

New Way to Learn

Bennett College Joins Computer Age, Students Have Machines for Tutors

by Gloria Glisson

Almost all students in the freshman class are spending part of their time in the computer laboratory, but many other students have asked questions about the purpose of the computers and their origin.

The computers are the result of a grant from the federal government through the Advanced Institutional Development Program administered by H. E. W. Instead of annual grants for continuing programs which H.E.W. usually gives, it was decided to give a lump sum to several colleges to be used for institutional advancement. Bennett was one of the schools chosen.

Bennett chose to spend part of its money for computers because of successful experimentation with them in the public schools.

Mrs. Nellouise Watkins, chairman of the Mathematics Department and Director of the Computer Center, says that the college was aware that Bennett students like many other college students were weak in communication and computation skills, writing and mathematics, and in reading. The computer program is designed to attack these problems on an individual basis.

Mrs. Watkins feels the computer is an advantage because of the fact that it is a one-to-one procedure, a "private tutor."

Although in the first phase of the program, computers are main-

ly dealing with freshmen in subjects like English, mathematics and reading, the second phase, which will probably begin next semester, will provide various programmed courses for all students. There will be courses like fine arts, accounting, business administration, and others.

Mrs. Watkins is very optimistic about the success of the computers. She said that student motivation seems good and that students are showing a lot of interest in the computers. She predicts that in the future, as the need grows, more computers will be available.

Financial Problem Is Cause of Closing

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Kittrell had an atmosphere that the students liked. "We were treated as adults," one of the transfer students remarked. "There was a real family relationship between the students and faculty," commented another student.

Edna, a junior, said that she had heard rumors in her freshman year about financial problems. Then this year, she said, one week before final exams she heard teachers complaining about not being paid, so she was not too surprised.

Other students, however, said that they were surprised when they found out during the summer that it had actually closed. Anita and Coretha both said they had been looking forward to going back this fall.

Patricia pointed out that Kittrell accepted students other colleges would not and gave them a chance to raise their academic levels so they could go on to other colleges and universities.

The eight students who came to Bennett were recruited at a meeting held in Henderson, N. C. this summer at which various colleges and universities came to recruit Kittrell students.

She added, "I got to see a lot of things in Charleston and liked the city itself. It's a nice place to go on vacation as well as work.

"My social life was not as exciting as I would have wanted it to be but, I did meet a lot of nice and interesting people. As a result of my work this summer, collecting shells is my new hobby."

The special highlight to Marilyn's summer experience was the visit made by Mrs. Mae Nash, director of the cooperative education program, and Marilyn's personnel officer to Charleston and taking them on a tour of Cape Romain refuge, which is an uninhabited island.

Marilyn concluded, "I got a feeling of how the real working world is. I think the Co-op Program is helpful to those who want job experience." She has had another Co-op offer from Louisiana, but is undecided as of now.

Sharon Talks About Mystery of Winning

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It might seem that no one had applied for the money, but Sharon's story is a bit different. Sharon is a junior in Cone Hall. She had filed for this money in her freshman year here at Bennett. Unfortunately, she did not get a response nor had she heard from then since that time. But as they say, good things come to those who wait.

She had completely forgotten about it when she received her letter last Thursday telling her that she would be getting a scholarship for \$1,500. Therefore, she was just as surprised and pleased as the others.

Freshman Works as Chemist on Co-op

by Rose Marie Hudson

A 1975 high school graduate now at Bennett qualified for the Pre-Cooperative Education Program with the Naval Material Command of the United States Navy as a civilian employee.

Karen Ferguson, a freshman at Bennett, had the experience of working as a chemist at the San Diego Naval Supply Center Petroleum Laboratory this past summer.

Karen's high scores in her chemistry course brought about the rewarding experience.

Karen worked at the GS-2 level (\$5,996 per year) testing fuel of all the ships that came on the West Coast. Her salary has served as coverage for full tuition, fees,

books, and related expenses.

Upon completion of her freshman studies, Karen will return to her job-site progressing up to GS-5 (\$8,500 per year). She will be alternating between periods of study and periods of work at Bennett until graduation.

All housing arrangements and cost of transportation to and from California are covered by the program.

Karen says, "It was an enriching and enjoyable experience being exposed to the actual work-world of a chemist."

Karen also had the rewarding experience, through her employment, of visiting Tijuana, Mexico City, and Acapulco.

This program is coordinated through the Corporation for the Advancement of Experimental Learning at A & T University.

Newsletter Planned

by Jamelle Felder

As the SGA gets into full swing, it will take a new overall outlook on student government. This year's cabinet, headed by Thorna Humphries, plans to function mainly for the students.

"Our goal will be to initiate ideas and carry them out to completion," said Thorna. So far the SGA has met with members of the executive board as well as the Board of Trustees in an effort to relate student gripes to the administration.

Our school has also been visited by Winston-Salem State SGA President Johnny Wilson, who held an informal talk with students.

In an effort to let students know what the SGA is doing it is in the process of putting together an SGA Newsletter which will come out on a weekly basis.

Tour Shocks Students

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man is definitely in control of everything," said Hortensia. Marsha stated, "I didn't realize people still lived like that."

Marsha hopes to serve on the committee for Geographic Education during the next year's meeting.



Tennis transforms teacher from tortoise to hare. Mrs. Cochran defeated Debbie Moser 6-2, 6-0 in the first match of the faculty-student tennis tournament.

photo by Cheryl E. Johnson

Bennett Students Experience Education Abroad in Austria

by Shelia Stewart

This past summer Sherry Hill and Cassandra Jones traveled to Graz, Austria, to study in the Association of Colleges and Universities for International Intercultural Studies program (ACUIS).

Sherry, a junior music major at Bennett, executed her studies under the musical division of ACUIS, The American Institute of Musical Studies (AIMS). Some of her courses included preparations for a concert and she also performed a mass composed by Evan Singleton.

Cassandra, a sophomore pre-law major, studied two courses, comparative education, which she described as "being a course where we compared the educational systems of eastern and central Eu-

rope with America," and Christian-Marxist relations. "We also talked about the need for Christian-Marxist dialogue," she added.

Both girls enjoyed their stay in Austria. Cassandra said, "I like the slower pace of life and the emphasis on nature." Sherry felt that, "it was one of the greatest experiences of my life."

They also had similar opinions of the Austrian people. Sherry said, "It was a strange feeling at first because few black people live in Austria but they were very genuine even though I was a foreigner and they treated me with

great respect."

Cassandra agreed that the people were genuine. She said that "they didn't see many black people and they wanted to rub your arm to see if the color would rub off. And they wanted to rub your hair to see how you made an afro." But she didn't look at it negatively because it was only out of curiosity.

Cassandra summed up her stay in Austria by saying, "I think I have a better understanding of people in general and can be more objective in accepting life styles which are different from my own."

Karate Is a Means of Self Defense as Well as a Sport

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The white belt serves to hold the top together because the girls do not qualify for an official belt group, yet. The belts obtained in karate are white, yellow, blue, green, purple, brown, and black.

Karate is a sport that Patricia was always interested in. She is not the only person in her family interested in the sport because her brothers have belts. When she first came to Bennett from Wadesboro, North Carolina, she looked around for a karate course. When she found out that A&T offered this course, she decided to enroll. She plans to continue the lessons even when she goes to graduate school at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Patricia was a great influence in getting Katie to take lessons. "I did not like the idea

of Pat walking from A&T at night, so I decided to go with her," said Katie. "I have always been interested in taking it, but I was just waiting for that little push." She likes it for a sport. Like Patricia, Katie plans to continue her lessons.

A&T is the only university that offers karate in Greensboro. Besides students, this course is available to any person in Greensboro. Not only are classes held during the regular school year, they also are held in the summer.

"Karate is good for your body and mind," claimed Katie. "I find that it stimulates my system and mind. If an individual sticks with it, he should be able to pass any physical fitness test."

Patricia stated, "With women being so liberated today, the classes will be handy for the future."

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