# Zetas may ease sorority superiority

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When the Zetas started a line on this campus, I was more than a little skeptical about the reception they would receive. For so long, Bennett has only had the AKAs and the Deltas. Because there have only been the two sororities, the campus has been the center of feelings of sorority superiority. Often the sororities have acted as rivals rather than sisters.

It was this attitude that the Zetas were thrust into. I wondered if they could make a place for themselves after such a long absence. I desperately hoped that the sororities would see that the Zetas shared two bonds of sisterhood. They were their Greek sisters and their Bennett sisters. As the time grew on I didn't notice any hostilities from the two other sororities. My doubts were completely erased after the Zetas' initiation. My roommate, who pledged Zeta, was greeted by a sign that read, "Congratulations to our Greek sisters from the Zeta Xi Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc." A similar sign was on the door of the three other girls in the dorm who had pledged Zeta. Although I was pleased that the Zetas had been accepted on campus, my doubts made me wonder about the

attitudes and objectives of the sororities.

When I was a freshman, I once asked an AKA member what sororities were all about because I knew that there had to be more than blood drives, can and paper collecting and stepping. She told me that Greek sororities were supposed to exemplify Greek unity and the brotherhood of the Greeks. However, the sorority members on this campus don't always show unity or togetherness.

Admittedly, these girls show a certain sisterhood among those of their own sororities but they don't always extend that sisterhood to others. Even more they don't inform others about the basics of sororities. Their annual rushes tend to focus on their ability to step or sing and on spotlighting contemporary members of their sorority. But what about the Greek background? What makes one sorority different from the other?

The Zetas named their line the reactivators. They have reactivated the sorority on this campus and I hope they can also reactivate a feeling of sisterhood among the Greeks.

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"I KNOW I SAID WE'RE ALL EQUAL, AND WE ARE EQUAL. BUT SOME OF US ARE MORE EQUAL THAN OTHERS!"

### Jesus is our peace, hope, strength

"But now in Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us . . . . . Ephesians 2:13-14)

In relating the above scripture to us today, we can see that non-believing unsaved persons are far off from God in a spiritual sense in that they have not accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and given Him complete charge of their lives. There is a wall of partition between them and Christ.

You see, when Adam and Eve partook of the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, they were cut off from God spiritually. Before that they had peace, liberty, and communion with God freely. Because of their sin, they died a spiritual death. That spirituai fellowship and communion with God was lost until Jesus died and was resurrected. From the time of Adam's and Eve's sin up to this present day, sin has abounded in all generations. The Bible tells us that we were "conceived in sin and born into iniquity."

When their is sin in our lives, a wall of partition or division is built up between us and God. For this cause, God sent His son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for our sins. Jesus died to give back to us that spiritual liberty that Adam

and Eve once had. His shed blood was the atonement for our sins. No more do we have to sacrifice burnt offerings. Through Jesus Christ, God redeemed us back unto Himself that we could be set free from the law of death. That law of death was sin. Moses gave the law of the Ten Commandments but they could not be kept by the people. "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." (St. John 1:17)

When Christ resurrected on the third day after His bodily death, He arose victorious over "death, hell and the grave." We have to believe in His name and not only that, but be willing to stand up for Him and be obedient to His voice. "Verily, verily I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life. and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." (St. John 5:24)

Jesus, victorious over sin and eternal damnation in death, is the one who is able to tear down that middle wall of partition that separates us from Him. He is our peace. He is our hope. He is our strength. He is even our emotional stability. He's the friend above all others who laid down His life for each of us.

May the God of all knowledge, truth, and grace touch your hearts and minds with the stillness of breathtaking peace just when you need it most.

By Katherine Winston

### Letters to the editor

## Southerners versus Northerners in conflict

To the Editor:

Ever since setting foot on the campus of Bennett College, I have been quite confused about the attitude of Southerners as a whole toward Northerners. Being from a major city, Chicago, I feel I've been plagued. There are many stereotypes of the so-called "city girl." Through these stereotypes I have been truly misread and in a sense a part of me has been lost or even better, "rearranged." I

have a new identity to fill—a "rep" to follow. I am from the "Windy City," so I must possess a "suave coolness." The communication lack between the North and South is quite phenomenal.

I absolutely find it intolerable to follow the expectation of others because I am from the North. Yes, our environments are quite different, but that is no reason for personality conflict. People are people, no matter where they are

from. On many occasions, I have been told that Northerners see Southerners as being slow and ignorant to the ways of the world. In my estimation, it is all a farce. Of course as Northerners we are used to a variety of "happenings," but by no means are we superior!

I have found it quite difficult to relate to people who expect the "gangster lean" type of attitude, just because of the positioning of one's home. I have had, oh!, too many people from Southern areas who just cannot understand that Northerners are not wild and always ready to oppose the system. Another amazing stereotype is the toughness a Northerner is supposed to display; I have also become quite distraught with the ultra-cool status that is slapped upon one because she is Northward bound. I must be honest; Northerners do display a sense of easy-goingness and it simply comes from exposure, nothing to rant and rave about! As a Northerner I feel I am supposed to be an advertisement representing the typical city life.

In relation to one losing herself through Southern attitudes, it is not to the point where one can't function or keep a grasp on what she stands for. On many occasions I have found myself caught up on where I was from and how I was to perform, accordingly. To be realistic it is quite sickening, and I am literally fed up with so many misconceptions. For once in my life, I personally, while on this campus, would like to have a reputation based on who I am and not where I am from.

Southerners, get your facts straight; what you see on television and what you hear on the news deals with a select group of people, who do not attend this institution. I must admit that Northerners do have a tendency to be very alert and on target, due to the fast pace of a metropolitan life. Oh, of course, we've seen a lot and even heard a lot, but what doe one expect coming from a lifestyle where all walks of life are present in all sorts of given situations. It just is unavoidable; it is a part of the city life. Granted, there is a share of city "toughies" but so what, they are of little importance; they simply need a taste of the South! As far as coming in contact with all types of people, one must keep in mind, it is those people who help make this world.

A perfect example would be the so-called "bum" on Gorrell Street.

I personally make an effort to speak, not because I'm from Chicago and used to conversing with derelicts and the sort. It is simply because I love and respect people as they are. Individual personality is what counts, not place of residence. I am so particular on stressing this point in South and North relations because Northerners are so wrongly judged.

In conclusion, I hope that a lot of Southerners will make some effort to view Northerners with a little more compassion, rather than making a big issue over such trivial matters. Major cities like New York, Philadelphia, and Chicago all have their share of extensive exposure, but as a whole we are people too, fighting to understand the ways of the South. I must admit that Northerners do keep their heads high and mighty not because they are ego-tripping on their hometown, but because as individuals we have an enormous amount of pride and a lot to be thankful for. Southerners, you need to wake up a bit and hold your heads higher; you do have a ways to go-but, you've come a long way.

I take for granted, the whole of this situation is actually based on versatility.

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