis
Gainer
Lowrance
Lundy
Tolls
Alston
Harris
Moore
Myra
Oakley
Phillips
Luttery
Baker
Judkins
Maxey
Smoak
Travis
Tolbert
Williams

Graduate Briefs

Class '74

DENISE LYLES — Medical Technician — Freedman Hospital, Washington, D. C.
DEBRA McFADDEN — Teaching Physical Education—Allen University, Columbia, S. C.
LACINE LOWRANCE — Teaching — New Bern, N. C.
SHARON NEAL — Merchandising Trainee — J. C. Penney — Chattanooga, Tenn. (as of January 6, 1975).
DEBRA PALMER — Thomas Elementary School — Washington, D. C.
JULIET SMITH — Charlotte School System — North Carolina.
DUANNE HOFFLER — Graduate School — UNC-G (fall '74).
JOAN CHALMERS QUICK — Frazer School — Greensboro, North Carolina.

Class '75

GLENDA MATTOX began working in the Corporate Communications Division as a college appointee at Metropolitan Life's headquarters, New York City, on Dec. 31, 1974. Glenda participated in the Summer Internship Program during 1974. This program was designed to encourage students from predominantly Black colleges in their junior year to participate and seek full time positions with Metropolitan upon graduation. Glenda made an outstanding contribution during her summer experience and was recognized in the company's home office Newsletter.