

Dining Hall Rating Returns to "A"; Mrs. Jones: "We'll Try to Keep It"

by Lennet Hill

Much talk is going on about the dining hall, such as, what changes have been made for the dining hall to receive an "A" sanitation grade after the low rating it received last February.

A telephone call from a concerned student complaining that roaches had been found in the food, resulted in the dining hall's sanitation grade being dropped from an "A" to a "B" after an inspection last February.

The rating was dropped mainly because at that time the inspector found some rodents or roaches, maybe both, in the kitchen and he took off three points. He also found that both the floors and the ice machine containers were not clean. They lost a point on corrosion of equipment. Bad construction was also found.

On June 14 the cafeteria was again inspected and they received an "A" rating this time. Mrs. Myra Jones, head dietitian said, "We have our "A" and we are going to try to keep it."

Dormitories Are Mixed This Year

by Juanita McGhee

In the past, students have been placed in certain dorms according to class. Therefore many students were shocked when they returned to Bennett and found all the dormitories have been mixed.

The reason for this sudden change is obvious. Bennett has a large freshman class this semester and must fill in all empty spaces to meet enrollment demands.

There are plans to increase Bennett's enrollment to 1,000, by means of recruiters, of students recruiting each other, of the Alumnae Office, and by spreading the good reputation Bennett carries.

So far, Bennett's recruiters have done a marvelous job of recruiting over 200 freshmen this fall semester.

Mrs. Scarborough, director of residence life says, "a large enrollment perpetuates Bennett." She is very happy with the overflow of freshmen this semester, and feels people need an education and we need to reach out and expand.

According to Ms. Scarborough, Bennett's students have been spoiled and if push comes to shove, there will be three students occupying one room. She feels that learning to adjust here will help us to adjust in the future. Ms. Scarborough doesn't expect any major problems concerning the mixture of the dormitories.

In 1968 Bennett had a freshman class of 230 or more and there were three students to one room in Jones and Pfeiffer dormitories.

There are three sophomores now occupying one room in Player Hall, by their own requests.

SGA Starts Newsletter

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One of the newest additions to the SGA will be a public relations committee which will be in charge of an SGA newsletter.

Sheree explained that the newsletter will contain information on student government activities, on news items on Bennett campus which affect students, on legislation that affects not only students but women, in addition to comments by Bennett students, and uncensored editorials.

This year's SGA efforts will be concentrating on such issues as the revised student constitution which will be voted on this semester, more communication with the Bennett Alumnae and will attempt to act as a liaison between student body and administration.

To accomplish this, "The student government cannot function without the student body," stressed Sheree.

What were some of the changes made? One source said that the dining hall was much cleaner this time, and a wall which was deteriorating was fixed. The shelves and drawers in the back were painted by the maintenance department.

Other changes included visits from the exterminator to eliminate roaches. The dumpsters (garbage cans) were changed so that lids could be on them at all times. New utensils (pots and pans) were bought, the ice machine was scrubbed, and the floors cleaned. Evidence of mice prompted traps to be set up for them.

WSP Workshop Was a Success

by Vanessa "Kool-Aid" Bartley
Dynamic Dimensions in Women's Education was the theme of an in-service education workshop sponsored on Bennett campus by the Women's Studies Program (WSP), July 6-10.

Dr. Dorinda Trader, coordinator of the workshop outlined the general design of the different sessions. "The workshop provided helpful information on the extent and characteristics of women's studies programs. Feminist ideas and the history of women's education was discussed." She concluded, "Many faculty members acquainted themselves with material resources for WSP courses and other programs."

Florence Howe, professor of humanities and convener of American studies at the State University of New York College at Old Westbury was guest consultant. Mrs. Howe is also the editor-in-chief of the Feminist Press Publishing house and advisor to women's studies program across the country.

Faculty participants included: William Alcorn, Dr. Charlotte Alston, Mrs. Julia Anderson, Mrs. Mary Jane Crawford, Dr. Ewa Eko, Dr. Lela Hankins, Mrs. Louise Streat, Mrs. Geraldine Totten, Mrs. Burma Wilkins and Ms. Georgie Latimer.

Dr. Trader summarized the workshop by saying "In general the workshop was both informative and consciousness-raising. I feel the workshop provided the faculty participants with a greater understanding of the nature of women's studies. The workshop met the objectives which had been formulated."

In spite of the efforts to institute the WSP on campus, no students registered for the course. However, a mini-course will be taught later this semester for one credit. The mini-course will run for five weeks and only five students are needed to start these courses.

More Recruiters; Matriculation High

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came from the southern area, 52 from the northern area and 11 came from different parts of the western area of the United States.

Mrs. Mary Eady noted that this was the biggest freshman class at Bennett since 1968 and she attributed the increase to a stepping-up of the recruitment program. She noted that last year two full-time recruiters were added to the staff, bringing the total to three.

Mrs. Eady said that she was very pleased with the freshman enrollment, which represents a 41 per cent increase over last year. She said that she hoped for an even larger increase in future years as the recruiting program continues.

She also noted that there were more students this year whose mothers had gone to Bennett.

R.O.T.C.: A Challenge for Women

Belle Hangs With Boys

by Joyce Bass

Women in the military is an accepted way of life. At Bennett College, Geneva Carswell, a senior political science major discovered that being a part of the Army ROTC program at the A&T State University has as many advantages for women as it does for their male counter-part.

This summer, Geneva completed her officer's training during a six week advanced camp at Fort Bragg, N. C. According to Major Lazelle E. Free, an instructor in the Military Science Program at A&T, the camp was an intensified training program.

"Geneva was taught the basic fundamentals of the individual soldier, the basic training of the ROTC. Activities included first aid, drilling and physical conditioning and the use of weapons for the purpose of self-defense," he said.

"Geneva did quite well," he added.

Geneva feels that many people stereotype women and think they should not go into the military. She said, "There are all sorts of jobs, and ROTC is a job too. I've crawled in the mud just like the guys and I didn't think I could ever do that."

This summer Geneva, a native of Cochran, Ga., was a member of Charlie Company, 5th Platoon, First Battalion and was the only

black woman in the group. Each platoon had several positions of authority that changed each day and were given to a selected member of the battalion. During the course of the camp, Geneva held the positions of 1st. sergeant and squad leader.

"My job as squad leader was the toughest. It was almost like being on a sorority line. You always had to know where everyone was. I felt like a mother," said Geneva.

As a part of the platoon, the women drilled in the use of arms. "We assembled and disassembled 45 mm pistols, M16 rifles, M60 machine guns, 155 mm Howitzers (a short cannon) and replicas of live field mines," she said.

Karate was also part of their self-defense training.

One of the most exhausting drills was that of the tank. "Each person had to jump into a fox hole while a tank drove overhead," said Geneva. The day she had to jump, it rained, and no protective covering is used in the fox hole. "Plus, when the tank drove over me, it stopped with the wheels turning right over my head."

Military life is nothing new for Geneva, who comes from a family with a military history. "My father was an officer in the service and I have a brother in the Air Force," she stated. Geneva is the

only girl in her family, which has four boys.

The only advice her family gave her when she told them she wanted to join the ROTC was "watch out for those Ft. Bragg guys."

"They never said 'No,'" said Geneva.

Major Free explained, "Women do quite well in the ROTC. Those who go into the military are not commissioned as 2nd Lieutenants until they have completed their college program and have received a B.S. or B.A. degree."

Geneva has mixed opinions of women in the service: "Women in the ROTC have to do double the work if they want recognition. And if you are black, you have to do triple the work. Then, you are black, a woman and competing against men for recognition. In some respects I felt that the camp was prejudiced, but it did a great deal for me."

Any young woman considering the ROTC program should enter her freshman year. As a freshman, she is expected to enroll in at least two hours of military science which does not include the drilling and conditioning, also a part of the program.

A&T has one of the largest enrollments of ROTC in the country according to Major Free. He explained that there are more than 25 women in the ROTC program.

"Nine of these women attended the advanced camp along with Geneva. We expect more (women) to come into the program from the freshmen and sophomore classes," he said.

Major Free went on to say that outside recruitment really wasn't necessary. "We don't expect the BANNER or anyone at A&T to recruit for us. We feel that our program is so good, it can sell itself. All we ask is that you tell students to come and view the program. We tell students to enroll for a year and see if it is what you want."

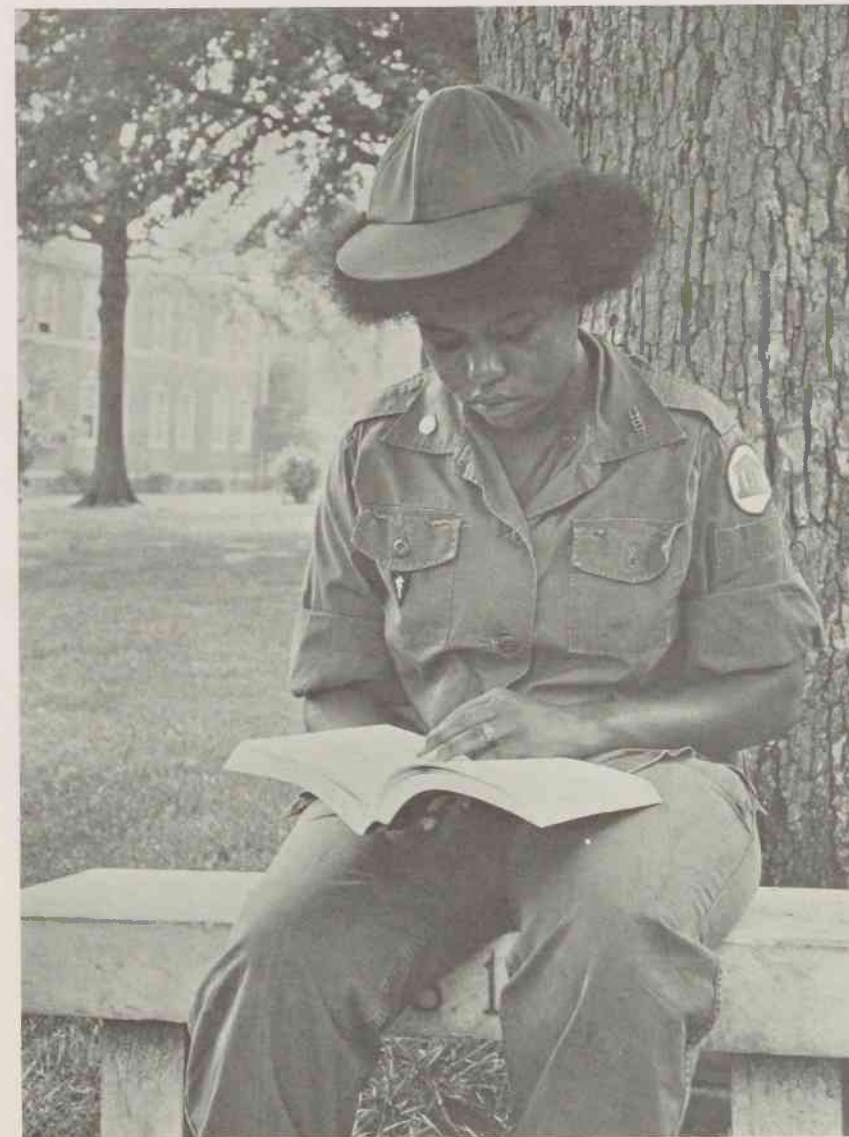
The advice Geneva gives to girls about the ROTC is be in good physical condition.

"Physical condition is very important," she said. "We have run as many as three miles at one time and always with the guys. We also did push ups and jumps."

Geneva plans to enter the service after graduation in the management area. Later, she wants to pursue her M.A. degree in political science.

The Department of Military Science is part of the university, with the same class policies.

"Many people think that you have additional obligations to perform, but this is not true," said Major Free. He said he is sure that he speaks for the other officers in the program when he says "The ROTC wants the opportunity to tell more young women at Bennett about the program and it wants them to come and take a closer look."



Geneva on duty.

Photo by Joyce Bass

President Miller Tells Bennett Family State of College Good

President Isaac Miller welcomed freshmen and returning students and presented his "state of the college" address in the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel at 10 a.m. on September 2.

President Miller told the assembled Bennett family that the state of the institution is good with many "exciting, positive freshmen"; "ambitious, well-motivated upperclassmen," and "a faculty that is better than ever."

Turning to the past, Dr. Miller reminded his audience of the militant days of the 1960's and early 1970's. He spoke of attacks by militants on the standards and traditions of the college and on the value of a college education itself.

He termed the emphasis of that

period on hairdos and clothing as an expression of blackness as "a hollow kind of symbolism."

Through all of this, Dr. Miller said, "We still come back to importance of a good college education." He noted that college expands career opportunities but that it also develops self-esteem and other desirable traits as well as a reverence for learning.

"Bennett is a Christian College," he said; and a "Christian education is not only to learn a technology of earning a living but also to help you formulate a life posture characterized by wholesome attitudes." "Helping one learn how to live" is the concern of the Christian college, he said.

Dr. Miller urged students to make full use of their opportunity,

not just to get by nor to merely complete the requirements of a certain major but to enrich their lives. He noted that Dr. Benjamin Mays, president of Morehouse College, has said "All education is relevant if it improves man."

Dr. Miller said that the ghetto is not some place where people live but it is a mentality, having to do with the "plane of life on which one lives and the quality of one's thoughts." He encouraged the students to "think middle class and this will direct you to another plane." The very fact that a student was enrolled in a college, he said, says to everyone, "I am somebody special," and he encouraged students to think of themselves in that way and make the most of their Bennett stay.