

Annual phone-a-thon raises \$10,620

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The annual phone-a-thon fund drive is a time when Belles, alumnae, and others volunteer to contact as many of their Belle sisters as possible asking for donations for the College.

The goal for the annual phone-a-thon fund drive this year was \$200,000.

The phone-a-thon lasted from March 20 to 31. Approximately 20

Belles, alumnae from the Greensboro Alumnae chapter, and other volunteers gathered in the in the Susie Jones Alumnae House to make calls soliciting donations.

About 150 calls were made each evening with alumnae donations averaging \$100. The most productive night was March 27, when the volunteers raised \$2,620, and 27 alumnae contributed \$100 each. By March 29, the group had raised \$10,620.

"We have been campaigning for this event since August through-

out the year," said Mary Jacobs, Alumnae Fund Raising director. "We [the fund-raising committee] have sponsored events inviting alumnae to come and visit the campus. We have tried to stay interactive with them."

Director of Alumnae Relations and Field Service Maxine Bateman was the campaign director for the previous annual fund drive. Bateman said that monies raised in the annual fund drive over the past five have averaged \$230,000. For the past five years, the goal for the

annual fund has been \$250,000. This year the goal dropped by \$50,000.

"The goal has dropped because we have found that many alumnae also donate to the College's Capital Campaign fund," Bateman said. "The fund drive has not limited the phone-a-thon as the only means of raising money."

"Many alumnae contribute to the fund through class reunion gifts, and many alumnae chapters give gifts as well to support the drive," Bateman said.

The purpose of the annual fund is to raise money to use for the daily operation of the College.

Students have also participated in the effort to raise money. Tomeka Roberson, a sophomore social work major from Greenville, N.C. who participated in the phone-a-thon said, "I really enjoyed doing it. I earned community service hours and it was a great experience to talk with some of our alumnae. There was an instant connection. We were not just anyone calling to bug her for money."

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state inspections for three years.

The Dining Hall received deductions in the following categories: lighting and ventilation; floors, walls and ceilings; equipment and utensils; and food protection. Although the highest point deduction is five, the Dining Hall received no deductions higher than two, which was under the equipment and utensils category.

Environmental Health Specialist John Tilyard said, "The reason Bennett does not do so well is the equipment. It is old and so is the building. These things hurt you. To fix these things would cost the school a lot of money," Tilyard said.

The Dining Hall did not receive point deductions in the following categories: food sources; personnel; water supply; lavatory and toi-

let facilities; waste disposal; animals and pest control; and storage spaces and other.

"They [the Dining Hall personnel] had made some improvements that we had been riding them about," Tilyard said.

During the Dining Hall's previous inspection -- Dec. 2 -- Bennett received an original grade of 88.5. Two points were later added.

Some of the specific things that caused the point deductions included having non working equipment in the kitchen, broken glass in the serving line, and ceiling fixtures that need to be replaced.

"The most important things, such as food handling, and temperature control were pretty well covered," Tilyard said.

Correll declined commenting on the recent inspection.

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trying to find some way to punish us."


Gravely said, "All students should not feel as though they are being punished, but view this as an attempt to get things in order. The purpose of the check is not to punish students but just to enforce a rule that was already in affect and is not being steadily practiced. The College has no plans to retaliate against the students for voicing their opinions. Students without ID cards were given a letter allowing them to eat in the cafeteria."

Some students are in agreement with the crackdown on ID's.

Kamilah Saddon, a sophomore mass communications major from Upper Marlboro, M.d, said, "The administration made a good call because there are students sneaking into the cafeteria that don't go to school here and that isn't fair to those of us who pay tuition to eat."

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