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Campus NAACP group to sponsor Open Mic event

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If you are creative and have talent, and you want everyone to know about it, March 28 could be your time to shine.

The campus chapter of the NAACP is sponsoring "Open Mic Night" where students, faculty and staff from Bennett and other campuses will showcase their various

talents.

The program, "Express Yourself," will be from 7 to 9 p.m. in the cafeteria.

"We're looking for positivity along with creative expression," said treasurer for the NAACP Ayanna Na'im. Na'im is a senior computer science major from Philadelphia.

"Any kind of talent will make us happy, from playing an instrument

to reading poetry," said Joy Scott, president of the campus chapter.

"The money we raise from "Express Yourself" will help us to become more visible on campus." Scott said. Scott is a junior and mass communications major from Newport News, Va.

The open mic program will be the third fund raiser for the NAACP this year. Tickets for the event are \$1 for Bennett students and \$2 for others.

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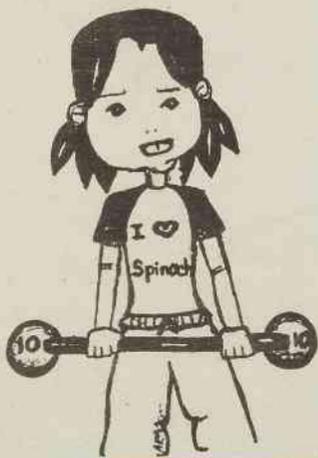
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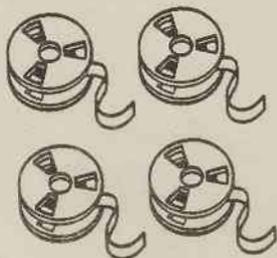
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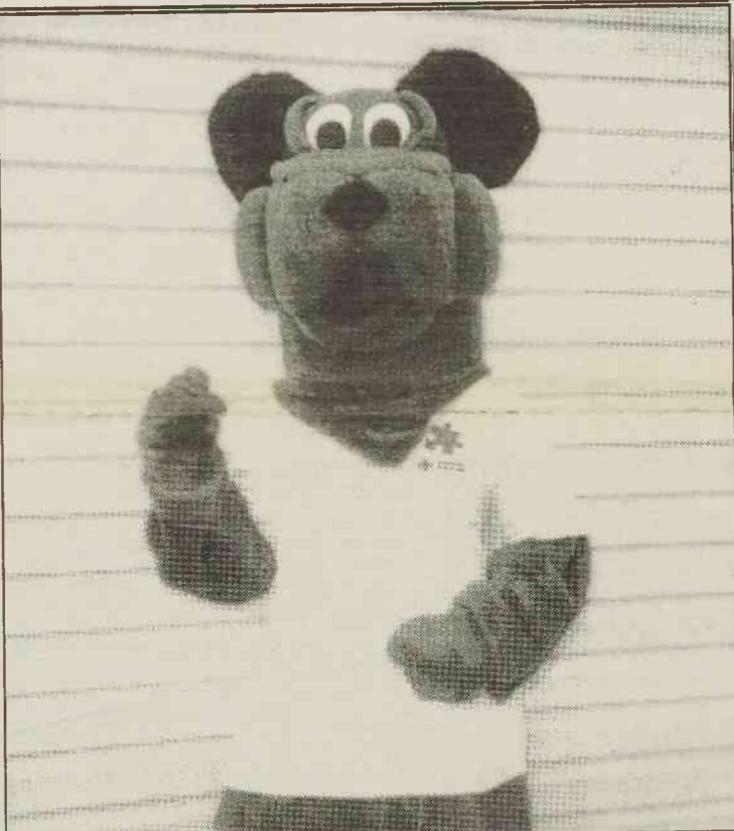
Denzel's latest movie "John Q." gets four reels.



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Bloodhound on campus

Chary Pace, (shown above) a first-year student majoring in mass communications, served as the campus "Bloodhound" mascot, for the American Red Cross on campus Feb. 20. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. sponsored the blood drive which took place in the Student Union. Photo by Takesha Briggins, Banner Photographer and Reporter.

Theatre major selected as semifinalist

BY CARAH L. B. HERRING
Banner Reporter

Watch out Halle Berry and J. Lo. At least one dramatic Belle will be taking over in no time.

Ruby Thomas, a junior theatre major from New Britain Conn., was chosen as a semifinalist after a preliminary competition at the American College Theater Festival at Converse College in Spartansburg, S. C., Feb. 5 to 9.

Thomas and Kiandra Parks another theatre major competed against approximately 400 other college actors from six southern states for the prestigious Irene Ryan Award. Thomas was one of 25 performers selected to compete as a finalist.

The Irene Ryan Award, named for the late actress who portrayed Granny Clampett in the 1960's hit

series "The Beverly Hillbillies" is a \$500 scholarship given to outstanding student performers at eight ACTF regional festivals nationwide.

Thomas and Parks were invited to attend the regional competition by ACTF committee representatives based on their performances in the play "Indigo Blues." The two performed in October during the North Carolina ACTF State Festival at Meredith College in Raleigh.

This was the second time Bennett has been represented at the ACTF.

"I was surprised when I first heard the news, Obviously, they [the committee members] saw

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Election process changed; all results will be posted

BY NATALIE JORDAN

Banner Reporter

Hear ye! Hear Ye!

The election process has been revised.

"As of now, there has not been a dramatic change in the election process," said Miss Royal Blue and White, Claudia Pearson.

"The only difference is a print

out [of the election results]."

Eligibility requirements are the same. To run for SGA president, vice president, Miss Bennett College, or Miss Royal Blue and White, the student must have a 2.8 cumulative grade point average, 60 credit hours, three letters of recommendation, and two consecutive semesters of satisfactory

ACES. For all other SGA executive board positions and class officers, a student must have a 2.5 cumulative grade point average, two letters of recommendation, and two consecutive semesters of satisfactory ACES.

This year, however, all the election results, including the number of votes and their percentages will

be posted. Also there will be a joint announcement of the SGA cabinet and the Royal Court. In the past, names of the new Miss Bennett and Miss Royal Blue and White were not released with the cabinet appointments.

Pearson said that a duty of

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