

# Black history month succeeds

February is a month of celebration for blacks all over the country. Black History month has been well recognized on campus. Many of the events have been interesting and have taught us something.

Students should always be eager to participate in these events. Blacks do not know enough about their past and present leaders.

The Black History Quiz Bowl proved that we as black students can improve our knowledge. Many members of the audience were made aware of their lack of knowledge. Some of the questions asked should have been easily answered with no hesitation. This program should have encouraged each student to want to learn more about Black History.

Bennett's vesper celebrating Black History Week was very enlightening also.

All college campuses should have a service of this sort. The songs sung and the prayer said made us feel more aware of our heritage. The singing of the Negro National Anthem should give us a feeling of pride and exhilaration. Bennett is commended for having such a function.

Each year Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is remembered on campus. Dr. King was a great leader and should be remembered but he should not be the only leader remembered by us. We should do research and learn about other distinguished leaders. It would take a lifetime and more to find out about all of our history so we should start now.

Listening and becoming aware of what is going on around us is an excellent start. Learning about our ancestors is just another way of learning about ourselves. (Yolanda T. DuRant)

# Smoke "screens" King's memorial

The federal government is still blowing smoke over the issue of designating a national holiday for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The smoke-screen doesn't consist of the usual bureaucratic fog, however. The Reagan administration is burning an incense whose perfumed aroma stifles the senses and coats the sinus cavities like candle wax.

As we interpret the smoke signals, Washington is exhaling cocoons of apparent harmony. "Yes," the peacepipe seems to say, "of course, Dr. King was a great and good American whose glorious works and martyrdom merit a national tribute. But where, oh, where, during this time of recession and inflation, can we find the funds to underwrite a paid vacation day for federal employees?"

Washington would have us believe that its concern is exclusively financial.

But two solutions come to mind, and it defies our imagination why the government hasn't thought of them.

One: the chancellors of the exchequer could subtract a fraction of the salary for all other national holidays and use the sum to settle wages for King Day.

Two: the President could authorize a one-day furlough without pay in commemoration of Dr. King. When the federal deficit is reduced, then the event could become a paid holiday. Under the aegis of Mr. Reagan, the government has sent workers home when Congress was slow to approve the budget.

In fiscal matters, the government can do exactly what it wants. But it may be we only think we're talking about money here.

Perhaps the webs of sweetish smoke conceal the steady flame of racism.



PUT AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE SQUARES:

- STATEMENT "A" IS CORRECT.
- STATEMENT "B" IS CORRECT.
- STATEMENT "A" IS RACIST.
- STATEMENT "B" IS RACIST.
- BOTH STATEMENTS ARE CORRECT.
- BOTH STATEMENTS ARE RACIST.
- NEITHER STATEMENT IS CORRECT.
- NEITHER STATEMENT IS RACIST.

CUT OUT ANSWERS AND SEND TO: THE BANNER, BOX 2.

## Letters to the editor:

# Impolite conduct, cafeteria draw rebukes

To the Editor:

This letter is in regards to the 'Home Training' of my "Bennett

Sisters." During the Vesper Service on Sunday, January 30, 1983, I thought it was quite rude of the

young ladies who came stomping in. It's not the fact that these "ladies" were late, but they were talking, laughing, and instead of walking on their toes, they were walking on their heels. There was one young lady who insisted on stomping up the stairs. Now that was extremely rude to the choir and the audience.

In addition to the incident mentioned above, during the Colloquium on Wednesday, February 2, 1983, while Dr. Blanch Curry made comments, some young ladies walked out during her remarks. That was extremely rude.

If the young ladies ever get an opportunity to go to a ballet or symphony, they will not or aren't supposed to walk out during the middle of the concert, for that is also rude.

I hope you young ladies take this into consideration and seriously think about what you are doing. This shows me that you ladies do not have any type of class or home training.

Dona M. Marshall

To the Editor:

I would like to express my feelings and opinions about the con-

ditions of the cafeteria.

I am quite displeased with the way the "so-called" dieticians are running things in the kitchen. The meals are undesirable, and they never change. Pork chops, potatoes and applesauce every week, fish every Friday, and ham, sausage, and bacon every morning for breakfast. The sad situation is that most of the time, the food is not tasty, and what is the attitude of the cafeteria staff? "I do not care." The food has caused many Belles to become ill.

The attitudes of the staff are almost as bad as the food. It is very unpleasant when you enter the cafeteria without an identification. The lady will tell you do not come back in there without your identification. It seems that she should know your face after a few months. It is unfair to deny anyone food because of a piece of paper and a picture. I have never heard of anything so ridiculous.

The amount of food they serve us cannot hold anyone for an hour. Do not attempt to go back and ask for seconds or else you will get your head chopped off. They will tell you to come back

at 6:30. Why do we have to wait to 6:30? It would be much more simple for everyone if we were served a substantial amount of food at the first go-round. This will eliminate bad feelings and headaches. This is why our Belles resort to Gus' grill, Church's chicken, and Burger King for their meals.

After all, meals are included in our tuition.

I witnessed an incident one day at dinner. One of our fellow Belles took a juice bottle to dinner to take some soda back to her room. The head dietician saw her and took the soda away from her. It is the student's business where she takes her beverages. The dietician's job is to serve it and that is where it ends.

It is time for better dining conditions. I understand that the school is on a fixed income, but things could be better. After all, many of us are away from home and we should be treated with a certain amount of decency. There is an old saying that is very true. "There is no cooking like Mom's cooking."

Lisa Murray

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