

## Women at Bennett Pull Together

# Labor Day Issue Draws Student Attention

by Hattie Purnell

Labor Day activities this year for Bennett caused much controversy before they went into effect.

The controversy was due to the omission of Labor Day holiday in the planning of the school calendar by the Executive Committee, said **Harold Bragg**, dean of student affairs.

Dean Bragg answered two of the questions that so many students were concerned with, who and why:

The Executive Committee, consisting of **President Isaac Miller**, **Dean Chelsea Tipton**, **Dean Harold Bragg**, **Dr. George Breathett**, **William Trent**, **Dr. Perry Mack**, **Mrs. Mary Eady**, and **James Scarlette**, plan the academic college calendar. For the academic year 1976-1977, the Labor Day holiday "was inadvertently overlooked," said the dean of student affairs.

However Dean Tipton explained "The omission of Labor Day was an attempt to have as much of a common calendar as possible in order to facilitate the total consortium operation."

Although N.C. A&T S.U. and U.N.C.G. observed the Labor Day holiday, Guilford College and Greensboro College did not observe the holiday.

But Thursday, September 2, brought a change in the decision that the holiday was not to be observed at Bennett.

Students became restless and weren't pleased with answers to their questions. Plans were made to boycott classes on Monday.

A petition was drawn up by **Jamelle Felder** and **Maxine Jenkins**, both of the junior class. With the help of several other juniors, the petition was then passed through the various dorms. Five hundred and one signatures were secured and then turned over to S.G.A. president **Sherree Johnson**.

Later in the evening the petition was presented to President Miller by **Sherree Johnson**, **Rochelle Moody**, vice president of S.G.A., **Betty Pfeiffer**, parliamentarian, **Cleopatra Branch**, assistant treasurer, and **Patricia Bell**, vice president of the Student Union Board, at the president's home.

Several of the members of the committee that presented the petition commented on the meeting.

"On leaving the home of the president after presenting him with the petition I felt that the Labor Day holiday would not be observed," commented **Sherree**.

"Because of some of the comments that were made during the meeting with the president, I was left confused as to what was going to be the outcome," **Rochelle Moody** said. She also stated that the president didn't seem impressed with the fact that more than half of the student body had signed the petition.

**Patricia Bell** stated, "I felt that the president had made his decision before we arrived. It seemed as though he wasn't going to change his mind although students had gone through the proper channels to get the holiday off."

However, on Friday, September 3, students were informed that the Labor Day holiday activities were to be held, and it was to be a holiday for the school.

There was a feeling of togetherness and sistership among the student body as a result of this cooperative effort.

Many of the activities that were experienced last year were again experienced this year. The games, the feast, and a disco in the Union foyer, took place once again. A warm atmosphere seemed to cover the campus.

## Seven Bennett Students Participated in Varied Programs Of Work-Study During Summer Vacation of 1976

by Cathy Young

Instead of working at a regular summer job, some Bennett students participated in work-academic programs. Each student submitted an application and recommendations and then if accepted participated in her program from eight to 10 weeks.

**Cassandra Clark** participated in the Health Career Summer Program at Harvard University, studying blood and blood components. **Cassandra** said, "I felt that the program was very beneficial and very very educational."

**Demetria Chavis** was also a part of the Health Career Summer Program at Harvard and she studied cell biology. **Demetria** said, "My clinical experience there helped me decide on dentistry. I saw how important dentists are and the different fields and skills involved in dentistry."

**Nanetta Lowe** went to the Dow Chemical Co. at Midland, Mich. At Dow, **Nanetta** worked on the process support for the production of lactem that is used as a corrosion inhibitor for brake fluid. "I experienced an overall view of the chemical industry and the opportunities available for a person with a B.S. in chemistry," she said.

**Frances Davis** was classified as a student trainee in the field of physical science at the Environmental Protection Agency in Research Triangle Park in N. C. **Frances** said, "I really enjoyed working at Triangle Park and it gave me positive feelings toward working on my own."

**Diane Stevens** was the first stu-

dent from Bennett to attend the Tulane Medical Center in New Orleans, La. **Diane's** project involved working in the pharmacology laboratory experimenting with live cats. "It was very rewarding because it put me in association with medical students as well as physicians and it gave me a clear insight into the medical profession," **Diane** said.

**Mallika Maniam** attended the Oak Ridge National Laboratory under the Atomic Energy Commission in Tenn. She worked with research on chemicals that are suspected or known to cause cancer or deformity. "I found labora-

tory work very beneficial, interesting and enjoyable, but very demanding," **Mallika** said.

**Judith Hatch** attended the biochemical research program at Atlanta University. Each student within the same laboratory worked with a different phase of the same project. **Judith** worked with the biochemical characterizations of argiotensin 11 in prepared rabbit aortas and adrenal glands. **Judith** said, "I felt like it was a real learning experience because of the actual experience in a laboratory. My concentration is biology and I knew the experience would be useful for me."

## Greensboro Freshmen Form Club

by Kelly Gardner

A new club has been organized at Bennett called the Future Bennett Belles. The club was formed by Bennett freshmen from Greensboro and the admission counselors.

The club's main objective is to recruit high school girls to get them interested in coming to Bennett.

Emphasis has been placed on the 10th graders who are not informed in their first year in high school about the requirements for entering college.

The freshmen are asked to submit names of students from their former high school. On November 1 and 2 the high school students are invited to spend the day at Bennett. They will attend classes with freshmen and have lunch.

At the end of the day the group will meet with **Mrs. Mildred Tucker** and **James Scarlette** and discuss financial aid and fees.

The officers of the club are as follows: president, **Treann Allred**; vice president, **Cletus Galloway**; secretary, **Cora Shaw**; treasurer, **Kelly Gardner**.

Other officers include **Vickie Williamson**, dean of pledges; parliamentarian, **Natalie V. McLean**, and **Cheryl Jackson**, social chairman. Other members are **Marcia Herbin**, **Mechelle Beasley**, **Christine Lloyd**, **Dorothy Ingram**, and **Randy Jones**. **Dr. Charlotte Alston** will act as advisor along with the admission counselors, **Mrs. Mary Eady**, **Miss Ruth Dennis**, **Miss Gwendolyn Hill**, **Mrs. Margaret Williamson**, and **Mrs. Jean Groomes**.



Labor Day, last break before Thanksgiving.

photo by Joyce Bass

## A&T Students Protest against Poor Cafeteria Services

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Several hundred A&T State University students participated Tuesday, September 21 in a quiet demonstration to protest what they felt were "substandard" conditions in the campus food service.

The students gathered on the steps of the school's administration building while student leaders discussed the grievances with Chancellor Lewis Dowdy and other administrators.

High on the list of complaints voiced by the students was a dissatisfaction with the quality and quantity of the food and operating hours of the cafeteria.

In addition, they are seeking improvement of the meal ticket system, the establishment of an evacuation plan for the cafeteria in case of a fire and a change in the university's policy that requires all students to purchase a meal ticket.

The students told administrators that bugs and roaches had been found in the food and that students who participated in evening extracurricular activities missed meals because the cafeteria was closed.

**Tony Tyson**, president of the Student Government Association, indicated further action would be taken by the students if there was no improvement in the food service.

According to **Dr. Jesse Marshall**, vice chancellor for student serv-

ices, the administration agreed to appoint a committee to study and make recommendations on the student grievances.

He said the university might consider continuous meal service on a trial basis to solve problems encountered by students who have night classes or who participate in other campus activities.

"I see the concerns as genuine," **Marshall** said. "They are concerns which should be acted on affirmatively."

Several students questioned Tuesday afternoon said there had been dissatisfaction with the campus food for several years. Tuesday's demonstration was prompted by a meeting held Monday night when the students discussed their grievances and prepared a list of solutions.

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