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Dormitories in store for annual facelift

By Deanna Harris
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The end of the spring semester signals a busy time for both residents and the seven residence halls at Bennett.

Students finish their finals. They pack and load their belongings into cars and vans. And, they evacuate the dormitories and head home to enjoy their summer vacation.

Once Jones, Barge, Pfeiffer, Player, Reynolds, Merner, and Cone are vacated by students, the

Bennett College maintenance department has a small window of time in which to prepare the dormitories before a variety of summer activities on campus begins.

Some of the summer activities, include the six-week summer school program, the Freshwomen Summer Institut and NASA.

"During the summer, the dorms go through plastering, plumbing, painting, and anything else that is needed," said Andrena Coleman, director of institutional research planning and budgeting.

The facelift process involves the repairs of the inside and outside of dorms as well as the dorm furniture. Broken door handles, broked window screens, and sofas in the parlor will be replaced or fixed. Another part of the dorm refurbishing includes pest control.

"One of the biggest projects is a major extermination process that Bennett goes through every summer," Coleman said.

Coleman also said that the extermination process should take care of any kind of pest problems such as rodents or insects.

'80 grad speaker Alumnae Vesper

By Amber Lugo
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A minister and 1980 Bennett alumanae was the guest speaker at the annual Alumnae Vesper Service, April 19 in the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel.

During her speech, the Rev. Natalie V. McLean discussed the story of Esther from the Bible and

challenged the audience to live like her. "God was present at everything," McLean said. "Esther gave herself completely to serve her master to the limit."

Rev. McLean also said that Bennett Belles should also have strong character, obedience, prayer, and a strong trust in God.

"The audience was overwhelmed by her strong voice and

sincerity in what she said," said Rashida Miller, a freshman psychology major from East Spencer, N.C.

Candie Hines, a sophomore food and nutrition major from Fayetteville, said that McLean's words were powerful and her message was very inspirational.

The next ACES is scheduled to take place April 30 in the Chapel.

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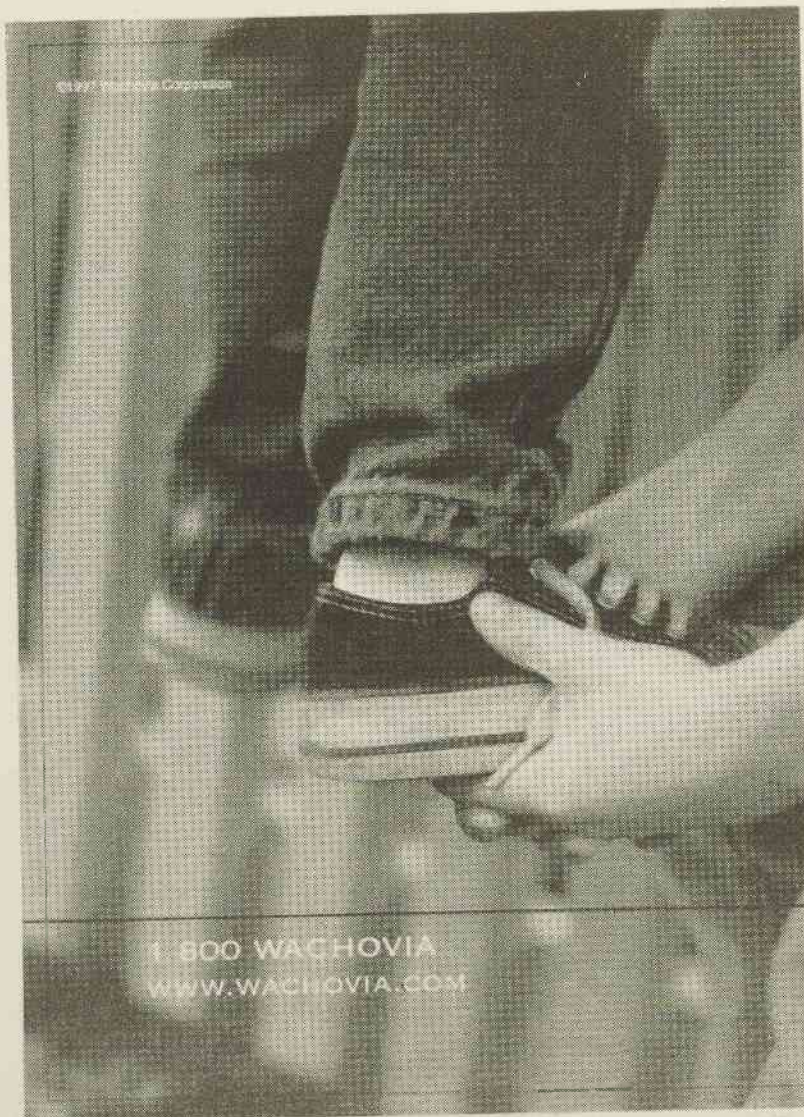
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