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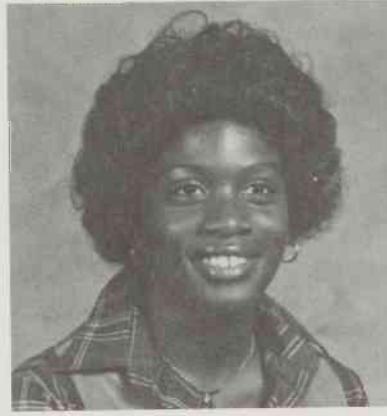
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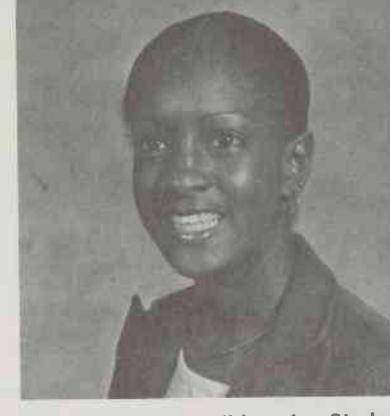
Frances Gaines, candidate for Senior Class president.



Ellen Brinkley, candidate for Junior Class president.



Jennifer Wells, candidate for Sophomore Class president.



Robin Adams, candidate for Student Union Board president.



Debra Perkins, candidate for president Student Senate.

Belles Run for Top Campus Offices

by Joyce Bass

Nomination blanks are in and the names of the candidates for presidents of campus organizations including the Student Senate and the Student Union Board are now known.

The following organizations have these candidates campaigning for the office of president: Student Senate, **Debra Perkins** and **Cynthia Brown**; Student Union Board, **Robin Adams**, **Marion Johnson**, **Karen Lewis**; Interdormitory Council, **Vicentia Lipscomb**, **Romona Reid**, **Yvette Shelton**; Recreational Council, **Gwen Davis**, **Mondrell Jester**, **Debbie Moser**, **Yvette Smyre**, **Carol Chat-**

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Hattie Purnell; Junior Class, **Debra Benbow**, **Ellen Brinkley**, **Dino Bradley**; Sophomore Class, **LaSandra Muldrow**, **Jennifer Wells**, **Angel Ford**.

Some of the candidates submitted the following statements of their platforms during the campaign.

Karen Lewis: "I can only say that with the help of my peers I can fulfill the position to the highest of abilities."

Libby Malloy: "I believe that everyone's ideas are worthy of consideration and in order to implement this belief I will encourage every student to voice her opinions."

Cynthia Brown: "I would like to use the office of SGA president to help the student body make desired changes through the proper channels of student government."

Debra Perkins: "I will, along with members of the student body, work diligently on our campus and attempt to make our experiences at Bennett reflect active involvement."

Jennifer Wells: "With your help, I'll try to establish a class that is actively involved in student affairs — making Bennett an exciting campus to be a part of."

LaSandra Muldrow: "Campaign promises are only good if carried through. I'll seek the aid of my classmates to create and carry out

projects for the upcoming year."

Debra Benbow: "My motto is to better our student government in various aspects. I hope to accomplish such a task with the help of my fellow students."

Ellen Brinkley: "I hope to develop unity within the junior class. I feel that if there is unity, then getting things accomplished will not be a problem."

Yvette Smyre, **LaSandra Muldrow**: "Campaign promises are only good if carried through. I'll seek the aid of my classmates to create and carry out

Carol Chatters, **Yvette Shelton**: "I will try to liven up campus activities so that Bennett students will want to par-

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ticipate rather than take an uncaring attitude."

Vincentia Lipscomb: "Progress is when everyone pushes in the same direction. As president of the Inter-Dormitory Council, I, with your support, will push for progress."

Yvette Shelton: "If elected to the position of the president of the Inter-Dormitory Council, I will strive to insure that the Bennett ideals are upheld in campus life."

Statements from other candidates were not available due to the spring vacation.

Elections for these offices will take place Thursday, March 23 and the election results will be posted on Friday, March 24.

Probation List Exceeds Dean's List

by Debbie Hodges

One hundred and thirty-two students were on academic probation as of the end of the 1977 fall semester. Only 78 students were on the Dean's List at the end of the same period.

A student is warned and placed on academic probation if her cumulative grade point average falls below the following levels: freshman, 1.65 by the end of the first semester, and 1.75 by the end of the second semester; sophomore, 1.90 by the end of the first semester and 2.00 by the end of the second semester; junior and seniors, 2.00 at the end of each semester.

A student may be dismissed from the college at the end of any semester because of unsatisfactory academic achievement if she has received at least one warning prior to the end of that semester. A student will be dismissed from the college if she has been on academic probation two semesters, not necessarily consecutive, and her grade point average is below the above standards.

A student dismissed because of unsatisfactory academic achievement is not eligible to apply for readmission until at least one semester has passed.

Dr. Chelsea Tipton, dean of the college, says he is attempting to determine what is causing the rise in the academic probation list.

"I am concerned about discerning if the rise in the number of students on academic probation is proportional to the decrease in the number of students on the Dean's List," he said.

Fifty-five students made the Dean's List at the end of the Spring 1976 semester while 67 students were put on academic probation.

"Around 20 to 50 students are suspended at the end of every spring semester," said Dean Tipton.

Although students may be put

on academic probation at the end of every semester, Dean Tipton said suspension letters are now sent only at the end of the spring semester because of the small break between the end of the fall semester and the beginning of the spring semester.

The larger break at the end of the spring semester would give students more time to prepare to come back to school or leave. Dean Tipton said he is reviewing the policy of suspension letters being sent out one semester instead of two.

In an attempt to curb the rise, Tipton is placing "intense" stress on getting students with academic difficulties to reduce their course loads. He is even encouraging students who are doing well to carry 19 hours or less per semester.

Dean Tipton says a "broad representation" of faculty is aiding in the investigation of the probation rise.

"As yet, we have found no concrete reason for the rise in the number of students on academic probation. We do, however, have some suspected reasons for the rise," he said.

Aside from heavy course loads, the Dean suspects a lack of preparedness in the students entering Bennett as another cause of academic problems.

He stated the majority of students on academic probation are freshmen. If the investigation discovers new students are not fully and properly prepared for entrance into Bennett, then appropriate recommendations will be made to the Admissions Committee.

Although there have been rumors to the contrary, Tipton states that there are no students on Bennett's campus who are qualified for suspension for poor academic standings. Every one with a grade point average under the cut off level has been suspended he said. This regular suspension is a "con-

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Out-going SGA president, **Shawn Humphries** and Dr. Miller emphasize involvement on campus with students.

Photo by Myra Davis

SGA President Informs Candidates of Pre-Election Duties

by Joyce Bass

This week and the first half of next week will climax the campaign week for those students running for office in the student government and other official organizations.

Prior to this week, out-going SGA president, **Shawn Humphries** called several meetings to inform students of the up-coming elections and to advise them of the election guidelines and preliminary action that must be taken before elections.

Each class received instructions regarding the nomination process. Each class had to nominate a first and second choice of candidates for all positions listed during class meetings held the week prior to this year's spring vacation. Each class was given the necessary number of nomination blanks. The class was held responsible for seeking out their nominees and returning the completed blanks to the Office of Co-Curricular Activities.

Class officers or representatives were responsible for turning in a

list of nominees to the Office of Co-Curricular Activities.

All nominees were to have been informed that they could sign only **ONE** nomination blank. All candidates must have a cumulative average of "C" (2.00). Candidates for president, vice-president of Student Senate Cabinet, Student Union Board, Interdormitory Council and Recreational Council must have been students at Bennett College for at least two full years. All other candidates must have been a student at the college for at least one full year.

Any student who was interested in running for a position could place herself on the nomination blank by securing a nomination blank from the Office of Co-Curricular Activities if she had maintained a cumulative average of "C" (2.00).

Each of these steps had to be completed before spring vacation. Elections will take place Thursday, March 22 and election results will be posted Friday, March 23.

According to the constitution of the Bennett College SGA, the pur-

pose of the Student Senate shall be to provide a central agency for the expression of student thought; to foster and maintain the highest standards of honor and integrity in all phases of college life; to encourage scholarship; to develop and encourage mature leadership on the part of the students; to act as a coordinating body to the campus organizations; to demonstrate the ability of the students to aid in the solution of their problems; to have joint jurisdiction with the administration and faculty in the promotion and regulation of student activities; and to promote college spirit and loyalty.

All students of Bennett College shall be members of the Student Senate and thereby become subject to the regulations of the constitution.

One of the most important offices in the Student Senate is that of president. The president must call and preside at the meetings of the Student Senate and the Student Senate Executive Cabinet; be the Chief Executive Officer; vote (Continued on Page 5)