

market, and I don't know if any of you have any association or thoughts that you might like to have one, but it's a very sturdy bench. They're grooving out the seat part and nailing the legs into this groove and in addition adding support to it, and its lumber is 90 years old. It's rugged and really a solid piece of furniture.

Quest: Do you have any minority student pressures or problems?

Dean: No. We have had wonderful fortune. We have four black students now and one of them is, has been on the soccer team, he is on the dorm council and is president of the honor council. One of the girls is pres. of the women's dorm council and is really a gem, if she were only a senior, graduating from college, I'd like to kidnap her and make her our Dean of Women or our womens counselor, because she can pour oil on troubled waters, for whites or blacks, and I imagine that she is one of the most highly respected students on the campus. None of the four have had difficulty academically.

Quest: How are they divided class-wise?

Dean: We have three who are sophomores and one who is a freshman. The one who is a freshman was harassed some by the girls from the line, that is the black girls who come in the afternoon and work on the serving line. They're high school girls and they began to make fun of or to tease or to actually threaten Mattie Fair And believe me she is Fair, and she is a beautiful girl, and she would come in with her white classmates and would sit with them and laugh and joke with them, and she began to receive some notes, "You're black, but you're not proud of it" and "you'll never be a whitey," although she is not black, really. Now Angela Jinks, the other black girl, she got some of the serving girls to come up to her room and get to meet Mattie, so this situation is resolved. Mattie's father, who is chaplain at a black college, the Bethune-Cookman college in Fla., called me one time and alerted me that Mattie was really being harassed, so I began to look into it and it's resolved now.

Quest: How effectively is the renovated chapel being used? Any weddings yet?

Dean: We've had one wedding, we've other weddings planned already, We have a vesper program each Wednesday, We have a chorus of Christmas concert. Sam Hagen came in and sang in it. I really think that the renovating of the chapel is as much a symbol as anything else in the change of my own attitude. I saw this as an improvement. -- and now we can go and do some things that other buildings also -- and I think that History Hall, 3 years ago, or even last summer, and now, it's an unbelievable change. We now have a fire escape, we have floors that do not squeak, we have a stairwell that is safe.

Quest: Is Pierce Hall adequate for 600 students?

Dean: Possibly with the new uniform course requirements it would be. It would not have been if we had kept the old requirements.

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