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**Transportation on Election Day**

Nov. 7 is Election Day. The College van will take students to the polls at the Reed Memorial Church, 1010 Bennett St.

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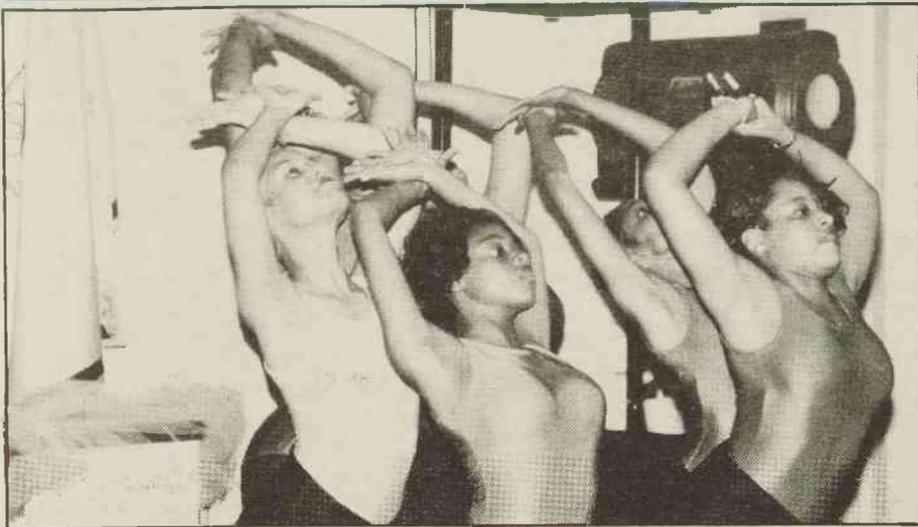


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Belle Image dancers rehearsing for coronation. Front left: Dehija Butler, Kimya Stout, Mecca Right. Front left behind Ayesha Abdul-Rahim and Keante' Montgomery.

## Belle troupe dances into new image

**Robin Hawkins**  
Banner Co-Editor

Bennett Belles take on many extra curricular personas.

There are the writing Belles of the Banner. The spiking Belles of the volleyball team. The Beijing Belles who traveled to the Women's Conference in China.

And now, introducing the dancing Belles of the Belle Image Dance Troupe.

This sassy and energetic troop of tap dancers, ballerinas, modern jazz hoofers, and club rumpshakers is advised by Acting Registrar Larry Partee and lead by Belle Image president, dancer and choreographer Amina Abdul-Rahim.

The troupe, which was formed in 1993, consists of 20 women who meet every Tuesday and Thursday in the Goode gym.

"We have at least a 20-minute exercise and stretch followed by a warm up dance to

get the body ready for movement," Rahim said.

The practice regiment, which lasts two hours, consists of stretches, and is followed by a warm-up dance that paves the way for a sweaty storm of motions and movements to music.

The troupe has had several performances this semester including the Coronation of Miss Bennett, in which the troupe received a "fabulous" rating from Partee.

"If we had more performances everybody would have the opportunity to be on the front stage," Rahim said.

Partee says that he has big plans for the dancing Belles.

"We plan to get new outfits and costumes, a television appearance and more community involvement.

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## SGA leader plans to 'wake up' Belles

**La Keisha Walker**  
Banner Reporter

The Student Government Association's newly elected president, Michelle Taylor, has an alarm clock of new ideas ticking up her sleeves, ready to go off on Bennett's campus.

Taylor, a political science major from New Jersey, has held a class office since her freshmen year. Taylor said that holding a class office is different from being student body president.

"I am not just responsible for one class, but the classes of 1996 through 1999. It brings more work and responsibilities," Taylor said.

"I am the voice of all the students, as well as representing the college at home and

abroad."

One of Taylor's goals is to improve the morale of the students.

"Once you boost the morale, [of the students], everything else will fall into place."

Taylor said that in order for us to move forward everyone needs to be on the same level.

"I could say I want E-mail, cable, etc., but let's be realistic, until we all sing the same tune, nothing is going to be accomplished." Taylor said that there is so much that has to be changed.

"The only way it, [change] will be accomplished is through the support of every one," Taylor said.

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## Professor supplies textbook with details about women, minorities

**Yvette Burton**  
Banner Co-Editor

Have you ever read a book and thought that it wasn't quite as interesting as it could be? Perhaps it does not adequately portray a women or minorities.

This is just what Dr. David C. Pinnix, Music Department chair has thought for years about one of our textbooks.

When Pinnix began teaching at Bennett in 1985, he noticed that something was wrong with the textbook he was using.

"The problem was that women and minorities were under represented," he said.

Pinnix submitted several suggestions that include a more comprehensive history of the contributions women and minorities have made to Western Culture.

His revisions will appear in the new fourth edition. The book will be used in Humanities 201 classes beginning next spring. This will be the last time that the course will be taught as a requirement for graduation.

While his hard work has not gone unnoticed, he does not know if he will receive credit for the revisions.

"I'm looking forward to seeing the new publication," Pinnix said.

"This is also an honor for Bennett as a whole because it shows that professors really do care about the quality of education that students receive here," said Mary Carver, senior education major from Denver.

The new edition of text is expected to be printed this month.