



## Turkey day traveling

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Granny is heating her oven, Dad's looking forward to the football game, and the residence halls will soon be vacant.

Why?

Thanksgiving Break for Bennett College, Nov. 24 through 29, is less than a month away, and some Belles are making plans to

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## Bennett, A&T sponsor political forums

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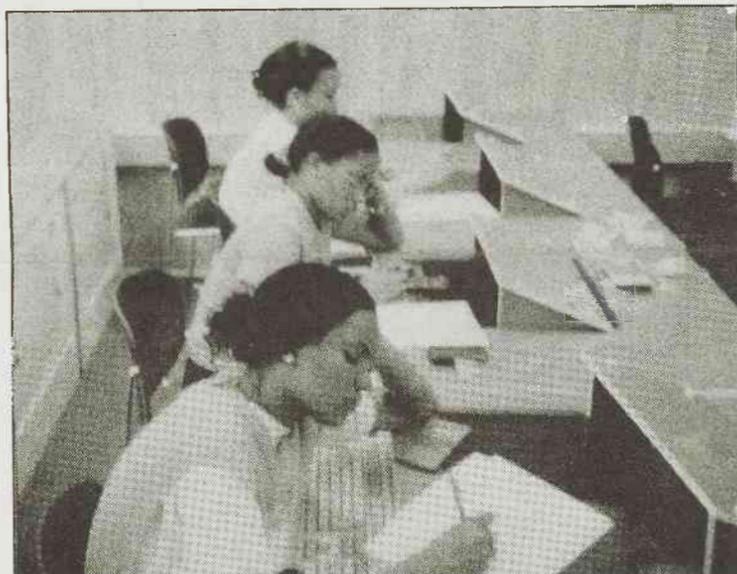
The SGA's of Bennett and North Carolina A&T State University presented the Political Awareness Student Issues Forum Oct. 26-27 to the student bodies of both campuses.

Dr. Nat Erving II from the Future Focus 2020 organization was the keynote speaker for the first forum in Pfeiffer Science Hall.

In his speech about the state of black America in the year 2020, Erving said, "Challenge your assumptions about the future."

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# Computing on campus: Part one



Students using the computers in Pfeiffer Science Hall for word processing. Photo by Marie Smith, Staff Photographer.

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Since the beginning of the 1995 academic year, Bennett has provided students with access to the information highway, also known as the Internet.

There are two facilities where students can be linked to the Internet. The main Internet lab is in the basement of the Catchings Development Complex.

Students have access to Microsoft's Internet Explorer and the Netscape servers on the five operating computers (three computers do not work). This is the only computer lab on campus where students can visit chat rooms and send or receive e-mail.

Students can also get on the information highway by using the six computers on the first floor of

the library. These computers are networked to one main terminal which also has to access Microsoft and Netscape. However, students are only permitted to use these computers for research.

The MARC lab, Psychology lab, and NASA MASTAP lab, all located in Pfeiffer Science Hall, have computers that are connected to the Internet. Students are not permitted to receive or send e-mail in these labs, but they may surf the net. There are two other computer labs which are used primarily for word processing that are not linked to the information highway. They are located in the basements of Pfeiffer Science Hall, and Holgate Library. *Computing on campus: Part Two will be featured in the next issue of the Banner.*

# Vice president Oliver discusses her new role

BY DEANNA HARRIS  
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For the past 10 years Dr. Charlotte L. Alston served as vice president for academic affairs.

When Alston was appointed to the new position of provost Dr. Donna Oliver was named as interim vice president in December, and July 1 Oliver was officially appointed to the position vice president for academic affairs.

"Oliver has moved into the position with high energy, real dedication, and commitment," Alston said.

"She is focusing on accountability from students, faculty and

staff. She is setting standards for perfection."

Oliver came to Bennett in 1989 as an associate professor of education and associate director of teacher education.

During her tenure at Bennett, Oliver has provided leadership of various areas within the Professional Studies Division (formerly known as the Education Division).

She has served as the chair of the curriculum and instruction department and director of teacher education. In 1995 she was appointed the head of the Professional Studies Division.

During the 1996-1997 aca-

demie year Oliver coordinated the NCATE accreditation process

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Vice President  
Donna Oliver

for the teacher education program.

Oliver said that as vice president for academic affairs she serves as the chief academic officer of Bennett College.

"I am responsible for directing the academic life of the College and setting its academic tone and goal," Oliver said.

Oliver said that she plans to build on the work of her predecessor, Dr. Alston.

"Dr. Alston has laid a wonderful foundation for more than 10 years. I want to build on that. Any good leader expects that when someone comes after them, they [the leaders] are going to take what they have and expand it and

take the organization another mile down the road."

Oliver describes herself as being "a very structured" person.

"I believe in following policy, rules and regulations as they are written," Oliver said.

"I understand that rules are made to be broken, but there is a procedure for doing that. I have been told that I am very detailed, and very by the book," she said.

"Faculty and staff have told me that my hard work and my determination is motivational, and that by establishing high expecta-

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