

# Kellie Anderson chosen as Bennett's first mascot

BY J. THOMAS  
Sports

The Bennett College sports fans and sports teams recently got help in the cheering department.

Bennett's first mascot, Kellie Anderson, was selected Oct. 5.

Anderson, a sophomore undecided major from Washington, DC, was chosen because of her ability to hype up the crowd during the volleybelles' pep rallies. As mascot, Anderson says that her role

includes "attending games, acting a fool most of the time, and I do have fun."

Because the position is new, the uniform or costume has not been selected. "Now I only have a T-shirt, but president Scott wants me to wear blue leotards and a bell skirt," Anderson said.

"It's one of those old time skirts that flares out and, when I move it, it rings. Other people want me to wear a big bell with my head out."

Anderson said that she does not

want to wear either of those outfits. She said that she wants to make up her own.

"The Belle mascot, to me, is a lady carrying an umbrella, hat, gloves etc. So that's what I want to wear." Anderson said that she will wear what the student body want her to wear.

A student opinion poll to decide the costume for the new Belle mascot will be taken in the cafeteria during lunch and dinner Nov. 18.

# The return of the natural

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Madame C. J. Walker became a millionaire in 1905 after she developed a formula that made kinky hair straight.

For the next 50 years, women wore their hair straight with the use of her product. By the late 1960's to 70's, women throughout the country were wearing their hair without the use of chemical straighteners. By the 1980's women began to wear their hair straight again.

Today some 30 Bennett Belles wear their hair in the natural styles reminiscent of years gone by.

Zenya Cleveland, a sophomore psychology major from New York, is one of the those

Bennett Belles who has made the decision to wear her hair without the use of chemical straighteners.

"Just coming to college I was exposed to different things," Zenya



Shemeika McClain, a freshman biology major from Baltimore wears her natural hair in cornrows. Photo by Marie Smith, Staff Photographer.

said. "Growing up, it was never my choice to get a perm. My mother just permed my hair at a certain

age. When I got here I noticed all the people I looked up to all had natural hair."

Brandy Jones, a junior English major from Wilmington Del. has been wearing her natural

for seven years now. "I didn't want to continue to chemically relax my hair because you never know what chemicals are used in a perm. I have nothing against girls who perm their hair," Brandy said. "It was just a personal decision."

The students who do not use chemical straightener wear a variety of popular hair styles including twists (twisted strands of hair) braids, dreadlocks, and

fades (closely cropped style, with the back very short).

# Provost

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dent Scott holds a substantial work load in trying to raise \$50 million for the Capital Campaign and promoting the College with external constituencies," Alston said.

This new position is necessary not only for the College's growing needs, but also for the students' dreams and aspirations, Alston said. "Seeing a black female provost is important given the leadership opportunities that will be available and to Bennett graduates."

Provost Alston's duties involve

presiding at administrative staff meetings in the absence of the president, assuming the president's role in formal and informal College functions, and representing the College at occasions external to the campus.

Alston said her goals as provost include to continue fund raising and to encourage student participation on the College's standing committees.

Although Alston is no longer the vice president for academic affairs,

she said she will collaborate with that area to assist in improving student academic performance.

"There is no excuse for students at Bennett College to be on academic probation," Alston said she wants to promote the implementation of policies and practices that enhance Bennett. "Faculty, staff and students have the opportunity to influence all constituents of the college community and need therefore to be involved in the decision making."

# Parking

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campus and the owner will be charged a towing fee of \$30 to \$90 depending on the company doing the towing. McDougle said the College has not contracted with a specific towing company yet.

Parking fines must be paid to the towing company. If the violator fails to pay the fine within 14 days of the notice he or she will be subject to losing parking privileges on college property.

"If a student or faculty member fails to pay the parking fine the matter will be turned over to the Interim Vice President for Student Affairs Jimmie Gravely and McDougle," said Public Safety Officer Debra Crump.

McDougle said, "So far Ben-

nett students have been complying with the rules." Approximately 300 vehicles have been properly registered.

McDougle said parking decals are beneficial for the safety and protection of the Bennett College community and for the convenience of the public safety officers.

"If a car has a proper parking decal, the officers can contact students, faculty, and staff members immediately in case of an emergency such as car lights being accidentally left on, or if valuable items are left in plain view inside the car," McDougle said.

The 1998-99 parking decals can still be purchased for \$35 at the Public Safety Department.

# Survey

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vey and plans to submit the results to the College administration for consideration.

"Maybe we'll finally get to see BET or HBO here on campus," said Regina Lee, a freshman mass communications major from Washington, DC.

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