

Faculty sponsors noon fitness walks

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Some faculty members are walking the campus for fitness in the new program, "Noon Health Walk."

The walking program is spearheaded by Dr. Shelly Garrett, an associate biology professor in the biology program.

Garrett and other "faculty walkers" meet daily on the quad for a half hour walk around the campus.

The walks take place Monday through Friday from noon to 12:30 p.m.

Garrett said on days with inclement weather, the walks will take place in the gymnasium.

"We saw the need to promote wellness on campus," Garrett said. "It is a proven fact that exercise is very important as a preventive health care measure for a lot of reasons."

According to Garrett regular exercise can reduce stress, increase heart rate, condition muscles, and help with weight loss.

Garrett also emphasized that the health walk will be beneficial to both students and faculty members it will allow participants to build a relationship outside of the classroom.

The Noon Health Walk is open to all members of the Bennett College community.

No change in campus parking regulations

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The new president, new administration, and the closings of Reynolds and now Merner Hall are just a few of many changes that have occurred at Bennett since July.

But there is one thing that has not been changed: the rules about parking on campus.

With the exception of first-year students not being allowed to have vehicles on campus, the same rules apply for parking as they did last year.

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors must purchase their parking decals so that their vehicles are registered properly. If students don't purchase decals, they will run the risk of having their cars immobilized, be towed, or pay a \$100 fine.

The parking decals can be purchased for \$35 at the cashier's office located on the first floor of

Race Hall.

Resident students are the only ones permitted to the lot on Washington Street. Commuting students can park in the lot next to Black Hall, the lot across from the Black Hall lot, behind the gym, and the Washington Street lot. Public Safety officers can and will issue tickets for parking violations. The tickets range anywhere from a warning to a \$100 fine.

Students are not permitted to park in the lot behind the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel. The lot is reserved for faculty and staff.

The director of public safety, Leon J. McDougle, Jr. said, it's important for Public Safety to be able to control parking on this campus.

"Administration is very concerned about the safety of this campus," McDougle said. "One of administration's top priority is to beautify the campus and enhance parking."

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mer school is not cost effective. Dr. Oliver is the vice president for academic affairs and student development.

During the meeting, Dr. Collins responded to approximately 16 questions that dealt with topics ranging from paving the student parking lot to increasing the dialogue between faculty and students.

Dr. Collins also addressed the Sept. 14 issue of the Carolina Peacemaker. The Peacemaker published a letter written by "an anonymous author" who accused Collins of mounting a "cultural takeover." The letter criticized Collins for being a Muslim at a

Methodist College and charged Dr. Collins with nepotism because she hired her husband, Jim Collins, to serve as vice president for infrastructure support.

In addition, the letter accused Collins of "living off campus to avoid being near students."

"Yes, I am Muslim," Dr. Collins said to the College community. "And I do not believe that will have an affect on the way I perform my duties. I have asked the Board [of Trustees for permission to live off campus. Dr. Collins did not say whether the Board had agreed to her request.

Dr. Collins said that students

and faculty should avoid discussing questions and concerns with outside sources, before trying to work out the issues with the College's administration."

"Be careful with whom you associate yourself. Everyone does not mean you well," she said. "It is difficult to manage, and not everyone will agree. But we need to get the issues out there, and sometimes agree to disagree," Dr. Collins added.

"I agree with the points that she [Collins] made during the chat," said Regina Boggs, a senior business administration major from Silver Springs, Md. "The air needed to be cleared."

Holgate's operating hours raising concerns

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The irregular operating hours of Holgate Library are on the list of concerns expressed by some students.

"It closes and reopens," Vernetta Jackson, said. "The hours need to

be more consistent." Jackson is a sophomore biology major from Los Angeles.

Holgate's posted hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The library closes for two hours, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and reopens from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"We only have one full-time librarian, which is me, and another part-time librarian," Joan Williams said. Williams is the new interim head librarian.

"Right now we cannot find anyone that is willing to work," Williams said. "We are working on scheduling constantly."

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Phenomenal Friday was created by April McNeil SGA president. McNeil a senior biology major from Fayetteville, N.C. McNeil said she wanted something fun for students while at the same time give the outside community a

chance to come on campus and interact with Belles.

Phenomenal Friday will take place the last Friday of every month during the academic year. Each Phenomenal Friday will consist of different games and vendors.

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