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During a recent athletic and dance troupe interest meeting in the Ida H. Goode gym, Banks expressed his goals to more than 70 students.

"My vision is to give the students at Bennett College a real athletic experience," Banks said.

Banks said he will work diligently to attain coaching staffs for softball, tennis, track, cross country, volleyball, swimming, and possibly horseback riding, and bowling.

He said he also plans to have a cheerleading squad, pep squad, and a dance team.

"In order to get the [Athletic] Department in top condition, it might take up \$2.1 million," Banks said. So Banks said he will be seeking funds from various corporations like Federal Express, Proctor & Gamble, and Coca-Cola to cover the costs of repairing the gym floor, locker rooms, and purchasing a larger score board.

The new AD said some of his immediate goal include new uni-

forms and sneakers for the athletic teams, an athletic newsletter, a media guide, a functioning concession stand, halftime activities, and VIP seating on the stage for faculty, staff, and selected community members.

"I'm happy about the changes in the athletic department, especially in us having cheerleaders, and dancers to support our teams. Now we can have what other schools have," said Velma Ragsdale, a sophomore elementary education major from Seattle, Wash.

Angel Lee, a senior mathematics major from Washington, D.C. said, "I dropped in on the basketball team's first practice [Nov. 2] and was pleased.

"Coach Banks is really working the basketball team hard, which is something that they need." The basketball team's first game is Nov. 17 against Hood College, and the first home game is against Spelman College Nov 30.

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not enough spaces could be found." The second floor will not house offices to save money.

"By not having offices up there, the College won't have to pay to heat that floor," Mangum said.

Steele Hall has been "closed" for renovations, but a starting date for the repairs has not been

announced at press time.

Until then Dr. Alma Adams, an art professor, said she will continue using Steele for some of her art classes. A few other Humanities faculty members are still using rooms in the building for music lessons, conferences, and telephone facilities.

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tion towards those who look like people from Pakistan, Iran or Afghanistan] should not be done. I have not heard anything on the local level," Khopkar said.

Both Rao and Khopkar said that the show of support from the Bennett College community has helped them to deal with the tension.

"Every day [Bennett] students

and colleagues ask about my family, and I am very happy about the support I am receiving," Rao said. Khopkar said her students have been very supportive.

"I've discussed with my classes what is going on and they responded very positively. They're very much concerned about me," Khopkar said.

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With no stone unturned, a collage of amusing stories takes the audience on a high-speed, emotional ride through the decades of the author's life.

"The New York Times" described this play as "a joyful celebration of survival against what seemed to be impossible odds and of fulfillment in a harsh world of injury and deprivation."


Tribute is given to the strength and courage of one African American woman who embodies the struggles and triumphs of all African Americans.

"From the Mississippi Delta" takes viewers on a historical, uplifting and soul-stirring journey that will touch the hearts of all people.

Admission prices are \$10 for general patrons; \$4 for Bennett students; and \$5 for other students. Mature subject matter is addressed.

ACES credit given for Nov. 19 performance. The play is directed by Stephanie Howard "Ms. Asabi," who is an instructor in the Theatre program.

The cast members are Ruby Thomas, Kiandra Parks, Lauren McMillan, Monya Tomlinson, and Robin Dunn.




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