

Viewpoints: Pro and Con

Where has all the money gone?

opinion

by Leslie Monique Barr

As always in returning to campus, I find all the same old problems in addition to new problems prevalent.

Each year students enter this great institution of higher learning complaining about the same things that were complained about five to 10 years ago, and each year we get the same answer, "It's been that way for a long time and that's just the way it is."

But, tell me, why is it like that? Why aren't some of the things being complained

about fixed or changed?

The answer from the administration is that there is no money available. But when money is made available, where does it go?

According to Kay Boyd, SGA president, the activity fee charged to each student and designated to go to the SGA has somehow vanished. In other words, the SGA has not received money for quite some time now. However, the money is still being included with our tuition and fees.

Where is the money? It can't be going to the cafeteria

because the menu is still the same. And it can't be going towards the hiring of new faculty.

Let us take a look at how the money is being spent when it is made available. Thousands of dollars have been invested in cheap paint for the residence halls. This is a waste of time and money because the residence halls need a new coat every year. Another example is the beautiful new health center that leaked the first year it was opened, that still closes at five o'clock and that renders no more services than it did

when it was in the lower level of Player Hall. The point is that since there seems to be such a low cash-flow on this campus, shouldn't the money be spent more wisely?

I hope that your summer was very restful and that you make yourself aware of the things that go on around you. It doesn't necessarily take a slap in the face to know that you have been and are still being abused by your administration. After all, it is 'our' money that keeps Bennett and the administration alive.

Our purpose here is to

grow into mature and responsible adults. What better way to learn responsibility than to take charge and make our administration and faculty responsible in their actions and attitudes towards us.

We need to become captains of our own fates. We must work together to influence all levels of the college. Let's remember there's strength in numbers and we have selected some strong, sharp women as SGA leaders.

President Miller says that "Bennett Makes a Difference." Let's see that it does.

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Criticism must stop now

opinion

by Joan Y. Davis

As another school year begins, a lot of us are filled with the usual high hopes and dreams. Some of us are hoping for good grades, while others are hoping that this year will be just a little happier than last year.

I, too, am full of hopes and dreams. Some of my dreams are for myself while others are for the entire school. I wish for a lot of things, but mostly I wish for this school year to be one that will see more unity among the student body.

It's hard to believe how a campus as small as ours could be so divided. We've split ourselves up, and we worry only about our own problems. Never do we stop to think that others may have the

same problem and that there is strength in numbers.

Often I've noticed that we're quick to criticize our student leaders and others, but when the time for action comes, those of us who were critical are the last to offer support. Painful as it may seem, many of us are all talk and nothing more.

Oh yes, but the worst part is that we offer each other nothing in the way of encouragement and moral support. Why can't we pat the girl on the back who is making all "A" grades?

Why can't we thank the campus leaders who work hard to accomplish goals instead of constantly reminding them of what they didn't do?

Why can't we tell someone that she looks nice and wish her luck as she goes to an

important job interview?

Could it be that we're so perfect that we can find fault with others, or could it be that by giving credit where credit is due that we realize our own shortcomings and faults? That's an interesting question if you're honest enough with yourself to answer it.

No, everyone is not perfect. Leaders are not going to be able to please everyone and they're going to make some mistakes. That's what makes them human. Of course, there's always going to be room for constructive criticism. However, the next time you begin to find fault with things, ask yourself what you're doing to help the situation.

The problem might not be because of others; it might be that the problem is you.

New A.C.S. slate set

by Dee Evans

A new arts and cultural series is being introduced this fall by the Mellon and Lyceum Committees.

According to Dr. Ruth Lucier, chairperson of the committees, the number of events that can be offered will depend in part on the number of persons willing to give support as sponsors of the series.

The series will offer visual arts films, under the direction of Dr. Alma Adams, several musical events including lectures and performers and various programs in world

religion co-sponsored by the North Carolina Humanities Committee.

In cooperation with the Alumnae Office, the committees will invite an outstanding local leader to visit the campus during Black History Month.

For the first time, Greensboro citizens are being asked to contribute to the support of the program. Letters of invitation to potential sponsors are being sent to faculty and select members of the community who display a commitment to cultural advancement and an interest in the arts.

The advantages of being a sponsor include recognition on a printed brochure, special invitations to private receptions with guest artists and celebrities, advance notice of upcoming events, special reserved seating for all cultural events, free tickets when admission is charged and a special invitation to the President's Ball.

"I am certain that this support will be forthcoming and that the 1983-84 seasons will offer a most culturally enriching series of programs for the college and community," says Dr. Lucier.



New Miss Bennett: Nedra Kyna McGee, who has distinguished herself through scholarship and activities, will be crowned "MB" during festivities this weekend.

ALMA ADAMS

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