

New center director at WLI to teach self-care management

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"My mission in life is to develop young women." This is the statement Dr. Janice Brewington, made about her position as the new director for the Center For Women and Health at the Women's Leadership Institute.

A pediatric nurse practitioner, Brewington said she hopes to bring a better understanding of self-care management to the Bennett Col-

lege community. "Self-care management involves us taking control of both our lives and ourselves, so that we can better ourselves and maintain our health," she said. Brewington said that self-care management involves taking care of the physical, mental, and spiritual health. "There is a definite link between each of these aspects." Brewington is working with Dr. Roxanna Scott, acting chair of the Psychology Department on a project to bring

self-care management to Bennett students. She said she plans to arrange informal forums with students about women's health issues. "I want to have talk sessions in the dormitories, and give the students a chance to talk and ask questions about issues concerning their health."

She said she is looking for students who are interested in becoming trained peer health advocates. "They [students] could deliver the message better than I could."

Different opinions expressed about campus escort services

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The campus public safety escort services have been in effect since fall 1997, and since that time many students have complained about the service.

According to the policy instituted by the Public Safety Department, if a dorm resident returns to campus after 2 a.m., she must wait for at least 30 minutes in the public safety office or outside the entrance of her dormitory for an officer to escort her to her residence hall.

A public safety officer may not be available to escort a student when she arrives back on campus. Officers are often patrolling various areas throughout the campus.

Leon J. McDougle, director of Public Safety, said that the half-hour interval [for an escort] is a reasonable compromise and an orderly solution for all who abide by it. "Students here should govern their time according to their plans," he said.

"Because there may be so many students at once coming onto campus, it may take a half an hour to escort several to different dorms."

On the other hand, some students such as freshman Tiana Curry, a biology major from New Jersey expressed a different opinion on the policy. "I don't mind it, [the half-hour interval] but it's just promoting students to stay out late," Curry said. "The curfew is just a contradictory within itself."

There are exceptions to the escort policy, such as when a student has a medical emergency. "Public safety officers will try to accommodate these students as much as possible," McDougle said. McDougle said he sees no reason to change this policy any time soon. "It's a procedure that we use."

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cern is limited student involvement. I think this is due more to logistics like one's availability and schedule," Curtis said.

Concerning the issue of student involvement, Ponting said that the document will be available to students after it has been reviewed by members of the administrative cabinet. "Access to a written description of what we're doing will probably raise student awareness of the SACS project and probably encour-

age more student involvement."

The Self Study documents are kept in the Self Study Committee headquarters located on the corner of Gorrell and Macon Street next door to the Data Center.

Since 1930, Bennett College has achieved high accreditation. In 1957, Bennett became one of the first HBCU's to be admitted into full membership in Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the former SACS title.

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Then the student will be contacted. Students planning to leave their vehicle on campus during the break have to ask to park their vehicle on the Washington Street lot inside the gate or near the department of public safety. McDougle said, "All students choose not to do this."

Before leaving the campus, resi-

dents who have concerns about broken locks should inform residence life directors and the maintenance staff of what needs to be fixed. "Public safety officers will try to get residence life and maintenance [staffs] to follow through on dormitory flaws," McDougle said.



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