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editorial cartoon to return after
Spring Break!

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National honor society returns

BY LA'SHAINNA CAMPBELL
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The Bennett Chapter Alpha Epsilon of the national honors society Alpha Kappa Mu inducted 41 new members Jan. 31 during a ceremony in the Little Theatre.

Alpha Kappa Mu is a national honors society of more than 75,000 junior and senior men and women. Alpha Kappa Mu is an honor society that recognizes academic achievements in all disciplines.

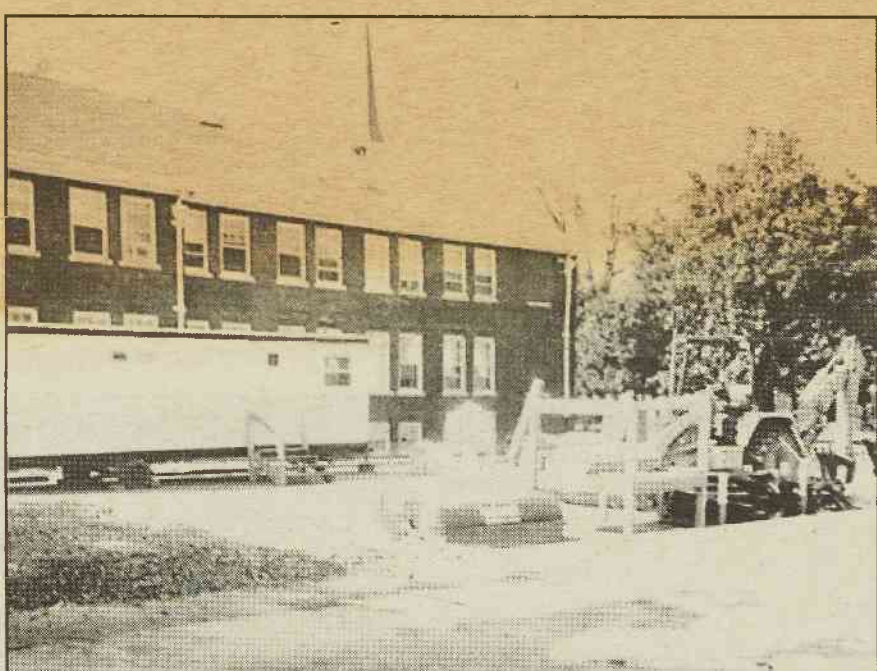
Alpha Kappa Mu was founded at A&I College in Nashville, Tenn., on Nov. 26, 1937. The honors society was admitted to membership in the College Honor Societies in 1952, and was incorporated Sept. 7, 1977.

The qualifications for Alpha Kappa Mu are a satisfactory grade in ACES and a 3.5 cumulative grade point average for juniors and a 3.3 for seniors. There are 79 chapters throughout the nation at four-year accredited colleges and universities.

Alpha Epsilon has been reinstated after six years; the last inductees were in 1995.

"I was anxious to have it reinstated, it elevated the students' awareness for academic excellence," Advisor for Alpha Epsilon Mary R. Scarlett said.

The new members of Alpha Kappa Mu will have the opportunity to attend the honor societies' 56th national convention April 5-7 at North Carolina Central University.



Ch-ch-changes...

Construction equipment sits behind Jones Hall on Union Drive. Crews are finishing infrastructural work on campus that started during the summer.

Alumna comes home

BY LA'SHAINNA CAMPBELL
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During an ACES program 68 students were honored for their academic achievements in the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel.

The guest speaker Michelle I. Taylor graduated from Bennett in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in political science. Taylor is a native of New Jersey.

Taylor's address to the college community was about the beauty and seriousness of sisterhood.

"As I reflect on my experiences here at Bennett College, I can truly say that they were some of the best experiences of my life," Taylor said. "My sisters and I laughed together, cried together, supported each other and protested together."

Reflecting on her experiences as a

recent graduate helping underprivileged people, Taylor encouraged the students to become active in the community.

"Don't help people because you want to get paid," Taylor said. "Help people because it's the right thing to do."

During her matriculation at Bennett, Taylor had shown that she takes volunteerism seriously.

Taylor has worked with organizations such as Triad Health Project, Guilford Community Minority AIDS task force, and as a coordinator for the Hayes Taylor YMCA moonlight basketball program, designed to keep young males off the streets at night.

Taylor is a law student at Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law. She plans to pursue a career in corporate law with an international focus.

You've got mail ... almost

BY MONYA TOMLINSON
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The Office of Information Technology has announced that on-campus students will have Internet access in their dormitories in "probably a month."

The Internet hook-up is part of a communications package, which also features telephone service and cable connection that became available to Belles for the first time at the beginning of the academic year.

Students were billed \$150 for the communications package for both academic semesters. Joseph Daniels, Chief Information Officer of the College, started a student information technology advisory council (which at press-time had yet to meet) consisting of 10 students from various dormitories and student organizations.

The advisory council members received drafts of a Bennett Belle Technology handbook, which outlines the policies, requirements, and other information about the communications package and its features.

Members of the advisory council include Zenya Cleveland, Student Government Association President and Natalie Stewart, Miss Royal Blue and White.

Students who wish to connect to the College's Fiber Optic Network must have computers that meet several requirements including Windows 95 and 200 megahertz Pentium processor. According to the handbook, the OIT is currently working on support for Apple OS and Linux computers.

The Office of Information Technology is located at 610-A Gorrell Street. Daniels said he feels good about the advance. "We will probably survey the students to see who has access to the Internet." Computers will be set up in each dorm to allow access.

Daniels said he only sees one obstacle.

"The rooms that will hold computers will need to be air-conditioned to prevent damage," Daniels said.