

# Freshwomen question comprehensive fees

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A bowling trip to Buffaloe Lanes bowling alley was sponsored early last month. Students were charged a \$3 cover charge.

"Although I had to pay \$3 to get in, I had a lot of fun," said Meca Green, a freshman accounting major from Houston. "I don't regret going at all."

Not all freshmen share Green's opinion about the fees. After the bowling activity some freshmen expressed concern as to why they had to pay.

Bennett students are charged

\$1,405 in comprehensive fees which include health services, computer lab fees, registration, but off-campus activities are not included. (See chart).

"Students fail to understand that comprehensive fees don't pay for off-campus activities, such as skating, bowling and horse-back riding," Coach Carl Bibbs said.

"The fees cover on-campus student activities such as coronation, volleyball games, basketball games and the picnics outside every now and then."

"At first I didn't understand why I have to pay to go bowling and skating, I thought it came out

of my tuition," said Chassidy Moore, a sophomore biology major from Norfolk, Va. "Later, I realized that my tuition pays to keep the lights on, to keep the water running and to keep the heat going, so I didn't see a problem. Besides, I'd rather pay \$3 to go bowling with transportation, than pay to see basketball and volleyball games on my own campus."

When students arrive at Bennett, they pay tuition, room and board between first and second semesters. Comprehensive fees are due in full by first semester. Off-campus students pay the same.

## Comprehensive Fees 1997-98

Registration	\$75.00
Lyceum	50.00
Health Services	100.00
Student Union	100.00
Student Senate	75.00
Student Publications	75.00
Library	100.00
Student Insurance	75.00
Athletics	100.00
Student Activity	50.00
UNCF	5.00
Building Use	450.00
Computer Lab Fee	150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,405.00</b>

Source: Comprehensive Fees Sheet

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residents in the dormitories a computer center in the comfort of their residence halls.

During a training session, the residence life staff provided ideas to improve the Living Learning Centers and boost school spirit.

One of the goals of RSDC is to bring the staff of all the Living Learning centers together in order to develop residential life here at Bennett," Royal said.

The induction of RSDC took place at the first student senate meeting at the beginning of the semester.

"I don't want to judge a book by its cover, but RSDC appears to be a great benefit to the people who work with residence life, like myself. I see RSDC as a positive support group to the student body," said Tennille Francis, SGA vice president.

Rebekah Melton, president of

RSDC, said she hopes these programs will build a relationship between residence life staff and the residents of the living learning centers.

"RSDC has already helped the peer counselors become more visible and trustworthy," Melton said.

Officers of RSDC include Rebekah Melton, president; Latasha Gresham, vice president; Shaunda Beaumon, chief of staff; Tonyelle Cook, secretary; Pia Holland, treasurer; Candace Taylor, parliamentarian and Genyne Royal, advisor.

Some of RSDC's upcoming events are a dorm olympics, a pep rally, a kwanzaa celebration, and a valentine's day/black history gathering.

RSDC meets every second Tuesday of each month. During their meetings they take the time to plan activities and programs that will interest the student body.

# ACES speaker provides tips for personal finance

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A representative from a local firm provided Bennett students with information on personal finances during the ACES program, "Managing Your Personal Finances," Oct. 2.

Clarence Watkins, a financial consultant for Merrill Lynch of Greensboro, spoke about money managing, budgeting, and keeping good records.

"Managing finances should start with keeping good records," Watkins said. "Know what you have coming in and what you have to spend. Set up a budget, live within your means, and put money aside each month into an interest earning account or mutual fund."

Watkins explained that emerging investors are college students who are recognized by companies as prospective clients, five to 10 years in the future.

Financial companies acknowledge these emerging investors and have established programs to promote their services to the college students, said Watkins. This idea is used by credit card companies when soliciting students to use their pre-approved credit cards too.

For students having financial problems, Watkins suggested that they talk to their parents or seek financial counseling from a bank representative.

Tennille Francis, a junior accounting major informed the audience about how to keep a good standard line of credit rating dur-

ing college will benefit after graduation.

"A damaged credit rating during college could interfere with future goals, such as purchasing a car or renting an apartment after graduation," said Francis, a native of Chester, Pa.

Dr. Lenora Brogdon-Wyatt, chair of Mass Communications, Speech, and Theatre Department talked about the importance of African-Americans becoming involved in investing.

Brogdon-Wyatt discussed how African-Americans do not know how to properly manage personal finances and how African-Americans are unaware of the many benefits that investing has to offer.

"There are a lot of good business investments to venture in," Watkins said.

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dents brought greetings from their individual schools and gave supporting words to the students in attendance.

Francis told students what their responsibility is as a student attending a HBCU.

"Many people graduate from Bennett, A&T, Livingstone, and Winston Salem State and they never turn back," Francis said.

"They[African-American students] go on to the Harvard's and the Penn State's and when people ask them where they were educated they say " 'Oh, I am a

Harvard grad."

She also reminded the crowd to "...never forget where you were educated first."

Other festivities of the day included a reception, poetry readings, and musical selections. Greensboro's radio station 102.1 JAMZ-FM gave away T-shirts and prizes.

The event was sponsored by the Black Student Government Association of North Carolina and the Student Government Association of Johnson C. Smith.

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