

# Honor students, continue success

by Deborah Tillman

Honors, honors, who has the honors? Bennett now has six honor societies, the Senior Honor Society, Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, Beta Kappa Chi National Scientific Honor Society, Pi Gamma Mu National Social Science Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta National English Honor Society, and the newest, Kappa Omicron Phi National Home Economics Honor Society, which accepts those students who meet the criteria for membership. Although the GPA requirements may vary, the common characteristics are leadership, scholarship, and service.

Often we spend too much time criticizing those persons who are on the academic probation list and fail to congratulate those persons who are on the Dean's List and in Honor's Convocation.

We acknowledge those persons who continue to strive for academic excellence and encourage others to follow in their footsteps.

Congratulations and continued success!

# Be proud of all-Bennett traditions

My Bennett sisters, I am proud to be a part of one of Bennett's traditions, the tradition of being ladylike at all times when those around me may be losing their cool and composure. There are times when we are free to express our inner emotions in public, but never to the extent where we cause friends, relatives, guests or ourselves to be embarrassed.

Sophistication is the name of the song if you can dance to the music. The word carries a melody all its own. Sophistication is not being simple or naive but worldly wise and knowledgeable. It doesn't mean giving in to careless, unruly behavior. It means being refined and charming.

We should be ladies of distinction at all times. We should possess good manners, politeness and poise; and we should exemplify good character traits and awareness of what is expected in public.

We should know when to react and when not to react at a ceremony, assembly or performance; even if we are not a strong supporter of the event or the performer, we still should give respect. We should conduct ourselves as ladies, not children who are boisterous and uncontrollable.

Ladies, set an example at all times. If you act like children, you will be treated as such; you will never be given respect. Extend your courtesies beyond your immediate family and relatives. I am quite sure you feel hurt when a family member is performing (whether he or she is good or bad) and someone knocks his or her performance.

There are times when you are allowed to be free and uninhibited but never to the point of totally letting your guard down. We should be conscious of our behavior at other people's performances, remaining sophisticated, refined ladies at all times.

Enjoyment can be expressed through more restrained means, allowing you to acknowledge a good performer. He or she will be delighted to know that his or her performance was well received. Your time in life will come when you are called upon to perform. I hope you will be spared the embarrassment that an unruly audience can make you feel.

D. P.

# McGill offers funds for southerners

The Ralph McGill Scholarship Fund offers scholarships for the 1979-80 school year of up to \$1,500 each to students with Southern backgrounds who have completed at least two years of college, Jack Tarver, chairman of the Scholarship Fund, said today.

Tarver said May 1 is the deadline for applications. He said a number of scholarships are awarded each year to students who have demonstrated a long-time interest in the news and editorial phase of newspapering.

Scholarships, he said, are limited to those young men and women whose roots lie in the South. Applicants must also convince the Awards Committee that they firmly intend to pursue a

career in daily or weekly newspapering. Tarver said the Awards Committee wants to give scholarships to those who are likely to become leaders in the newspaper field.

Successful applicants will be required to maintain a "B" average in order to keep the scholarship.

A letter of not more than 500 words telling why the applicant wants a scholarship, together with a photograph of the applicant, must accompany each application. Applicants also must have a letter of recommendation from a college authority.

Application blanks may be obtained from: The Ralph McGill Scholarship Fund, Box 4689, Atlanta, Georgia 30302.

## From the SGA

# SGA plans activities to generate enthusiasm

by Marion Johnson

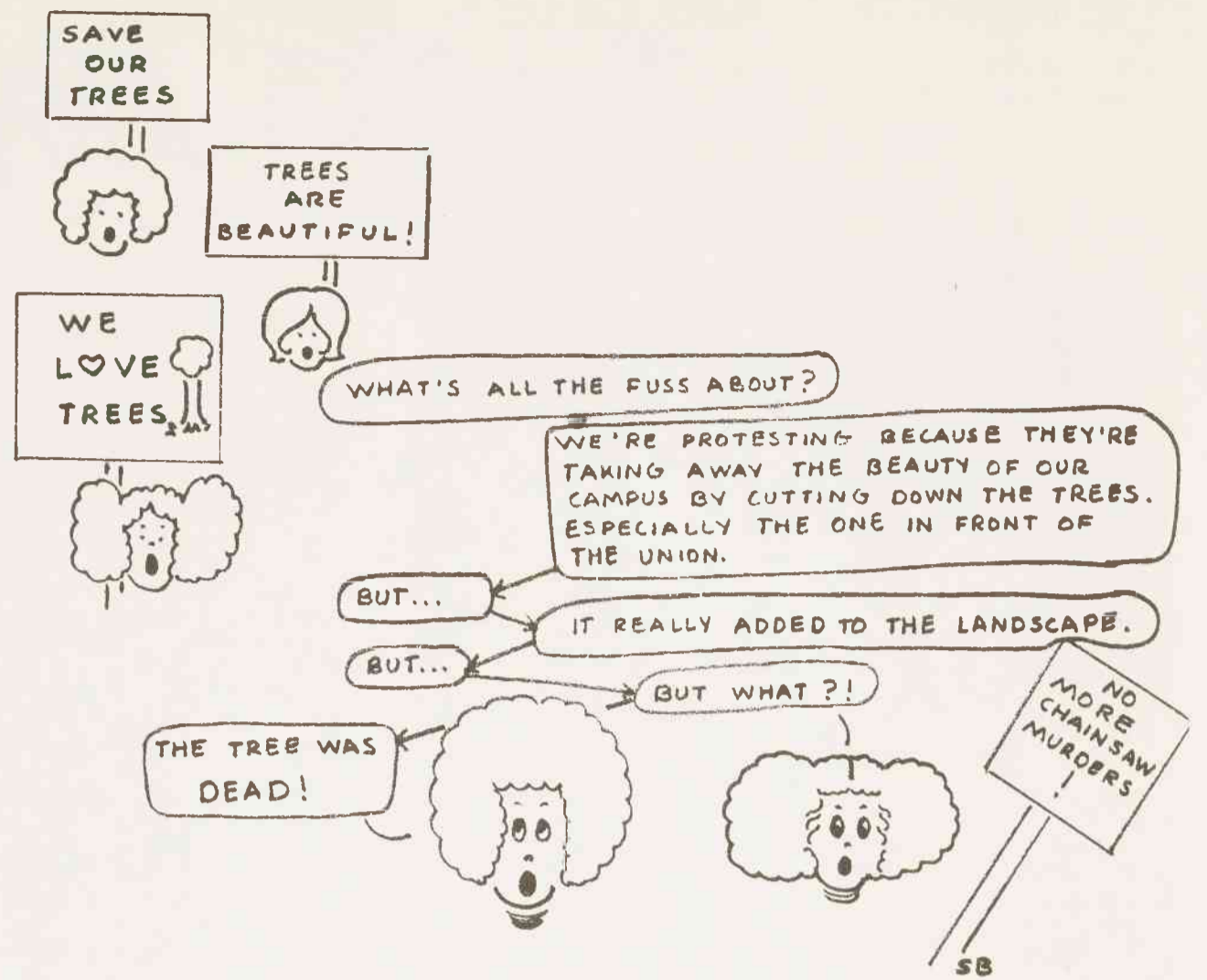
A highly motivated and energetic team of young ladies are leaders of the Student Government. They are in the process of planning several activities for the student body. The activities planned for this semester are exemplary of the hoped-for enthusiasm to be generated through the student body.

Beginning the list was the Winter Extravaganza held on Jan. 27. Participation in the Extravaganza was minimal but the fun was at its fullest potential. Amazingly enough, mostly upperclassmen were at the fair. This presented a question that needs to be answered. "Freshmen, what extra-curricular activities are YOU interested in?"

Many persons have expressed their delight at the Birthday Dinners. There will be two more dinners this semester, one for birthday girls in the months of January, February, and March. Another will be for those whose birthdays are in April, May, and June. These dinners will be sponsored by the sophomore and freshman classes respectively.

Tired of looking at the drab and dreary walls of the coffee-house? Join in on the fun at the SGA's painting party! Look for posters carrying further information.

Two major events scheduled include a formal dance and a 'Las Vegas' style cabaret. Sophomore Edwina Mitchell is in charge of



# Letters to the editor: Conduct, trees, seniors

Dear Editor:

Students often complain of how the faculty and staff don't attend campus activities. I must confess that I don't get out very often for one reason or another, but I did make it to the Faculty Follies production on January 26.

The show was very good, but student behavior was ATROCIOUS! I was surprised at the amount of profanity and the inconsideration. Those that did it—mainly seniors—make it look bad for the entire student body. If that was an indication of how students carry on at other affairs, "no thank you" I don't care to attend.

An early edition of the 1978-79 Banner stated that the freshman class was going to set an example. Freshmen, where were you January 26?!!

Carolyn R. Mark  
Research Assistant

Dear Editor,

A tree is a lovely gift of nature, with the support of human tenderness and care. It is strong and bears the distinction of being powerful, carrying unique traits. A question comes to mind. Why is a gift of nature destroyed? I love the beauty of the trees and the cool breezes that they share on warm summer days. Many a folk lay under a tree and had beautiful thoughts of freedom and the ecstasy of existence.

I loved the tree that was planted by human hands and destroyed by those human hands. It's my privilege, and I am willing to let you know that I disagree with the decision to have it cut down. Maybe one day it will be replaced and have a home where it can live and die on its own. It is missed and I even heard a person say, "If I return to Bennett after 10 years, I will still miss 'THAT' tree."

Debra Perkins

Dear Editor,

This is an open letter to the senior class. I hope by your printing this the feeling of true sisterhood will prevail over our campus once more.

Dear Seniors,

As I sat and reflected over the past three and one-half years I have spent at Bennett, I couldn't help but wonder . . . What if?

What if none of the 100 or more young women in the 1979 class had decided to attend Bennett College and to pursue their academic careers at other schools? What if the hundreds of friendships developed over the years did not exist? What if all the unforgettable experiences, good and bad, never happened? What if we hadn't gotten up out of our warm beds hundreds of nights to open the side door to let our friends in?

What if we didn't 'party-hardy' on each other's birthday or every weekend? What if we hadn't suffered the trials and tribulations of pledging the respective sororities? What if we had never experienced the turmoil that resulted after the pledging? What if we didn't have a Senior Talent Show or the Freshman Talent Show?

What if we hadn't sat up all night studying for Mrs. Addo's or Dr. Bardolph's finals? Or spent endless hours in the biology labs? What if we didn't have "Dr." Lane, Mona-Munchkin, Phyllis, Snoopy or Debra P. and Deborah T.?"

What if? What if? Would we still be the same ambitious, sensitive young women we are today? Would our lives be as fulfilled and enriched as they presently are if none of us had come to Bennett? I doubt it! Deep down in our hearts (some deeper than others), we all know that without all the 'what ifs,' life would truly be different.

The love that is generated in my mind by the thought of the memories these four years hold is immense.

Seniors, I challenge you. I challenge you to remember and cherish the happy and not-so-happy times you have experienced at Bennett. Remember your friends, acquaintances and enemies, your long hours in labs, the computers, World Civilization, Fun Nite, and countless other experiences that have made you what you are today.

It always seems that when the end is near the love that has been hidden for so long suddenly surfaces. There is a saying that goes "Don't wait for a loved one to go before you say 'I love you'." Seniors, don't wait until May 13th to realize the sisterly love that has developed between you and your classmates. Life is too short to waste, and these memories are too valuable to forget.

With love,  
Marion Johnson

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