

A.C.S.'s threats

The David D. Jones Service of Remembrance was the most successful event held in many months. The attendance of the students was outstanding.

In the past, a lethargic attitude has been shown towards almost all ACES programs. There have been many changes in the program including its name. The name of the program is now the Academic Cultural Series with the Enriched dropped from the title. The program has also become stricter with a new set of rules.

A list of rules and regulations was sent to each student to explain the changes in the program. Are these changes really just changes or threats in disguise? Whatever they are, the purpose of increasing attendance has been accomplished by them.

A student whose attendance is unsatisfactory may suffer these penalties: 1. Academic honors may not be received; 2. Campus based scholarships will be denied for the remaining semesters a student attends Bennett; 3. Parents will receive letters informing them of their child's lack of participation; 4. Students will not be able to join a sorority; 5. Students will not be able to represent the college in any way.

These restrictions are leaving students with the choice of either attending cultural programs or giving up all the major privileges of college. Out of 18 functions held, 75% must be attended. Attendance is being recorded by the collection of IBM cards with each student's name printed at the top along with the name of the function.

The sluggish participation in the past has led members of the faculty and administration to use "threat" tactics to improve attendance. It is a pity that a college with such an extensive background in tradition has to stoop to force to get students interested in culture. Does using these methods reflect on the breed of women here now? These methods do not reflect on the types of programs offered because most of the programs would stimulate interest if given a chance.

Complaints of boredom are heard everyday, and ACS programs are a definite alternative to sitting in residence halls. Activities should be utilized and enjoyed instead of ignored. With the new rules for attending ACS programs, the activities will be utilized but probably not enjoyed that much because of the resentment shown in following these rules. Regardless of this resentment, there will probably be someone who will find a way to avoid participating if the slightest slip-up is made by the faculty in enforcing the rules.

The Belles would be advised to make the best of an irreversible situation. A positive attitude will only make the surrender a little more pleasant!
(Yolanda T. DuRant)

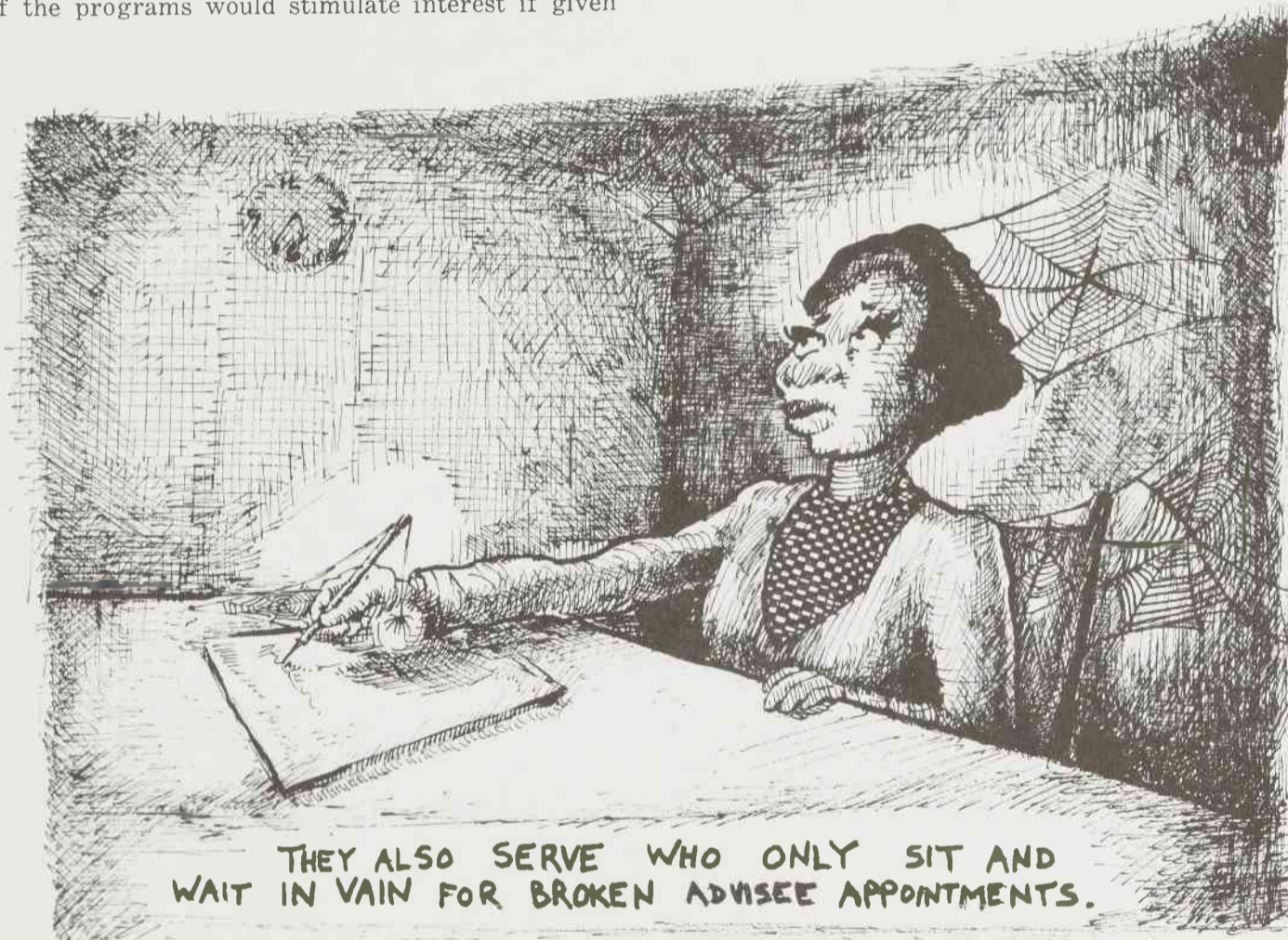
Bury gossip now

In March 1976, the senior class buried a young woman who was stricken with a very sickening and contagious disease. This disease caused deception and hatred. Many Belles worshipped her; some did not. Nevertheless, her spirit is not at rest.

She is still here haunting her familiar surroundings. She has visited and is still visiting each and every dormitory, leaving tears humiliation and broken friendships. She has even caused many of our Belles to depart. When the senior class closed her casket for the last time, they felt we were rid of her. Little did they know that she would come back more evil and powerful than she had ever been.

She continues to possess our souls with lies and deception. She has even gone as far as to having our Belles sit down and think of evil rumors to start on fellow sisters. This evil, demoralizing spirit should be promptly sent back to her proper place—the grave.

We, the Belles, should exorcise "Miss Vicious Gossip" and remand her to her resting place beside the bell where she can rest in peace throughout eternity.
(Lisa Murray)



Letters to the editor:

King event lauded, morals, cuts questioned

Editor:

I would like to commend the students who presented the beautiful and affecting program in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King in the chapel on Jan. 13.

From the opening words through Miss Witherspoon's solo and Miss Johnson's memorable speech to the singing of "We Shall Overcome," the program involved

the audience completely.

It should also be noted that this was accomplished in under 40 minutes. These students seem to have learned what the poets have always known, that maximum emotional impact is achieved by brevity and concentration.

Virginia A. Tucker
Professor of English

Editor:

As stated in the 1981-83 Bennett College catalog, "If students are to realize their full potential as educated persons and contribute to society to their maximum capacities, their training at the undergraduate level must be thorough and must provide the opportunity to develop a value system and philosophy around which they can organize their lives."

I happen to agree with this statement and also feel that Bennett is committed to this plan.

As a member of the Bennett family, I have observed some rather disturbing actions of my peers, such as the unstable male-female relationships, and the use and abuse of drugs.

Ladies, please realize that the habits you form here now will follow you for life. The freedom you've gained by attending college is to be used constructively. If you must indulge in the use of drugs, then indulge discreetly. If drugs hinder your productivity as a student and or individual, then evidently they (drugs) are doing you more harm than good.

If you feel you must have relationships with men, let those relationships be respectful and worth your while. Let there be a future in everything you do. The "one-night stand" is just that, a "one-night stand." Is there any future in that?

For those of you who do not fit into these categories, I'll give credit where credit is due. But for the majority of those who don't, please take heed to my advice.

I am a married adult and mother, which may or may not mean anything to you, but my present lifestyle affords me much of the insight that yours does not. I don't condone your actions, but I'm not pleased with you as my peers. What you do affects me too. How? I'm a member of this college, and what goes on here affects me too.

Perhaps you feel I'm old-fashioned; maybe I am, but the old-fashioned way of living/thinking is much better for your character than this "fly by night" way of living some of you have chosen.

Life is a slow process; a process that takes a lot of hard work, wisdom and a commitment to being the best that you can possibly be. All I ask is that you think about what I've said.

A Bennett Sister
who cares,
Fannie Eleby

Editor:

Many students, who are fortunate enough to go home for Thanksgiving and spring breaks, are not so fortunate when they return and are faced with the possibility of being dropped from

a class because of over-cuts.

The administration should be aware of the rising cost of plane fare and even bus fare has risen preposterously. Therefore, the double-cut system should be non-existent. Students are getting home the best way they can and leaving at a time convenient for whomever they are riding home with. Because the students do not have the alternative of staying on campus during these breaks, it is a must that some of us go home.

The only way that a student is excused from her classes, for leaving early, is when her parents phone to verify this excuse. Many students say when their parents do phone Bennett, they are put on hold for several minutes.

Of course, I am aware that are some students who will take advantage of the opportunity to leave early if double cuts were voided, but we pay for our education, and if we want to short-change ourselves, then as responsible adults we should be given the opportunity to learn self-discipline. I am not arguing against the cut system, only double cuts before vacations.

I am sure that if the administration were to put their heads together they could come up with an alternative to the distressing double cuts.

Deborah Lewis

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