

Aid office visits dorms to inform

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After semesters of panicking, complaining and screaming about loans, scholarships and other types of aid, the students have been shown the light at the end of the financial aid tunnel.

The financial aid office alleviated most of those problems with "Financial Aid Awareness Week," an innovative idea developed by Dr. Joseph L. Morale, new dean of enrollment management.

The program, which involved a week-long series of workshops designed to assist the students in helping with the financial aid process took place in the dormitories. "We want the students to have a better understanding (of the financial aid process)," Morale said, "so my staff and I decided to become more involved with the students, so we took it right

to their dorms."

The staff scheduled the week (March 14-18) prior to the students Spring Break to be the awareness week, because according to Morale, that is the usual time when parents are taking some time out to file their taxes and fill out forms.

In addition, the staff believes that this will be the perfect chance for the students to get their information completed for their aid correctly and in a timely fashion.

During the week-long program the students learned about all funds that they are entitled to receive and give a more general understanding of the process required to obtain in receiving those particular funds, grants, or scholarships.

"I was very impressed by the enthusiasm shown by the students participating in the workshops," said, Christine Evans, associate director of financial aid.

"Based on the volume of questions asked by our students, it certainly points out the need for continued outreach programs," Evans said.

"I believe that Chris and Stephanie have done a wonderful job on bringing this office to this level," Morale said.

"They've put a lot into this personally, and they have done great things for the office."

"We intend for this to be an annual event," Morale said. "I am confident we have set the stage for great things."

President Gloria R. Scott and has been approved to occur every academic year to come.

Next year, the financial aid office is planning the event to be an outdoor program where refreshments will be served and the students and staff will become more involved with each other.

Dr. Tiajuana Mosby, dean of student life, said "I really think this is a good idea. Financial Aid Awareness Week will increase the students chances to obtain the maximum amount aid

for the upcoming academic year."

The financial aid office consists of two staff members and student workers.

High praise for College-A-Rama

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More than 160 parents and potential students crowded the campus on April 30, for the Annual High School Visitation Day, otherwise known as College-A-Rama.

The office of admissions sponsored the event. And according to Dr. Joseph L. Morale, dean of enrollment management, "It turned out to be a tremendous success."

The visitors and their families came from as far as Louisiana, California, and Arkansas.

Many attended the week-end festivities of Nubian Nuance which included the annual President's Ball.

A member of the Williams family from Raleigh, said if a student wasn't sure about attending Bennett before, she would definitely be sure after attending this conference today.

Miss Bennett College crowned at Pres' Ball

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projects should be.

"I'm big on community service," Pecchioni said. "I want all the queens to participate in community service."

"Miss Bennett and Miss Royal Blue and White are roles that are meant to work together. "The rolls are both those of leadership," said the new Miss Bennett, a psychology major.

"Nikki is not going

to be following me in what I'm doing. She has her own projects that she is going to be working on."

Pecchioni said that her family was supportive of her, especially her mother, a Bennett Belle.

"My mother said that my sister and I who is also a Belle have accomplished more in the short time that we have been here at Bennett than in the whole four years that she was here."

Chicago trip garners national exposure for students and teachers

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really encouraged me to apply myself so that I can become successful too."

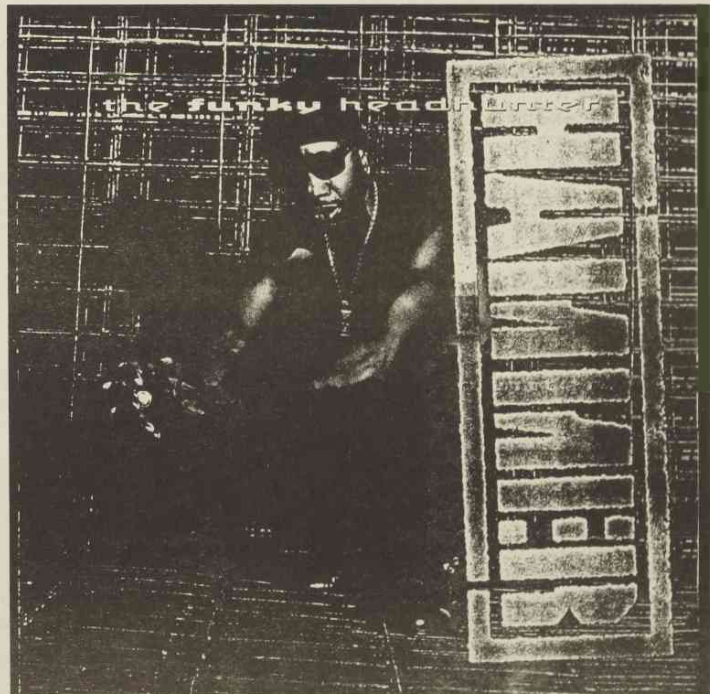
The Bertice Berry Show was a memorable experience for everyone. Miesha Rice, a sophomore from Baltimore said, "The Bertice Berry Show was the experience of a lifetime. Everyone had an opportunity to express themselves

on television and at the same time have fun."

That show is scheduled to air May 6, at 10 a.m. on an ABC channel.

Stephanie Carrino, a speech instructor in the department, was a chaperone during the trip.

"The trip was educational, worthwhile, and a lot of fun," Carrino said.



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