

Greeks' duty

"We shall walk hand in hand someday" are the words of a negro spiritual made famous by the voices who sang the words around the world during the era of the Civil Rights movement.

During the recent NAACP Week and the observation of the landmark Woolworth's sit-ins by A&T and Bennett students, as we reflected on our past and set goals for our future, we could not forget our struggles in this land for freedom and peace. Our history is a strong one and one of which we can be proud. Our predecessors fought for a cause which we must continue to uphold.

In their attempts to unlock the chains of injustice, our brothers and sisters formed many organizations to help unify and strengthen our bonds. One example of such efforts is the founding of sororities for black women.

The originators sought to bring knowledge, strength and unity back to the Black community. These women were strong in their ideals, and they are to be honored for their labors.

Their ideals should be in the hearts of all women who have pledged their lives to fulfill these goals. We should remember that no matter what Greek letter organizations we belong to, we are still Black women. Our struggle is a serious one and must not be ignored.

Sometimes we become lost in ourselves by claiming that one sorority is better than the other. This ethnocentrism leads to conflict, and in turn conflict leads to separation. Separation is the root of all evil. It causes people to think irrationally. Irrational thinking always leads to defeat.

We, as Black women, should stop this nonsense. We should throw down our hatred and malice and form a bond of love and friendship. For if we fail to unify ourselves, then our future is lost, and the founders and our leaders have fought in vain. If we can overcome ourselves, then we can conquer the masses. Then we shall truly overcome.

Michele Y. Murphy



Have you leaned on God today?

Have you leaned on God today? Have you thanked Him for health and strength and the material things He has blessed you with?

If your answer is no to any one of the above questions, then this message is for you. God loves you and He wants you to lean on Him. You might say, "Well, what does that mean?" Simple. It means trusting in Him to bring meaning and direction to your life. It means committing your life to His will and sharing His love and goodness with others that you come into contact with.

Leaning on Him means giving thanks when life seems to be going great and even when it seems dark and empty, and the pressures of this life close in on you. God loves you through all of those times in your life.

A lot of times we make unnecessary problems for ourselves just because we fail to yield ourselves to God's mercy. We fail to draw close and let Him take charge of our lives. We fail to take heed of His words and follow His commandments.

God desires to fulfill our deepest longings for love, peace and happiness. If we would but thank Him for the things that He has already blessed us with, then He will bless us so much more. It's not God that fails, but it is we that fail Him and choose to go our own separate ways.

Proverbs 3:5 says: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." Sometimes the ways you and I see situations are not always right, but we can know the right direction for our lives by leaning to God's understanding and not to our own. The Bible tells us God's ways are not our ways and His thoughts are much higher than our thoughts. (Isaiah 55:8-9)

Remember to take time out from studying or working and thank Him for loving you and being so very merciful. **Lean on God today . . . He's waiting for you.**

Katherine Winston

Banner Meeting

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6:00, Banner Office

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Letters: play trip plugged; pen-pals sought

To the Editor:

Our school is in great financial trouble. I feel that every organization and department should try to relieve some of the financial pressure on the school by raising funds of their own.

In the Dec. 7 issue of the **Banner**, you reported, under the "What's Happening on Campus" headline, that the Bennett College Players' productions of "Sirens" and "The Owl Killer" will be entered in North Carolina Central University's Black Theater Festival. I would like to congratulate the Players on their progress. I would also like to criticize any organization or department that could have but didn't take advantage of the Players' opportunity.

These departments deserve to be criticized because they failed to act on the Players' opportunity in a profitable manner. You would

think that out of all the different organizations on campus one would have planned some profitable activity relevant to the Players' opportunity.

Something as simple as chartering a bus for the occasion may have proven to be profitable. On top of that, it could have meant more support for the Players. I am sure the Players will agree that they could use all the support they can get.

Throughout the campus, organizations and departments are declaring that they do not have ample funds. Now a profitable opportunity appears, and they let it pass right under their noses. What more can one ask for? The productions are great attractions. The entire casts of both plays were invited, all expenses paid, to participate in NCCU's festival.

NCCU is located in Durham. It

is approximately 50 miles away from Greensboro. It only takes an hour and a half to get there from here. It is my understanding that the plays will run a full week. If a department or organization took it upon itself to charter a bus(es) for the entire week and to open seats to the general public, I'm sure it may prove to be somewhat profitable.

We can no longer afford to let these opportunities continue to pass us by. Our organizations and departments must start taking advantage of these great opportunities.

Denise Wilder

Dear Editor:

I am presently incarcerated in the CFF (old Ohio State Penitentiary) in Columbus. I am in dire need of your assistance in publishing my letter in hope of obtaining correspondence with one or more of your students.

I am in CCF for disciplinary reasons. Seems I had too many court tickets. After I have been here for a while, I will be reclassified and sent to another penitentiary. I am presently lying idle. I am making \$3 a month to live on. It is rough, but I do manage. I receive very few, if any letters. My family seems to have deserted me. I have been here four years, four months. I hope that someone will find some interest and write to me.

I am 28 years old, born July 5, 1955, 186 lbs. I have brown hair, hazel eyes. I'm single and have never been married. I enjoy cycle riding, horse-back riding, weightlifting, body building, and all physical sports. I don't drink alcohol; I don't smoke.

If you will publish my letter and let your students know that I am seeking someone to be my friend and to correspond with me, it will be deeply appreciated. Anything you will do will be deeply appreciated.

Respectfully yours,
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eyes. I enjoy reading, writing, mellow music, and keeping in touch with my body and nature.

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy day to read my letter.

Sincerely yours,
Dennis L. Thompson
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To Gloria B. Wise honoring challenge

Four men, they were, or maybe boys

Who showed to us they care
Their names: McNeill, McCain,
Richmond and Ezell Blair.
They started a movement for
change

But they did not win the prize
Until they were joined by others
Like Gloria Brown, now Wise.
And now the challenge is ours.
There's work for you and me.
So let's join hearts and hands
together

And work for all to be free.
There are so many problems to
face us.

There is work for all to do.
Some can lead the battle,
Others must carry it through.
Don't be critical of others
Who are helping in their own way.
If you can't join and help them
Just be careful what you say.
Your words may help and inspire
them.

And when the battle's won,
You may look back on history
And be proud of what you've done.

—Henry E. Frye

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