

Students Must Get Involved

As the year begins to bloom into spring and May hastens, along with Student Senate elections, one cannot help but wonder who will take the time to get involved. Who will go that extra mile and stand up as a representative of the majority at Bennett College? Yes, the majority. There are over 500 women students on this campus and that is definitely a majority when it is compared to 75 or more faculty and administrative staff.

Students profess to have majors that are related to various organizations and clubs on campus, yet their names do not appear on the rolls of these groups. Why? Does it take so much to give a few outside minutes of your life to a cause that is shared with other young women?

The importance of membership in clubs and organizations such as the yearbook staff or choir has not been fully realized.

If you are a music major, then being a member of the choir is a **must**, but students who are history majors often are not members of Pi Gamma Mu. Students who are media majors are not members of the yearbook and newspaper staffs. Why?

When a recruiter looks at your transcript, will she say yes, here is a smart girl, BUT, can she work with a group or in an office situation? Can she work with people in a close situation? Can she follow? Can she lead others?

Many of these questions are immediately answered IF a student has taken the initiative in joining just **one** organization. To be a "smart" student is not all in the books. To be a well-rounded student, outside interests must be sought. Social contacts and career-oriented contacts should be made during undergraduate years.

A wide-range of experiences can be gained through clubs and organizations that are on college and university campuses, but these clubs can't survive or function without members.

The group functions and grows while the individual member grows and benefits as well.

Won't you go that extra mile? When an organization begins its membership drive, ask questions if you are unsure of the total purpose of the group. Ask questions if you are not sure of what you will be expected to contribute. But at least show interest.

The first step is always YOURS.

Women's Studies Program Announced

by Dotty Brown

The theme "An Interdisciplinary Odyssey: Journeys Into The Chartered Future" will serve as the focal point for a series of workshops within the 1978 Lecture-Forum-Workshop Series under the auspices of the Women's Studies Program, on April 3-7, 1978.

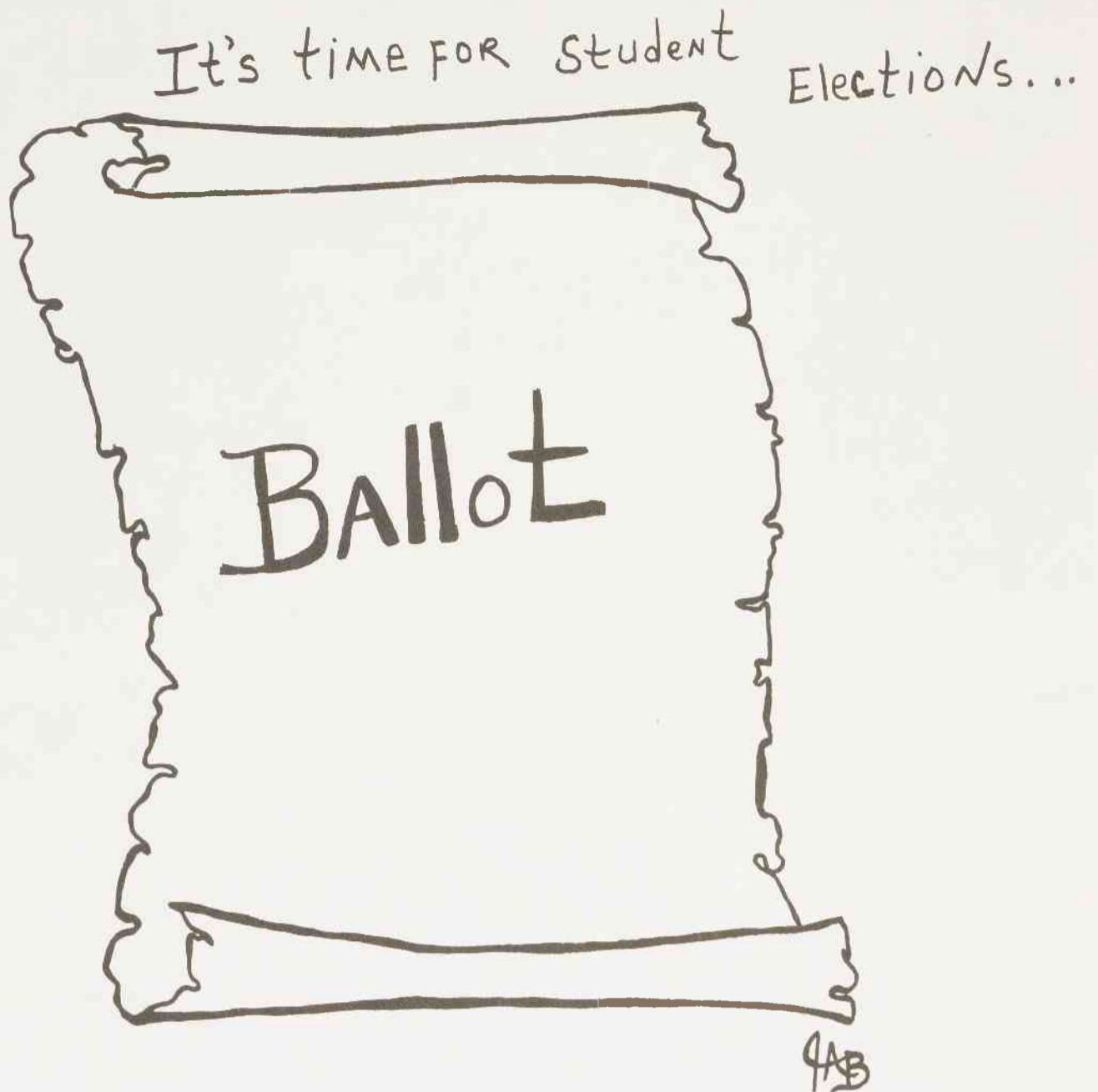
According to program coordinator, Mrs. Geraldine Totten, "This activity of the 1978 Lecture - Forum - Workshop Series will feature a week of various presentations centered on five problems threatening future survival which demand for their solution involvement by third-world women in leadership roles in international service."

The problems of hunger,

freedom, socio-economic dynamics, love, and cosmic orientation in relation to the world will be presented in open forums, workshops, and seminars by visiting consultants and representatives from each academic division and the academic support services.

"How can technology and/or the arts provide both job opportunities and skilled personnel necessary to cope with these international problems which are interdisciplinary and multiethnic in context?" will be the focal question for the presentations.

The week's activities will climax with A Career Awareness Conference, co-sponsored by the National Urban League Incorporated and the Bennett College Career Services Center.



NAACP to Protest South Africa's Participation in Davis Tennis Cup

by Marion Johnson

The NAACP plans to hold a mass demonstration in Nashville, Tennessee on March 18 to protest South Africa's participation in the Davis Tennis Cup Tournament.

In a news release from the NAACP New York office, executive director Benjamin L. Hooks said that "the demonstration will be in line with one of the recommendations from the NAACP Task Force on Africa. It calls on the U. S. government to support 'the

prohibition of the participation of South Africa in all athletic and cultural competition until all South Africans, regardless of race or color, are able to compete for the opportunity to participate without any restrictions or limitations based on race or color.'"

Hooks also urged proponents of these matches to send telegrams to and to telephone the organizer of the Davis Cup matches, which is the United States Tennis Association, their Congressmen, the

mayor of Nashville and the president of Vanderbilt University where the tournament is to be held.

On February 20 NAACP youth field director, Janice M. Johnson and James Brown, director of the youth division, came to the Bennett College campus.

During their stay they held a conference to encourage students at Bennett to attend the demonstration. They also answered any questions pertaining to the situation in South Africa and the effect the march could have on it. "South African blacks don't have an NAACP or any other organization to motivate changes. They demonstrate and rally but are hindered by the white ruling class," said Jim.

Traveling throughout the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida, they hope to get buses of students from each of the schools to attend the demonstration. One school's involvement can perhaps influence other schools to take affirmative action.

This march can and should lead to political changes in South Africa. If not this, then at least it can demonstrate the genuine concern of American black youth for the problems facing South Africa.

Letter to the Editor

In evaluating the advantages of being involved in the student government on any campus, it is important to first investigate what the function of a student government is.

Although it varies on different campuses most student governments serve specific purposes. The best way to find out would be to obtain a copy of the constitution which is used to form the group and usually states not only the rules they follow but also the types of activities students can become involved in.

It's worth the time.

Signed,
S. I. A.
(Student interested
in Action)

For Belles Only: Tips For Job Interviews

by Dotty Brown

It's that time again when thousands of young people are seeking employment. Whether you are looking for permanent or temporary employment there are a few things that you should know.

Don't let anyone tell you that because we are a double-minority (black and female) we stand a better chance of getting a good job. That's just not true. And even if it were, who wants to be merely a "token" for equal employment rights.

So, you're skillful, talented, and deserve a good job . . . so what? During the months of May and June hundreds of thousands of talented, skillful students leave their colleges and universities deserving good jobs. Many of these stu-

dents are never considered for interviews, not to mention jobs. The difference in your chances of getting a job may very well lie in your interview techniques.

First of all, it's a very good idea to go in person to ask for an interview. But if distance does not allow this, a phone call is your next best shot. When you call, introduce yourself, state your reason for calling, and ask for an interview at the companies convenience.

If, however, you decide not to call but to write a letter instead, remember that your letter must be complete but brief. A neatly prepared resumé should accompany the letter. Also, I have found that it is a very good practice to address your letter to one specific

person. If your letter is addressed solely to the personnel office, it may be left lying around for several days.

Your letter should introduce you and state the purpose of your writing. You may want to suggest several days and times for which you are available for an interview. Make sure that you make it clear that these dates are only suggestions. Be sure to include your address and phone number so that you can be contacted.

The importance of an error-free letter cannot be over-emphasized. If your letter is full of grammatical or typographical errors, you can forget about the interview.

Whether you call or write, that telephone conversation or letter is a reflection of you. Leave out the slang and street talk. Here is where your basic English skills come in.

The biggest part is still to come. When you get an appointment for an interview, note the day and time. Punctuality is very important. It is better to be there a few minutes early than a few minutes late. If for some reason you cannot keep the appointment, call the interviewer and let him/her know and ask for another appointment.

And please, leave the blue-jeans home. Even if you're being interviewed for a job at the peanut factory, don't wear blue-jeans. Your appearance is given a lot of consideration by the interviewer.

A casual dress, skirt and blouse, or if you must, pants suit will be fine.

Talk to and look directly at the person who is interviewing you. Answer completely any questions asked. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask them. As a matter of fact, it may be to your advantage to have a few questions ready. Most people find this to be very impressive and a measurement of your interest. And for heavens sake smile! Show off your beautiful personality.

When the interview is over express your gratitude for being considered for the job. Ask when you can expect to hear from them. If you do not hear from them in the time they say, call them. Call twice if you have to. Be sure to give your name, the date on which you were interviewed and the name of the person who interviewed you; and then ask about the outcome of the interview. In the world of work, aggressiveness is a plus.

You know how good you are; now it is up to you to let others know too. Be a reflection of your skills and abilities. Don't be afraid to put your best foot forward. After all, employers are only hiring the best.

A sample copy of a standard business letter requesting an interview and a sample copy of the basic format of a resumé may be found on the bulletin board in the Student Union.

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