

Consultants teach real life 101

The career awareness representatives who appeared in classes last week offered a crash course in preparing for life after college.

Students can be grateful for the valuable lessons those apostles imparted.

Hence, it might be profitable to summarize the visitors' advice.

First, they presented the sobering truth that a college diploma is no longer a union card. No business or organization is overwhelmed by a degree anymore.

What employers desire is prepared people. They want women who have been goal-setters and goal-achievers. Being prepared means a student's knowing what she wants and struggling to fulfill her ambitions.

Secondly, the guests stressed the importance of flexibility. In many cases nowadays, graduates cannot immediately enter their chosen fields. That means a student must have something to fall back on, something that she can do.

Third, the visitors emphasized "shop knowledge"—keeping up with advances in a student's field, monitoring employment trends and maintaining close contact with the career services center.

Perhaps all these tips can be summed up in one statement: the future is now. You are already embarked on your career.

Make the most of it.

Picture protest: tempest in a teapot

A newspaper is rarely compelled to respond to its critics, but this month's letters complaining about our page-three placement of Miss Bennett's picture in the Sept. 16 BANNER deserve a reply.

We congratulate the authors on their articulate missives, but we have to insist that they form an example of the proverbial tempest in the teapot.

In the first place, Miss Bennett's picture generally does not appear on page one of the first BANNER. Traditionally, she receives front-page exposure during the second issue—that is, after she has been crowned.

Because we had planned to give Nedra McGee front-page coverage in this issue, our staff chose to use her picture farther back in our first edition as a reminder to students to attend the coronation, which had not occurred by then.

For purposes of variety and journalistic fair play, we try never to use the same person's picture on the front page of two consecutive issues.

As to charges that we are ignoring or demeaning women, we invite you to study past BANNERS. Photos of men only occasionally appear in our pages. The BANNER is, after all, written and put together by women for women. Over the years, the BANNER has consistently campaigned against sexism in all its overt and stealthy forms.

We are grateful that the letter writers read our last issue carefully. Newspapers thrive on attention.

We hope you enjoy our review of the coronation and our profile of Nedra McGee.
(Michael Gaspeny, faculty adviser)

Letters to the editor:

Readers are disturbed by photo's position

To the Editor:

It was a great surprise to see the picture of Miss Bennett on page three of the BANNER. It was also a surprise to see two men on the front page of the BANNER, since neither of them is enrolled at Bennett College.

The student body at Bennett College chose Nedra as queen; therefore, she should have front-page coverage. She—Nedra McGee—represents Bennett College—not the two men on the front page.

Nedra represents all the qualities of a true Bennett Belle. She displays, the students believe, certain admirable qualities; therefore, we should like to see her get the recognition that she deserves.

In previous years, the picture of Miss Bennett has been on page one. Would it not be possible for Nedra to get the same recognition enjoyed by previous queens?

Sincerely,
Kimberly D. Ray

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To the Editor:

Over the years, THE BENNETT BANNER has been a good source of campus news. This paper is a vital link between the students and campus involvement issues. One of the greatest campus events known to Bennett College is the Coronation—the crowning of Miss Bennett. No doubt you will agree, such a glorified honor deserved front-page coverage in the September issue of THE BANNER.

Miss Bennett, Nedra McGee, is cherished in so many ways by her Bennett family. She is the symbol of our institution in every aspect in her reign as Miss Bennett. Such a person deserved a front-page coverage in the page.

Nedra is a highly competent

student with remarkable academic honors. Her leadership abilities among her peers are outstanding. All of these qualities express the importance of having our queen on the front page. You will agree, I am sure, that this type of situation should not be taken for granted in the future issues of THE BANNER.

If the budget would allow it, we should appreciate an increase in the number of papers printed each year. Thank you for the care with which you have planned the issues in past years.

Sincerely,
Melanie Alford

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To the Editor:

The last issue of the BANNER was pleasurable reading. What concerns me, however, is the sequence of the pictures including Miss Bennett and the two men who appeared on the front page. Throughout my years at Bennett, I have been taught the true meaning of womanhood. Every student is taught this; therefore, the location of Miss Bennett's portrait was a bit surprising.

The mention of Bennett College brings the idea of womanhood to many. The attitudes towards women in our society have improved during the current decade, and students at Bennett College see and hear of this turn in the media everyday. It is good motivation for our student body. As you probably know, Miss Bennett has achieved well-known recognition outside of the title of Queen. Giving her more attention in the BANNER could boost the student body morale and generate improved self-concepts. It could also inform the off-campus public

that Bennett College is shaping the leadership potential of its future leaders.

Sincerely,
Helen Green
Class of 1984

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To the Editor:

Women in the back! Must we always stay in this position? Well, it seems as if that's where we put our own Miss Bennett. The person elected to represent the college and its students gets back coverage.

The importance of Miss McGee to Bennett as representative of the college and its women calls attention to the position of women in current society. She can emphasize the place of women currently at Bennett and the need for community expressions. You will agree, I feel sure, that Miss McGee's honor status and achievements, in addition to her election to "Miss Bennett," serve as motivation for other students.

The BANNER, as you know, discusses current attitudes toward women at Bennett and the need for communication beyond campus. It has increased students' readership of THE BANNER and has developed positive student relationships.

May we depend on you as we have in the past? May we look forward to a more detailed story about Miss McGee and her achievements—particularly those which we don't know about now.

Sincerely yours,
Cynthia M. Hayes
Class of 1983

To the Editor:

Beauty, charm, and elegance are some qualities of the finer things in life.

In an appreciation for these qualities we, the Bennett Belles, voted for Miss Nedra McGee as Miss Bennett for the 1983-84 school year. You will agree, as a journalist, that it would have been more appropriate for the photograph of Miss McGee to have appeared on the front page of the campus publication, the BANNER.

You will agree, I am sure, that it is time we women recognize with high esteem the achievements of other women in the various areas of society.

May we anticipate having a photograph and an in-depth article about the achievements of Miss McGee on the front page of the next issue of our paper?

Sincerely yours,
Christiana J. Tumaku
Class of 1985

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To the Editor:

Bennett College's main goal is the "Accent on Women" in education and in society. No doubt, you can explain the reason you presented the lovely picture of the reigning Miss Bennett, Miss Nedra McGee, 1983-1984, on page three of the September 16 issue of the BANNER; as opposed to Mr. Spencer Bursleson, guitarist, who is pictured and placed as the main story on page one.

During the past years, Miss Bennett has been given the honor of being presented as the main

story in your distinguished publication. Should Miss Nedra McGee be denied this honor?

Shouldn't we recognize those women who have excelled in society? Nedra has excelled both academically and socially. She has been chosen by her Bennett sisters to represent them wherever she goes.

The women of Bennett College are looking forward to an in-depth story, focusing on Miss McGee's past and present achievements. Don't you think this would add "an accent to our lives?"

Sincerely yours,
Kyle O. M. Spencer
Class of 1984

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To the Editor:

The smile of a winner and the beauty to match it—this description well states the present reigning Queen of Bennett College.

You will, no doubt, agree that Miss Nedra McGee deserves a place on the first page of the BANNER.

Miss Bennett, as you know, represents the young women here at Bennett; and her election continues a tradition which has been carried out for many years at our college.

Bennett wants to emphasize the importance of women and their achievements in society. Nedra has achieved a great deal as a student and as Miss Bennett.

We look forward to seeing a front-page profile on Miss McGee.

Sincerely yours,
Patricia Mfula
Class of 1985

Dean's list led by four Belles with "A" averages

Last semester 47 students made the Dean's List — 15 seniors, 11 juniors and 21 sophomores.

The following seniors received a 3.40 and above average:

Melanie Alford
Teressa Blakney
*Debra Clark
Mary Cook
Renee Crews
Joan Y. Davis
Judith Ezzell
Regina Hingleton
Nedra McGee
Susan Smith
Kimberly Ray
Phyllis Tillery
Brenda Turner
Rhonda Whitted
Rose Marie Wilson

The following juniors

earned a 3.30 and above average:

Marcia Atwater
Lynell Darrell
Bridgette Franklin
Tonya Horton
Rhonda Jackson
*Garnetta Livisay
Tara Murray
Patricia Rembert
Robbin Rowe
Christiana Tumaku
Toni Watkins

The following sophomores had a 3.20 and above average:

Deidre Aiken
Natalie Bennett
Alaina Cloud
Deitra Evans
*Karen Fisher
Evelyn Fulmore
Penny Hill
Bonita Moore

Tina Morrison
Laurie Murphy
Mary Junious
Demorris Norris
*Andrea Russell
Amanda Smith
Stacey Sullivan
Karen Taylor
Rose Taylor
Theresa Thompson
Cassandra Walker
Thelma Watlington
Lois Wilkie

Those students with asterisks before their names had an "A" average for the semester.

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