

## Bennett would not benefit if it became coed

**Paquita Herring**

Following the Supreme Court's recent decision in June (i.e., state financed single-sex schools are unconstitutional) the Citadel military college in Charleston ended 153 years of male-only education. For 70 years Bennett's students have not been concerned about the sexism that many other students often encounter on coed campuses.

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I have never given much thought to what Bennett would be like if it were in the same situation as the Citadel — having to provide for a coeducation.

Minor changes would involve living arrangements in some of the residences halls. These could lead to changes in visitation between males and females. I doubt that males would have to greet their visitors in the parlor the way that Belles do now.

We'd obviously have to change our mascot. The "American Heritage Dictionary" defines a *belle* as being ... a popular attractive girl or woman especially the most popular in the group.

It is hard to fathom the idea of Bennett with male intercollegiate sports such as football, basketball, and track with the "Bennett Belles" name on the uniform.

The alma mater would also have to be changed to make the idea of male students a reality. Phrases from the College song such as "...We thy daughters find the fair..." would hold little significance and may even be considered as being discriminatory.

If Bennett were forced to accommodate male students, it may make history, but it would certainly lose a lot of the rich tradition and culture that we have all grown accustomed to.

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# Bellespeak

## What do you think about the curfew?

It's the beginning of the school year and some freshmen have to make adjustments. Photos by Camisha Gentry, Banner Photographer.



**BARIKA BARBOZA**  
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*It is necessary to have a curfew the first semester, yet I think the curfew should be lifted more than an hour next semester.*



**MAIA BONAPARTE**  
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*The curfew is a good thing for us freshmen. During the week there is really nothing to do anyway. We will appreciate our freedom a little more next year.*



**KAMILAH BENNETT**  
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*.. Our curfew is somewhat annoying because it is so restricting. My curfew at home gave me more freedom as an adult.*



**KYRA CARROLL**  
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*We should not have a curfew just because we are freshmen. We are in college and we should be treated as such. ...I don't think we should be treated as children.*



**MICHELLE BUSCH**  
FRESHWOMAN  
MAJOR: FASHION MERC.  
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*There is nothing wrong with having a curfew. It is for our protection. We will have enough time to stay out late after we graduate.*



**LATEEFAH SALAAM**  
FRESHWOMAN  
MAJOR: UNDECIDED  
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*The curfew is fine for freshmen... people have a tendency to forget about the sole purpose for college....every transition requires adjustments.*

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