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## Senior class trip canceled

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A hotel with seven restaurants, all non-motorized events, air fare, and meals are what the senior class executive board planned for the 1999 senior class trip to the Bahamas for May 9-12, but the \$566 cost was too much for some.

Jamila McFarlane, senior class president said during the Dec. 2 meeting, the majority present voted against the trip. "The seniors complained that the trip was too much money for the short amount of time that was spent.

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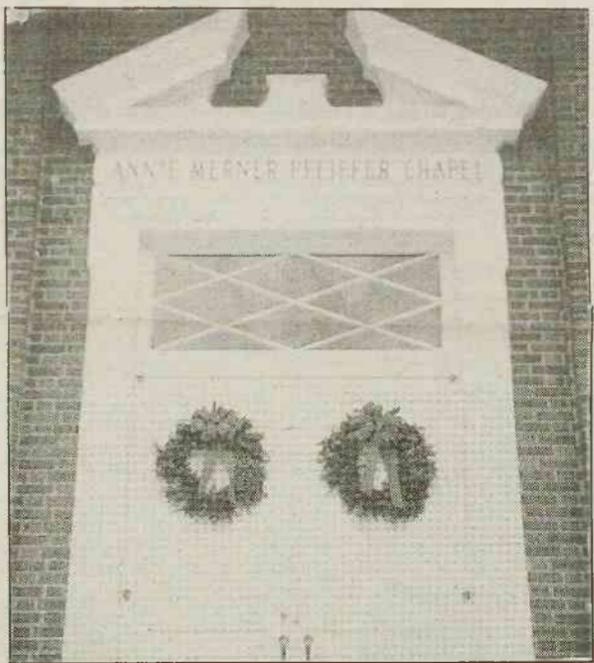
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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas ...

at Bennett

Even with temperatures reaching as high as 77 degrees throughout the Triad, the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel entrance along with residence halls entrances have been decorated to show the Bennett College holiday spirit.

Photo by Marie Smith, Staff Photographer.



## Bennett awarded \$1 million grant

By KENYA A. SAMUELS  
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Santa visited campus early this year, and placed a \$1 million gift into the Bennett College stocking.

The Lily Endowment/United Negro College Fund's Historically Black College and University programs recently awarded a \$1 million grant to Bennett -- the largest foundation gift awarded to the College's Capital Campaign.

The funds will be used to respond to a "wish list" of interrelated projects including the College's latest venture "Tech 2000: Preparing Women for the 21st Century." Tech 2000 is among recommendations proposed by the Technology Vision Committee for

the technological advancement of the College.

The money will also be used to fund the installation of an underground water drainage system and fiber optic wiring backbone. Fiber optic wiring will enable the connectivity of dormitories, offices, classrooms, libraries and laboratories through computers.

"The fiber optic backbone will bring Bennett into the 21st century and will make the College more competitive and attractive to students and high quality faculty," said Bruce Clark, director of telecommunications.

Clark said he a member of the Technology Vision Committee which helped develop the grant.

The goal of the five-year Capital Campaign is \$50 million.

## Bennett preparing for SACS visit

BY RUNGANO NYAJEKA  
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During the past year, the faculty, staff and administration have been preparing for a 1999 visit from members of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

SACS is the designated regional accrediting body for colleges in 11 U.S. southern states. The Commission on Colleges carries out the accreditation process. Once every 10 years, members of the Commission determine the eligibility of a college to participate in programs authorized under Title Four of the 1992 Higher Education Amendments and other federal programs. The Commission's

last visit to Bennett was 1989.

Accreditation of an institution focuses on the improvement of educational quality throughout a region and also ensures the public that institutions meet established regional standards.

Ten committees, composed of Bennett faculty, staff, and administrators have been formed to develop self study reports in respective institutional areas and programs. The reports will be compiled in the Self Study Document that will be examined by members of the SACS visiting team, which is scheduled to occur April 11-14, 1999.

The Steering Committee chair of Bennett is Dr. R. Lee Ponting. Ponting said by January the Self Study Document will be reviewed

by the administrative cabinet, President Gloria Randle Scott and Board of Trustees. "People from other colleges and universities will come to verify the report and discuss it with Bennett faculty, staff, and students," Ponting said.

Dr. Ray T. Treadway has been serving as chair for one of the self study committees, "Educational Program, Faculty." Treadway said, "We are toward the end of our draft report."

"Administration Processes" chair Dr. Margaret Curtis said her committee is making much progress and that things will be within the guidelines for reaffirmation of accreditation. "One thing that has been of continuing con-

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## Christmas break security

BY TANIKKIA TYSON  
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The dormitories close Dec. 19 and reopen Jan. 10 for the Christmas/semester break, but residents may not have to worry too much about their belongings left in their rooms during that time.

Public safety officers are taking precautions with the student possessions left in the dorms. Entrance doors to all the dormitories will be locked and checked regularly.

Leon J. McDougle, director of

public safety, said public safety officers will lock all the gates, except the main gate at the Washington Street entrance. People coming to the campus during the break must enter through that gate. This will enable the officers to monitor all visitors.

McDougle also said that all lights will be activated on the grounds and outside buildings.

If any emergencies arise concerning a student's vehicle or valuables, the Public Safety Office will notify Greensboro police first.

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