

Female homosexuals more visible in the seventies

by Deborah Tillman

Homosexuals have become more visible in this last decade, according to the American Psychiatric Association. Homosexuality itself has gone from the category of "sin" to that of "mental illness" to the neutrality of "a sexual preference."

Female homosexuals are called "lesbians." Over the last two years, several books have been published about lesbians. Among these books are, *The Joy of Lesbianism* and *Rubyfruit Jungle*. Both books are written by lesbians.

The major problem cited is that other females tend to feel fear

and discomfort when in the presence of lesbians. The most obvious reason is we all grow up in a heterosexual world where the order is boy-girl boy-girl. Also, lesbians are stereotyped. They are often pictured as women who hate children or as women dressed as men and acting like men.

Many persons have asked why lesbians are all so unattractive; but in the stereotypical way, you only notice the ones who are unattractive.

Rita Mae Brown, author of *Rubyfruit Jungle* says, "The root fear of lesbianism is that any woman can become one. Lesbians have been so hidden, it's assumed we're just like men."

Lesbians are categorized as bisexual or radical. It is not uncommon for a lesbian to be attracted to males because most women are conditioned to need feedback that they are sexually desirable. They want to hear it from both the male and the female.

However, radical lesbians hope to see every woman become gay, and they believe a male-female relationship is inescapably oppressive to the female. Most lesbians are not radical.

The American Psychiatric Association also stated that women are not as threatened by homosexuality as men are, and lesbianism is not as offensive to most people as male homosexuality.



Peace Corps volunteer James Frazier III of New York City is one of 185 volunteers working in the West African nation of Sierra Leone. Several Bennett graduates are presently working in the Peace Corps, while many seniors have applied as volunteers in the Peace Corps. Others are needed.

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"I admit I made a mistake"

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"You did a good job"

The 4 most important words:

"What is your opinion?"

The 3 most important words:

"If you please"

The 2 most important words:

"Thank you"

The 1 most important word:

"We"

The LEAST most important word: "I"

YWCA presents three-day physical fitness workshop

The last weekend of March, the Greensboro YWCA will present a physical fitness workshop featuring Bonnie Prudden, a leading expert in fitness for all ages.

The three day workshop will be March 30, 31, and April 1. The Friday workshop will deal with pre-school and classroom fitness, including exercises for the handicapped. The Saturday workshop will be the pain erasure clinic; and on Sunday Ms. Prudden will deal with fitness for the family,

including older members. Teachers, physical therapists, parents, and anyone interested are invited to attend. Pre-registration is required. Those interested may call Jane Sharp or Randy Brooks at 273-3461 to pre-register.

Ms. Prudden's part in the report to President Eisenhower on the low level of physical fitness found in American children, led to what is known today as *The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sport* . . . and directly to the enormous interest in physical fitness now shown by the American public.

Ms. Prudden presented her exercise programs on the "Today Show" for three years; she has also written for "Sports Illustrated." Her program helped one group of women, all over 70, to attain a level of fitness that exceeded the abilities of that town's

high school girls. She introduced the first real exercise programs for pre-and post-natal fitness as well as baby exercises.

Bonnie Prudden has been in the forefront of fitness for handicapped children and has worked extensively with perceptual handicaps. Her newest work has been in the area of pain erasure. Working with application of pressure on selected trigger points, she successfully helps alleviate pain caused by tension, injury, or illness.

Author of eleven books on fitness, she has produced six fitness records, and 195 TV shows. She has been recognized by the AMA for her work on hypokinetic disease. Ms. Prudden has over 25 years of research and experience and now heads the Institute for Physical Fitness in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

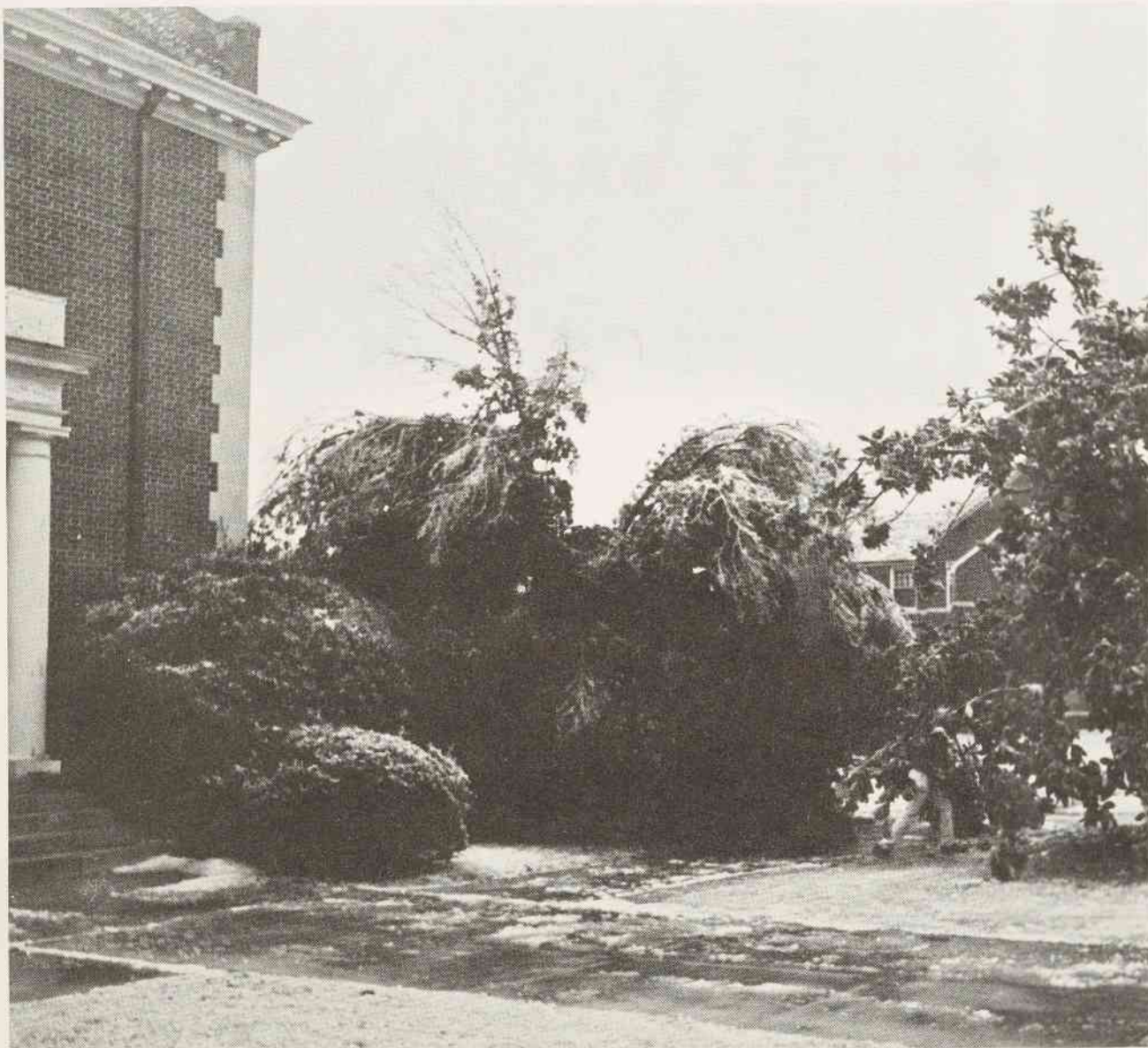


Photo by Myra Davis

The large tree in the center was a victim of the first winter ice storm. This tree later became firewood.

I speak for the trees . . .

by Hattie Purnell

I speak for the trees, the willows, magnolias, oaks and pines
I speak for the trees that are nests for the lovely ivy vines,

Growing on this campus, spreading their arms on cool summer nights,

Giving shade and the bird's rest in their flight.

I speak for the trees of which Bennett College should be proud

Trees that beautify the dull, and give quiet shade to crowds.

I speak for the trees, all their history here untold,

I speak for the trees, whether they are young or old.

The tree that was engraved with a lover's name thirty years ago,

The tree that took thirty long years of tending to grow.

The trees are Bennett; they are tradition here too.

They mean so much to me, as they should to you.

How naive and hypocritical tradition here seems to be:

We can't cut class, but we can cut a tree.

How hypocritical and small tradition here seems to be:

"Be a lady," "be dignified," but deface a tree.