

Will you be history's victim?

Did George Wallace win the recent Democratic gubernatorial primary in Alabama and sweep all the counties in which black voters predominated?

Did Andrew Young, in an unrelated incident, cry at a breakfast of prominent black leaders last month?

Is a federal grand jury in Winston-Salem considering filing indictments of civil rights violations against the Klansmen and Nazis who killed Sandra Smith, former president of the Bennett College SGA?

Available evidence on campus indicates that most Belles are able to answer anywhere from none to one of these questions although the answers have appeared in the news of the last two weeks. On the quadrangle and in dormitories and classrooms, a newspaper or a copy of *Time* or *Newsweek* is as rare as a shooting star.

Equally unusual is the student who watches the evening news. Dan Rather, Frank Reynolds and Tom Brokaw are talking to millions of people, but not many of them live nine months a year between Washington and Gorrell Streets.

A consistent theme has run through the speeches, commentaries and lectures by visitors and old hands here during the last year.

From David H. Bradley, Jr., novelist and guest last March, to Dr. Katie Dorsett and attorney Joe Williams, speakers at the Political Awareness Festival, to the President of the College and numerous faculty members, the message is

loud and clear: We have to know what's going on in the world and what to do about national or international problems or else, in ignorance, we will let ourselves become victims of the complexities we avoid.

The American philosopher George Santayana once claimed that those who do not remember history are condemned to repeat it. Our knowledge of contemporary history is nearly as barren as our understanding of ancient Rome and Greece, and indeed, even the Bible.

The vast majority of Belles were born during or before 1964. This era includes the civil rights struggle, the Vietnam War, the Watergate scandal, the Iranian crisis and an economic recession (and/or depression).

How many of us would like to wake up one morning in the jungle of the next Vietnam or to send our husbands, relatives and children off on such errands of death? How many of us would like in any way to contribute to a slaughter like the one that the Lebanese Christian Phalange, abetted by the Israelis, committed in September against helpless Palestinian refugees?

The message is obvious: read, tune in and learn how the world works now or else we'll pay later and pay large.

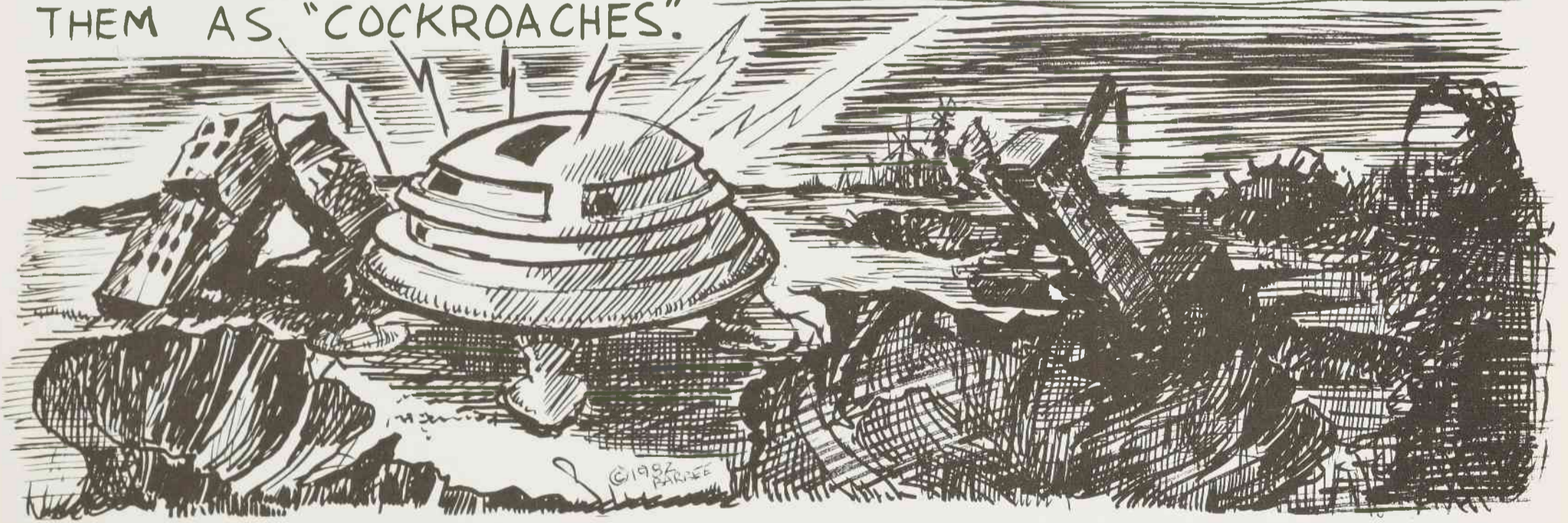
Incidentally, a note to curious: Yes, George Wallace has won the Democratic nomination for governor in Alabama, his candidacy much assisted by black voters. Andrew Young did cry, and some citizens are still trying to put Sandy Smith's killers behind bars.

"TO COSMIC HEADQUARTERS—

WE ARE REPORTING FROM A MINOR EXPERIMENTAL PLANET IN THE 4TH QUADRANT OF THE 71ST GALAXY, NAMED "EARTH," BY ITS FORMER INHABITANTS. THE SELF-INFLICTED DEVASTATION FROM MULTIPLE HYDROGEN BOMB EXPLOSIONS IS TOTAL. EXCEPT FOR AN OCCASIONAL INSECT, THE PLANET IS DEVOID OF LIFE; AND THE HUMAN SPECIES NO LONGER EXISTS.

THE DESTRUCTION BEGAN WHEN THE LEADERS OF THE TWO MAJOR POWERS ALLOWED THEMSELVES TO BE DUPED BY THE SELF-SERVING MACHINATIONS OF AN ANACHRONISTIC IDEOLOGUE, THE PSYCHOPATHIC LEADER OF A SMALL PATCH OF BLOOD-SOAKED EARTH WHOSE SIGNIFICANCE WAS VASTLY OVER-RATED. THE END CAME QUICKLY.

HOWEVER, THERE DOES SEEM TO BE HOPE FOR ONE HARDY SPECIES OF INSECT. THE EARTHLINGS REFERRED TO THEM AS "COCKROACHES."



Letters to the editor:

College needs more light

Editor:
I think Bennett has a unique campus because it has maintained the campus grounds to look like they did when first constructed. This is a plus for the outdoor maintenance staff and the students because of their help and concern.

The minus point is the severe darkness of the campus after dark due to the poor lighting from the traditional gas lamps.

The poor lighting has deterred me from going to the computer room, the library and various campus activities after dark.

Since we are a college for women we need special protection. Security officers are very helpful and effective, concerning safety, but we need better lighting.

Better lighting would enable students to go across campus with

less fear to tend to their studies and also better lighting would assist security officers by enabling them to view campus at a long-range and also protect themselves as well.

The gas lamps don't have to be nullified, but one or two high intensity lamps should be added and the campus would be light enough so it could be observed at a glance.

I realize campus funds might be short, but protection is never too expensive.

I trust the Administration will probe this situation before something happens in the negative aspect concerning a Bennett family member.

Cynthia Spruill

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Editor:
In the September issue of the

BANNER Vol. XLIV, No. 1, I was referred to as Dr. Alma Adebo. Please be advised that my name is Dr. Ademolo Adebo and not Alma as incorrectly stated. Also, I am employed here at Bennett as an Assistant Professor in Political Science and not Sociology-Political Science as incorrectly reported in your paper.

I request that you correct these mistakes in your next issue.

Sincerely,
Ademolo Adebo, Ph.D.

The BANNER apologizes for these errors.

Editor:
I am presently incarcerated in Washington State Penitentiary in Walla Walla. One of our most important goals here is to have or gain correspondence with the outside world for rehabilitation (See page 3)

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