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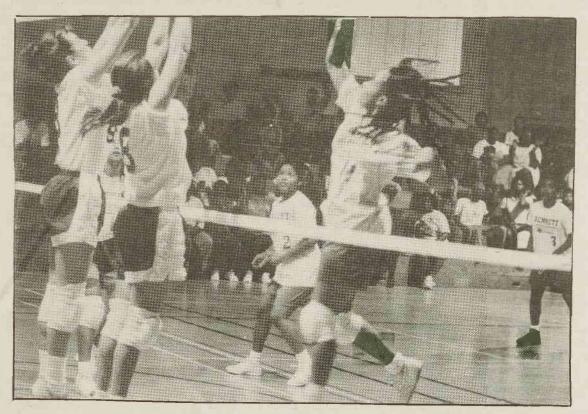


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Team leader Laticia Jolly stands in position as junior Shana Dearing goes up for a spike against a Salem College defender.

Laticia Jolly: Serious about her game

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Banner Sports Editor

When you see Laticia Jolly on the court you know she's not just playing to play; she's playing to win.

A junior majoring in biology, Jolly has taken on a leadership role for the '95 volleyball season.

"She's more aggressive than [she was] freshman year," said head Volleyball Coach Joyce Spruill.

"Her leadership skills have

come to the forefront."

Jolly has had to be a role model for the 12 new freshwomen on the team this year.

"I try to keep a positive attitude and I tell the freshwomen to always do their best and play 100 percent because it doesn't matter if we win or lose as long as we play our best," Jolly said.

She said she was upset that only three players returned.

"I feel disappointed the other

girls didn't come back but we had to make the best with what we had," Jolly said.

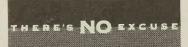
Though Jolly is the team leader, she said that sometimes she didn't want to play the game anymore.

"Sometimes I want to quit but I owe it to coach and the other players to stay on the team."

Jolly has set a major goal for herself this season.

"I want to be team oriented and be a better player."

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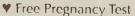
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Grass not growing under feet of new coach

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Many students have seen the new face added to the Bennett coaching family. The addition, all the way from Corpus Christi, Texas to the Athletic Department is Coach Carl Bibbs.

Bibbs has been very busy since he came here.

He began working at Bennett in June as the recreational director of summer programs. He is now assistant director of student activities and the coach of the cross country team.

...soon he will begin working on a indoor/ outdoor track team, ...and swim club....

As coach of the cross country team, he stresses to his runners the importance of both academics and athletics.

"I try to talk to my runners about doing well in all activities" Bibbs said.

He encourages them to take time to relieve stress and tries not only to be their coach, "but a friend and a mentor as well." Bibbs calls his team a good group, that works hard. He said he is very pleased with his team, which is mainly freshwomen.

Bibbs said Nicole Newsome, a freshwoman from Cincinnatti, is one of his better runners. But he added all of the team have improved its time.

Bibbs said that soon he will begin working on a indoor/outdoor track team, and starting up a swim club.

"Depending on involvement from the swim club I will upgrade the club to a NCAA team," Bibbs said

Coach Bibbs said that he likes Bennett very much.

"I found the students and administrators to be very helpful." Bibbs said.

Cross Country Team: Mickelle Arnold; Jamila Mcfarlane; Hope Iglhart; Nicole Newsome; Michelle Johnson; Catherine Reid; Briana Lawrence; Jamika Whattley; Kollita LeSueur; and Beth Jeffries, team manager:

The remaining 1995 season schedule:

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