



Merry Christmas



Reading Day Disappears

Better Get Busy Studying!

by Lennet Hill

Are you ready for your finals?

If the answer to this question is "no," then you had better start getting ready now. Don't count on a Reading Day to begin studying because this year it is not scheduled on Friday. It is scheduled for Dec. 11 and 12, which is a Saturday and Sunday.

According to **Dean Chelsea Tipton**, "Reading Day was changed to increase the number of class days within our calendar, because colleges have to have a certain number of days for accreditation." He also said that planning of the school calendar is done by the Executive Committee,

which is made up of the heads of each administrative division. This includes the admissions director, the development director, the business manager, the dean of student affairs, the president of the college, and the AIDP and planning coordinator.

Dean Tipton added, "Some colleges don't schedule any Reading Day at all. Our Reading Day is scheduled so that the college will know that this is the reading period and not schedule any other activities during that period."

Most students feel that scheduling Reading Day on a weekend is like having no Reading Day at all.

Thomasina Stallings, a

sophomore, said, "Since we have been having Reading Day on Friday, why did they leave the change until now?"

Another sophomore, **Deborah Kelly**, said, "I feel we should have a Reading Day other than the weekend, because it is a preparation day. I feel most students would use it for studying."

A senior, **Bertha Kersey**, said, "I think it's terrible to schedule Reading Day on a weekend. We deserve a day to study. Most people would take advantage of it and study."

Another senior, **Hortensia Nash**, said, "I don't think it is right to schedule Reading Day on a weekend."



She'll get to those books sooner or later!

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Belles Tell Truth about Christmas

by Juanita McGhee

What does Christmas mean to me? Christmas means love, happiness, joy, peace and the birth of Christ, said **Freida Huff**.

Robin Flippens said, "Christmas means being with the ones you love."

Jackie Dickerson said, "It's a time of giving and sharing; then again I feel Christmas is commercialized and people really forget the true meaning of Christmas, and that is to celebrate the birth of Christ."

Judy Hatch said, "I think it should be a time of giving, but Christmas is getting to be too commercialized and people are getting away from the real meaning of the occasion."

"Christmas means the birth of Christ, getting presents for my parents and eating," replied **Anita Ford**.

Marsha Roebuck said, "It's a time for sharing and great unity among people; it's a time of rejoicing. People put too much time on Christmas and don't really realize its significance."

Ann Robeson said, "Christmas means all your family coming together and exchanging gifts, and seeing friends and family after a long time."

"It's a gay and merry time, and I enjoy all my friends and family and sharing with everyone. To me, Christmas is the best time of the year because everyone seems to be happy. Remember Christ was born on this day," said **Angel Bynum**.

Shawn Humphries said, "Christmas is a time to be with the ones you love, it's a time of togetherness."

Elaine Mills said, "It's a time of families being together, sharing happiness through giving and receiving."

Vivette Outen said, "Christmas is a time of joy, laughter, and sharing gifts and love with each other. But most of all it means going home to the man I love."

According to **Lula Howard**, "It's a time for sharing and celebrating the birth of Christ and being with family. But most of all it's the end of first semester."

Bennett College Concert Choir Will Hold Its Annual Christmas Concert Dec. 12

by Robin Stamps

The Bennett College Concert Choir will give its annual Christmas Concert on December 10, at Annie Pfeiffer Chapel at 7:00.

The choir under the direction of **Dr. Charlotte Alston** have already started practicing for the concert. Several new choir members gave their views on preparations for the concert.

Wartina Mangum, a sopho-

more from Greensboro, N. C., says, "The preparations for the concert consist of a lot of practicing during the evenings and during the day when there is free time. Sometimes we get tired from practicing but as everybody knows, "practice makes perfect."

An advanced freshman from Atlanta, Georgia, **Guila Cooper** eagerly states, "We are working hard to make

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Second Campus Fire Alert Occurs In Pfeiffer Hall

by Lin Pittman

The second of two fires this semester on Bennett's campus occurred Friday evening, November 19, in Pfeiffer Hall.

Firemen responded to a call from dorm counselors of Pfeiffer Hall after they were alerted by a residence mate of smoke existing on the second floor of the dorm.

Jackie Ransom, a freshman from Washington, D. C., who lives on the second floor of Pfeiffer Hall, smelled the smoke while doing her homework. Jackie was not sure that a fire was in progress, but proceeded to the reception office, anyway, to seek assistance from dorm counselors **Gloria McIntosh**, a senior from Philadelphia, and **Teresa McCalla**, a sophomore from Bridgeport, Conn.



"I don't believe it's that serious."

Photo by Joyce Bass

Gloria used the intercom system to notify students of the fire, and to instruct them to evacuate the building immediately, while **Teresa** went throughout the dorm making sure that all students were departing as designated.

Gloria then rushed to alert security guards of the fire, but when she received no response at the door of the security office, she went to a police call box to report the incident.

Back in the dorm, smoke was discovered emanating from room 202, but the dorm was locked and counselors were not sure that the room was empty. So **Samp-Do**, a visitor in the dorm, advanced to the second floor to assist the young ladies in prying open the door.

All efforts to open the door failed until **Ms. Ophelia Foy**, residence director of Pfeiffer Hall, who was not present at the first, was found to unlock the door. **Samp-Do** entered the room, and approached the scene of emergency with a fire extinguisher to help retard the smoke.

Firemen arrived about three or four minutes after the fire alert was reported, and **Gloria** met them at the front gate. She had not yet found a security guard to unlock the gate and the firemen had to cut the chains on the gate in order to approach the emergency area without wasting time.

Zack A. Browning, superintendent of buildings and grounds at Bennett College, says that an electrical short caused the fire. There were no injuries, and damages are estimated at \$150.

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