

## Humphries Reveals Plans for Future SGA Activities

by Jamelle Felder

"The student government should be made up of students, run by students, for students."

This was the opening statement of Student Senate President, **Thorna Humphries**, as she gave the response at the Annual Installation of Officers Service in the chapel.

Thorna went on to say that "in most schools that is the general procedure of the Student Government but since I've been at Bennett it has been made up of students, run by the administration, and not necessarily for the students"

She added, "I wanted to point out that what is normal for most is not normal for Bennett. What should be is not what it is, and the thing that I and the Student Cabinet plan to do is to make what should be what is actually happening."

Discussing plans to make the Student Government as she would like it to be, Thorna said, "We plan to reorganize ourselves, and reorganize the leaders, making them see what the situation is. We plan to set up programs that will benefit the student body as a whole, and to present them with academic as well as social activities."

A new plan of action being taken by the Student Government this year is to meet with other Student Government leaders who have got their set-ups established. "These persons are giving us suggestions as to what we can do in our own Student Government," Thorna said.

She added that she felt that student leaders should serve the students. Therefore, she feels that anytime students want to talk with student leaders they will be available.

## Freshman Likes Bennett

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As for the social life at Bennett, Vajira finds it different than at an all-girls' school at home, but not disagreeable.

"We don't have anything like dating in my country," she said. She expressed the surprise that she felt on her arrival, when she found that young men were allowed inside the dormitories and even to escort girls out until late in the evening. She said, "At home, boys take girls out only after they are engaged to them."

When asked what she missed most about home, she responded, "My parents," and then quickly added with a smile, "the food."

Home, for Vajira, is over eighteen-thousand miles away. For this, and other reasons, it is not likely that she will be returning home before completing her years at Bennett. At present, she is planning to stay with relatives in New York during summer vacation.

## Personal Rights Given Little Regard

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SUPPORTED BY THAT MOTION, THAT OBJECTIVELY SUPPORTS THAT MOTION, WILL PURSUE THE SAME POLICY OF THAT MOTION. And we all know that tuition pays only 1/3 of the costs of the college so the president has to "beg" for the rest.

Isn't the "No-Knock Law" similar to the Residence Hall Directors being allowed to enter rooms "whenever it is necessary?" Aren't the rising prices in the economy (inflation of certain pockets) similar to the almost \$3,000 tuition? Isn't there a similarity between the additional experiences businesses require for jobs and the additional courses we are required to take?

The question "why" again; the worms are the same.

What can we do to "cut this in two?" The Chinese had a philosophy of Ying and Yang—the law of positives and negatives in everything. We need to **FIRST**, come together and sum-up the already existing information that we all have pieces of, **SECONDLY**, decide on our objectives, and **THIRDLY**, move on them.

Women at Bennett used to have to wear dresses constantly, attend compulsory vespers, be in by 11 P.M., etc. That ONE GATE last year was supposed to have closed at 9 P.M. (Students were offered a compromise of midnight. That gate NEVER closed. Black people used to be property. Women couldn't vote. Foreigners could (and quiet as its kept, still can be) locked-up in times of national crisis.

Those things changed. We can change. We can change those things.

# Player Hall Basement to Be Temporary Site of Infirmary

by Diane Stevens

In the basement of Player Hall, rooms 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 sit empty, void of life; sit minus the girls that once filled them with books, belongings and babbling spirits; sit patiently awaiting the new infirmary.

Thursday, September 10, **Dean Harold E. Bragg** called a meeting with the residents of the north end of the basement along with **Mrs. Ouida Scarborough** to announce the plan for the new infirmary. The basement would be converted to an infirmary temporarily for a year in this manner: The four rooms in the cubby hole would house the sick. Mrs. Scarborough's office and apartment would be the nurse's quarters. There would be a reception room, a nurse's office, a doctor's office, an examining room, a waiting room, and a storage room. Mrs. Scarborough's office would occupy the two rooms on the end closest to the recreation room on the left side of the hall as one enters the dorm from the entrance close to the union.

There would be no thoroughfare through the basement. The stairs leading to the first floor of the dorm would be off limits to the residents of Player except in the case of emergency. Player Hall would not be entered from the north end except by the sick. The north entrance to the recreation hall would also be closed.

As soon as Dean Bragg disclosed the latter information, the room was in an uproar. Questions bombarded Bragg like, "If you knew the infirmary was going to be down here, why did you let us move in? Whose decision was it to make Player Hall basement the infirmary? Why can't the infirmary be moved elsewhere? Where do you propose for us to go? When did you plan on this course of action?"

Bragg replied that he regretted that the situation was what it was. However, he went on, the ceiling of the old infirmary, Kent Hall, was falling in due to the heavy rains in August and it could no longer be used; the only alternative place for the infirmary was the basement of Player Hall investigation had shown. Nothing else on the campus would be feasible. So, he added, "we, the executive committee, President Miller, Dean Tipton, Mr. Scarlette, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Eady and myself, settled on this plan of action."

He added that the seniors would move upstairs. People already living on the first floor without roommates would have to move in together to make room for the girls from the basement; roommates would not be separated. The juniors residing in Player Hall would go to Cone Hall.

Tempers continued to flare. Young ladies wanted to know if they could have their money back and move off campus. Dean Bragg evaded the question at first, saying that there would be enough room in Player for everyone. The question was asked again and again intermittently and finally he said he did not know whether it would be possible for them to get their money back.

Then, the question was raised, "When do we have to move?" Dean Bragg said preferably by the end of the weekend, which caused another major disruption. Heated words flew back and forth across the room; some girls said they refused to move; Dean Bragg said, "You will be moved!"

The meeting ended without compromise.

Later that night, a meeting was held in the SGA office in the student union with the SGA officers and the girls involved in the move to try to find out when and how the plan came about and what could be done if at all to prevent it.

**Thorna Humphries** presided. Two things resulted from the meeting. First of all, a list of alternatives was drawn up for the infirmary instead of the basement of Player:

- 1) Buy a mobile home
- 2) Buy a prefabricated home or building



Old Kent Hall Is Being Abandoned As Infirmary

Photo by Cheryl E. Johnson

## Freshman Class Officers Are Elected To Plan Together, Strive, Move Ahead

by Deborah Tillman

With eighty-one percent of the class voting, Bennett's freshman class officers were elected September 10th.

**Necia Boyer**, director of co-curricular activities, supplied a voting machine to help relieve the problem of counting votes. The use of this machine also gave freshmen the experience of using it.

Although the candidates worked hard in their campaigns, only one person could be elected to each office. **Hattie Purnell** defeated **Karen Ferguson**, **Viola Hemphill**, and **Brenda Wallace** for the office of President. **Darlene Donnell**, **Marion Johnson**, **Stephanie Thomas**, and **Jane Watts** lost to **Tonya Jessup** for the title of Vice President.

**Dorothy Brown** was voted sec-

- 3) Use the career counseling center building
- 4) No infirmary at all

Secondly, a list of reasons as to why Player would not be suitable as an infirmary was drawn up:

- 1) Sick people should not be housed with people who are well
- 2) It would be an invasion of the rights of the young ladies living in the dorm, because they would have to be quiet and the girls on the north end of first and second floor would have to enter through the front door or the south end.
- 3) The infirmary would be near an unloading zone and that would disturb the sick.
- 4) The noise from dances in the coffee house would disturb the sick.
- 5) The gate between the cafeteria and laundry building is locked at night, which would make it difficult for an ambulance to gain access to the infirmary.
- 6) The recreation room in the basement of Player could no longer be used as a place for social functions.
- 7) If the infirmary was moved to the basement it would become comfortable for the school and eventually become a permanent thing and a new one would never get built.
- 8) Mrs. Scarborough's office would be in the infirmary and when students had to do business with her they would come into direct contact with people who were sick.

At the end of the meeting it was decided that the SGA would meet with President Miller the next morning, everyone involved would call their parents and have them talk to the administration in the hopes of revising the situation and the support of the entire senior and junior classes would be enlisted.

A third meeting was held later that same night in the parlor of Player Hall to present the situation to the whole dorm and ask for their support. The girls were informed of the plan for the infirmary and told about what the SGA thought alternatives could be and the drawbacks of using the basement of Player.

The girls in Player all agreed to stick together and try in an orderly fashion to prevent the move of the infirmary to Player. A committee was organized to contact the Board of Health to see if it was permissible to have an infirmary in a dormitory.

The next day, Friday, September 11, Thorna Humphries informed the residents of Player that **President Miller** would meet with them in the parlor at 7:30 that evening.

President Miller arrived, greeted the girls cordially and said that he had come with the idea of making the young ladies see things his way. The meeting lasted three hours, the outcome being that the executive committee would meet again and consider the girls feelings about the situation, with members of the SGA present. The SGA in turn would report back to the residents of Player.

The girls in the basement would not have to move that weekend.

Wednesday of the following week the executive committee met with the SGA officers and some of the residents of Player Hall to discuss the problem and come up with a solution for an infirmary. The students alternatives and view points were all presented.

All alternatives were rejected. No, a mobile home could not be purchased. That would only take away from the building of the new infirmary and set the construction of the new infirmary back. No, a prefabricated building could not be bought. Again the money factor was cited. No, the Career Counseling Center could not be used. There was not ample space to house the nurse, provide a doctor's office, examining room and house the sick. No, the school could not do without an infirmary.

With regard to the students' opinions on why the infirmary should not be in the basement, the only objection considered valid was the one concerning the locale of Mrs. Scarborough's office. It was recommended that she be moved elsewhere.

The health board said there was absolutely nothing wrong with having an infirmary in a dormitory.

The infirmary would definitely only be in the basement of Player for a year, the executive committee stressed again.

They reiterated that all things considered the basement of Player Hall was the least expensive, most adequate in space and easiest to convert to an infirmary, and so that, therefore, they felt their plan of action was wisest and soundest.

The girls would have to move, but they were granted the option of moving to the third floor of Pfeiffer (which was completely empty) if they wanted to. This concession was made because the only rooms available in Player and Cone were ones in which girls lived alone; these girls would have to double up and make room for the girls leaving the basement.

Those girls having to move felt it would be simpler to go somewhere like Pfeiffer where no one else would have to be inconvenienced by moving. Other girls said they had chosen to live in the basement because it was quieter than the rest of the dorm and they would prefer the third floor of Pfeiffer because it, too, would be quiet. President Miller said the girls would be allowed to live in the freshmen dorm with upperclassmen restrictions for their guidelines.

President Miller also said that maintenance would be available throughout the weekend to help the young ladies move.

## Ill Feeling Keeps Lingerin' in Many Freshman Minds

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do what was expected," she said "but the matter of refrigerators not being permitted in the room (just to name one thing) is absurd."

Monica continued: "Considering the food in the cafeteria is not very good, and the portions are small, and there is no variety, then it is unfair not to be able to have these facilities in our rooms."

President of the freshman class, **Hattie Purnell**, feels that she agrees with some of the objections voiced by students but does not understand others. Hattie is a native of Ocean City, Md.

retary over **Marilyn Brimmage**, **Lisa Greene**, **Page Motley**, and **Marilyn Wilson**. Voted assistant secretary is **Kathy Clark**, winning over **Janice Sellars**, **Alicia Stephens**, **Anita Taylor** and **Deborah Tillman**.

Winning the title of treasurer is **Rose Marie Hudson**. She defeated **Karen Bell**, **Rosa Faulk**, **Marcelle Miranda** and **Regina Watkins**.

**Deborah Moser** gained the most votes for parliamentarian as she won over **Rhonda Armstead**, **Felicia Burton**, **LaNorma Shelton** and **Thomasina Stallings**.

Three officers live in Jones with two living in Pfeiffer and one living in Barge.

"I feel I am qualified to hold the office of President and I hope I am able to do my best in leading the freshmen," promised newly-elected president Hattie Purnell.