

Reinstated Mandatory Attendance Policy Sees to It That Everyone Goes to Class

by Cheryl E. Johnson

Faculty and staff members voted to accept the proposed class attendance policy, in the final session of their fall workshop, with revisions by the curriculum committee.

A Memo

In a memorandum to the student body from Dean Chelsea Tipton, it was stated that: "The Academic Council, Curriculum Committee and Faculty adopted the Class Attendance Policy effective immediately." The gist of the policy is that students will be allowed only one unexcused absence for each semester hour of credit awarded for a course.

Absence from classes the day before or the day following a college holiday will count as a double cut. Only seniors with a "B" average in a course by the first letter grading period may use their discretion in attending a class. Students who do not comply with the policy will be dropped from the course passing, "D.P." or failing, "D.F."

Absences without written explanation from the dean are automatically class cuts.

At The Workshop

During the faculty workshop Dr. Ruth Lucier, philosophy professor, suggested "students with very high averages be allowed the same consideration

as seniors," after the first grading period. Mrs. Linda Addo, chairman of the class attendance committee and social science professor, responded to Dr. Lucier saying "It has not worked." "We have experimented," she went on, "with voluntary cuts. Even "A" and "B" students have become lax in their work."

Tipton

According to Dean Tipton a class attendance policy became necessary "when we received the shock that 34 freshman left at the beginning of the spring break and returned after Easter. These holidays cover a span of some three weeks, and some of these very students," he continued, "will not be permitted to come back to the college for one year." "Of course," he added, "there were some upperclassmen in the same boat." But he admitted that there was no official count of these students.

Tipton concluded, "It is going to prove helpful to the student body if we have a positiveness toward it instead of a negative attitude."

Student Reaction

Student reaction to the reinstatement of a class attendance policy has been mild with most students opposed to the idea, feeling that Bennett should be more an institution of higher learning rather than a baby sitting service. However, one junior summed it up with a sigh and this remark: "Well I guess we did it to ourselves."



ARCHIVES

Bennett College
Greensboro, N. C.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1975

BENNETT COLLEGE, GREENSBORO, N. C.

VOL. XXXVIII, NO. 1

Bragg: 'Gates Not to Harrass, Upset'

by Joyce Bass

Two clean, silver, solid steel gates now mark the beginning and the end of the driveway between the dormitories. Last week Dean of Student Affairs Harold Bragg offered some answers to the questions students have raised about them.

The decision to erect the gates, Dean Bragg said, was made by the Executive Council of the College. This council which is the highest administrative unit on campus, he said, is made up of the president of the College, Dr. Isaac H. Miller, who is chairman; the business manager, J. J. Scarlette; the director of admissions, Mrs. Mary Eady; the dean of the college, Dr. Chelsea Tipton; the development director, Marvin Watkins, and Dean Bragg.

The dean said that the gates were not erected to "harass or upset the students." Rather, he said, "we were hoping that this measure will get across the idea that we are promoting a pedestrian area in that area of the campus."

He also offered two other reasons for the erection of the gates,

one being that with the closing of the gates, the parking areas North of the Union, behind the Chapel, behind Merner Hall and South of Black Hall would become available for student usage. "Each of these parking areas is closer to any of our dorms than any of the areas set aside for parking on A & T's or Guilford's campus," stated Dean Bragg.

The final reason for the gates was safety. "I have noticed in the past and it still holds true, that a lot of cars that drive through this campus are only out to start trouble. They don't come to see anyone, they drive through to see who they can see out on campus and we don't need that kind of traffic," said Dean Bragg. He also said that this action isn't any different from the action that a lot of college campus officials are starting.

Dean Bragg said that the only reason the gates haven't been locked since classes have started is because some students are still arriving. However, the closing of the gates will begin soon and they will be locked at 6 p.m. each

(Continued on page 4, col. 3)

Students: Gates Unnecessary, Not in Our Best Interest

by Jamelle Felder

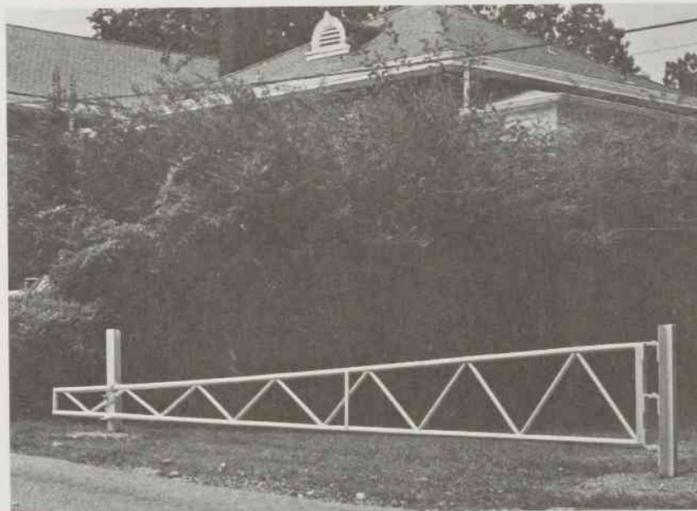
No sooner had students gotten back into the swing of classes, than they noticed a familiar but forgotten swing on campus, this being the swing of two new gates to the entrance and exit of Union Drive.

Following a sudden outburst of break-ins on campus last year, the closing of the front gate became a primary issue among students. It was closed at 9 nightly until a mass rally of students ended with the gate being removed from its hinges and thrown away.

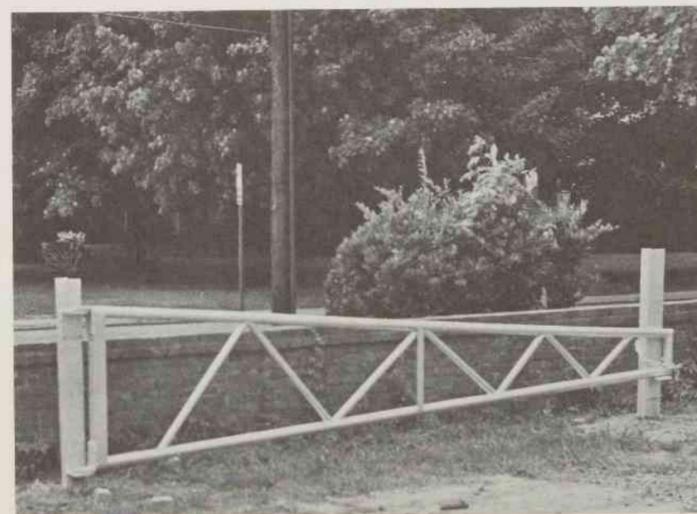
Now, almost one year later, the issue of the gates arises again. This time the hour of their closing causes even more talk as the gates are being closed at 6 p.m.

How are students reacting to the new gates?

All students interviewed felt that the gates were unnecessary and weren't in the best interest of the students. The following are reactions of several students:



The North Gate



The South Gate

Photos by Cheryl E. Johnson

Ophelia Foye, a senior, said, "Closing the gates would be alright if they closed them at a reasonable hour such as the freshman curfew (11 & 12 o'clock). But to close them at an earlier time would inconvenience many innocent students who get the munchies before McDonalds and Burger King close."

Another senior, Doreleena Sammons, thought it was "a lot safer for girls to get in a car when guys go through the campus so someone can see them. Then at least someone can say where they last saw them. Otherwise, if they have to walk to the gate to meet their date, someone can just come up and grab them."

Sophomore Barbara Hamm said, "I see no practical purpose for the gates at both ends of Union Drive. Even though they prevent cars from entering campus, they do not prevent people from entering campus. Thus they serve no security purpose. They are an inconvenience and a headache."

Rochelle Moody, another sophomore felt "very frustrated and angered by the action taken by the administration concerning the gates."

She said, "I see the locking of the gates as a hazard rather than a protection. Let me expound on this: 1) Closing the gates at 6:00 p.m. blocks all traffic including any faculty members and students. 2) The closing of the gates is a fire hazard. In the case of a fire, it would be very difficult for fire trucks to enter the campus. By the time guards were located to open the gates, any number of persons could be badly injured. 3) My third argument is the safety of the girls. For those girls who

(Continued on page 3, col. 2)

TWO COUNTRIES, 18 STATES AND WASHINGTON ARE REPRESENTED BY 1975 FROSH CLASS

by Deborah D. Tillman

One hundred and forty-seven young ladies arrived at Bennett four Sundays ago to become the freshman class of 1975.

These freshmen come from two foreign countries, eighteen states and the District of Columbia. The majority of the states represented are on the eastern coast with a few coming from the West and the Midwest.

During freshmen orientation week programs, meetings, and assemblies were scheduled to help them get acquainted with Bennett and their new family.

Almost all the comments heard from the new Bennett Belles were favorable.

"Bennett is a nice school for people who don't mind not having a social life," said Laurretta Calender, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Susan Hamilton from Atlanta, Georgia said, "I like Bennett because of the scenery and the friendly atmosphere."

"I like it here because of the friendly people," said Philadelphia's Romona Reid, "It is like being part of one big happy family. Also, the food is good compared to other colleges and universities," she stated.

Lori Speight, from Queens, New York, said, "Bennett is okay in some aspects. The only thing that I don't like is the early curfew." "I think this is a good school because it gives you a better opportunity for academic enrichment," said Audrey Deleston from Charleston, South Carolina.

"I have a mixed opinion of Bennett," declared Sierra Joyce, of Washington, D. C. "I don't like the idea of them placing us in a specific math or English class to satisfy the needs of a computer instead of the needs of us. On the other hand, the administration tries to please you with the planning of various activities."

"I like Bennett because it is

(Continued on page 3, col. 3)