

Bennett Receives HUD Loan

by Marion Johnson

Bennett College has been awarded a \$71,000 loan by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for dormitory improvements.

A program, sponsored by HUD, found there was a need for colleges and universities to improve their dormitories. The funds are made available in the form of low interest loans. Most building improvement loans have an interest rate of nine to ten percent. But HUD subsidized the school loans, thus lowering the interest rate to three per cent.

There are two reasons behind the concern for dormitory improvements. First, there was a need for additional dormitory space which could be added at a low cost. However, Bennett applied for the second reason, which was for the conservation of energy. The program is geared to help finance ways a school can save energy. So in conjunction with President Carter's energy saving program, funds were made available to the schools.

Bennett applied for enough funds to help improve all seven

dorms. The money is to be distributed in the following manner:

1. Storm windows.
2. Insulation in the attics of the dorms.
3. Control valves on the radiators in each room.

The purpose of the valves is to allow heat regulation in the rooms. This would make it unnecessary to open the windows if the room became too warm.

On the application form for the loan, HUD asked each school "What do you believe to be the amount of money your school could save if the improvements are made?" According to Bennett's business office, \$80,000 a year is spent to heat the dorms.

An architect and an engineer were called in as technical consultants to inspect the dorms. If all three improvements are made it is estimated Bennett can save approximately 20 per cent or \$16,000 a year on the heating bill.

William Trent, consultant in residence said, "One reason I believe Bennett College received the loan is because in five years we would have saved the cost of the loan (\$71,000) and would be able to

pay it off earlier." Trent and Dr. Perry Mack, director of development, were instrumental in securing the loan for Bennett.

"Bennett has already secured firm contracts to do the work. Orientation sessions will be held to inform students of the purpose of the loan, so they will appreciate the work that will be done. I hope the sessions will instill in the students the fact that it isn't any good if the work is done and the students don't work with it," stated Trent.

HUD is operating under Title IV of the Housing Act of 1950 as amended: College Housing Program. This is the first time the loan has been offered to Bennett.

Trent said that the college would like to send a special thank-you to the HUD office in Greensboro for all the help they extended in securing the loan.

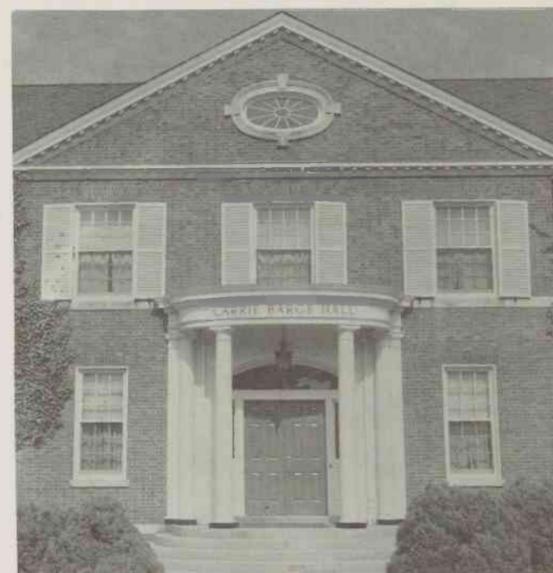
There are also other plans underway to improve the Bennett campus dorms.

A proposal is out now to a foundation in New York to help refurbish the dorms. Money was also received from the Methodist Church last year for work done in Jones and Pfeiffer Halls.



Mr. Trent discusses HUD loan.

Photo by Myra Davis



Each dorm on campus will undergo changes.

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Bennett Trustees Meet on Campus to Discuss Needs, Express Desire for Student Presence at Meetings

by Dionna M. Woods

Bennett College trustees met Oct. 14 and 15 to discuss goals for the present board, which are the renovation of all seven dormitories, the expansion of alumni contributions, and the raising of funds.

Trustees are those persons responsible for the welfare of the college. To become a trustee one must make a substantial cash contribution. One must be familiar with the general background of the college. One must remember that as a trustee one is held legally and financially responsible for whatever happens on Bennett's campus. One must be able to make substantial decisions. One must also realize that one is an actual owner of Bennett College as a trustee.

Richard C. Erwin, attorney-at-law, from Winston-Salem, N. C., is the chairman of Bennett's board of trustees. Attorney Erwin feels that students should be present at the trustee meetings. He recognizes the fact that trustees have failed to inform students that they may attend these meetings and that they have failed to inform the campus of the meetings in general.

Attorney Erwin feels that students should be able to give suggestions on the needs of the college. However, he said, these suggestions should have nothing to do with such things as curfew or student activities, because these aren't major details or functions of the college.

For those of you who are not quite clear on the type of decisions trustees make, voting on the recommendation of diplomas is one. The board of trustees votes on the recommendation from the faculty that you receive your diploma. This is done by careful evaluation of your performance here at Bennett.

Two members of the trustee board expressed the need for large

scale cooperation and contributions of the Bennett alumni.

Lydia Jatton Rogerus, a 1936 graduate of Bennett, is the coordinator for the expansion of alumni cooperation all over the United States. Mrs. Rogerus is excited about the prospect of her and other trustees' participation in the commencement activity. "We plan to dress in our gowns and be presented as trustees of Bennett College so the student body can feel closer to us," she said.

Mrs. Rogerus feels, as do many of the other trustees, that this will help open up channels of communication with the college community. She also says it may help to increase the number of trustees on the board in present and future times.

Hortense Wells from Norfolk, Virginia, and a graduate of Bennett, expressed the need for college funds. Mrs. Wells also said that the number of contributions from the alumni in Norfolk has increased considerably since their campaign started. Mrs. Wells feels that alumni contributions are most important to the colleges support.

Isaac H. Miller, Jr., president of the college, is a trustee also. Being president does not automatically make one a trustee. All trustees are usually nominated or volunteer, but still have to meet the standards set forth by the board. Being nominated does not mean you have to accept the position. Background on the college is essentially the most important characteristic of a trustee.

President Miller feels the need for the student government to work more closely with the administration. "Students should learn the operation of their college," he said.

President Miller feels that we as Bennett students should think about becoming college administrators, especially president of a college, particularly of Bennett.

He feels women should think of things they never thought of becoming.

He says his job is not easy, because he has to try to think like a woman in order to communicate with Bennett students.

President Miller says, "Wealth is in people, and I enjoy working with them."

Students Should Know Their Rights, Levels of Disciplinary Procedure

by Joyce A. Bass

Among the various aspects of campus life at Bennett, the four levels of disciplinary procedure may be one area quite unfamiliar to the student population which it affects.

The four levels of disciplinary procedure are listed respectively as the House Council, the Inter-Dormitory Council, the Judiciary Council and the Board of Trustees.

House Councils are elected in each residence hall. Charges brought by resident members are submitted in writing to the residence director who, along with the dormitory president, will see that the cases are heard and are recorded in the office of the dean of Student Affairs. Students appearing before House Councils will have at least 12 hours notice. All cases must be heard within seven school days of being submitted to the residence director.

The Inter-Dormitory Council occupies the second level of jurisdiction. It hears cases brought to it involving student misconduct outside of the residence halls and those referred by the House Councils. Cases on this level may result in disciplinary probation, service hours, fines, suspension, or expulsion. Students appearing before the Inter-Dormitory Council must have at least 12 hours notice. All cases must be heard within seven school days of being submitted to the director of Residence Life.

The third level of the disciplinary procedure is occupied by the Judiciary Council. It hears cases involving student behavior of a more serious nature and appeals made to it by students from a decision from the lower levels. Students appearing before the Judiciary Council must have at least 24 hours notice. All cases must be heard within seven school days of being submitted to the Dean of Student Affairs.

The fourth level of judiciary procedure belongs to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees grants to the president of the college the prerogative of suspending or dismissing students immediately and without a hearing should there be, in his judgment, cause.

An explanation of the procedures for investigations is needed since students may not be aware of their rights in this matter.

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Thurman Speech Holds Audience

by Joyce A. Bass

The subject, "A Faith for Living," was fitting for the occasion and Dr. Howard Thurman, speaker for the 104th Founder's Day

Convocation on Oct. 8 did not disappoint his audience.

Dr. Thurman, scholar, author and a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Morehouse College began his talk with a few lines from a poem on the Unknown Soldier by Herman Hagedorn, which said "We died . . . but you who live must do a harder thing than dying is. For you must think and ghosts shall drive you on."

The audience of Bennett's 104th Founder's Day Convocation was urged by Dr. Thurman to become more responsible for their deeds and their reactions to natural social forces.

"It is very difficult these days to have faith in one's self because there seems to be a conspiracy in the modern world more and more to make it difficult for the individual to have experiences in which he or she may confirm herself or himself," he said.

Dr. Thurman told of his attempt to explain segregation to his young daughters during a summer visit to Florida:

"We came by a public white high school and there were swings and other things for little children to enjoy themselves on. My older daughter said 'Daddy there are swings, let's go over and swing.' I said, 'you can't' and they asked 'why.'"

"I wonder what you would have told them. I said it takes the state legislature, it takes a change of state's statutes, it takes all of the courts, the judges, the police, the sheriffs, many of the churches, many of the schools, mayors and the whole structure — it takes all those people to keep two little girls from swinging in those swings. That's how important you are."

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