

Housing mix-up settled

by Carolyn Hazel

On Sept. 9, Harold E. Bragg, dean of Student Affairs, issued a memorandum which informed students of a "necessary relocation of some students from their present residence hall to a different residence hall."

The reason for the memorandum was stated in the following lines: "Because we have some 12 seniors without beds in Player Hall, we must realign students in keeping with the housing pattern which

we have been traditionally following. Specifically juniors and sophomores will be moved from Player to Cone and Merner Halls respectively; sophomores from Cone Hall to Merner Hall and freshmen from Merner Hall to Barge, Jones and Pfeiffer Halls."

The controversy over room assignments started last semester when Ouida Scarborough, director of Residence Life, issued a memorandum on Apr. 3 to the student body outlining a new housing for-

mat that allowed seniors, juniors and sophomores the opportunity to sign up for Cone and Player Hall, which had been previously designated as junior and senior dorms respectively.

Dean Bragg issued a counter-memorandum on Apr. 21 to inform the student body to disregard the Apr. 3 memorandum and that they would be expected to follow the traditional housing pattern as in the past.

The controversy culminated on Tuesday evening, Sept. 5, when Dean Bragg personally visited Cone, Merner and Player Halls to inform the misplaced residents in each dorm that they would have to move in order to re-instate the original housing format.

After his talk, Dean Bragg chose the students who had to move. The students chosen were very upset and disappointed. A few sophomore students commented that they had been placed in Cone Hall because they were told that Reynolds and Merner Halls were full. One sophomore student said that she was not moving anyplace until she notified her parents about the situation.

Some of the juniors who were asked to move felt that the whole situation was a mess and that it should have been taken care of before classes started.

A majority of the freshmen students involved in the move said that they didn't really want to move because they had been settled in for so long; but a few freshmen didn't mind moving because they received bigger rooms.

Dean Bragg summed up the situation, "With the cooperation of the students, the confusion over room assignments will be ended; and despite understandable anger, most of the students are cooperative."



Sharon Sanders and Anna Darling watch as Tony Richardson and Audrey Deleston engage in a game of backgammon during Labor Day activities. photo by Myra Davis

College to celebrate Founders' Day with first Parents' Weekend

by Betty Brown

On October 6-7, Bennett will celebrate Founders' Day and its first Parents' Weekend.

Parents are being invited to join their daughters for a weekend full of numerous activities. This celebration begins on Friday at 8 p.m. with an evening of songs, dancing and drama in the Little Theatre where the students will present a Founder's Pageant. Pre-registration is needed to insure a good seat.

On Saturday there will be a full day of programming. After the opening session, the faculty, administrators and students will take part in a Parents' Forum to explore the concerns of the par-

ents. Included in Saturday activities will also be a parents/daughters luncheon.

The highlights for the afternoon will consist of an informal setting for parents to meet and speak with their daughters' advisers, professors and residence life personnel and to learn of student activities. Afterwards visitors may rest, shop, or attend a football game.

On Sunday morning, worship will be given at St. Matthews United Methodist Church, with music provided by the College Gospel Choir. The weekend will be wrapped up with students joining the faculty and alumnae in paying tribute to the Founders of the institution.



The Parents' Council of the Bennett College Parents' Association met on campus in August to finalize plans for the first Parents' Weekend. Shown above (L to R) are Mrs. Margaret Bradley, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Ernestine Paschall, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Johnson, Cleveland, Ohio and Dr. Isaac Miller facing camera. With back to camera are Mrs. Georgia Wells, Wilmington, Del.; Mrs. Shelby Rich, Charlotte, N. C.

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Southern Association review

Evaluation team due Sept. 24

During the period Sept. 24 to Sept. 27, a visiting team appointed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools will be on campus evaluating all aspects of the college for revalidation of its accreditation.

These visits take place every ten (10) years, with interim reports being required every five (5) years. The visiting committee is composed of distinguished educators and administrators in member colleges and universities.

The team evaluating Bennett College will be chaired by Dr. Milton K. Curry, president, Bishop College, Dallas, Texas. Assisting him will be: Dr. Vivian Robinson, academic dean, Paine College; Dr. John L. Butler, academic dean, Georgetown College; Dr. S. Dale Mason, program associate, Student

Services Institute, United Board for College Development; Dr. Walter J. Sapp, dean of Student Affairs, Tuskegee Institute; Dr. Jessie G. Smith, director of the Self-Study, Claflin College; Dr. Nathaniel Pollard, Jr., academic dean, Tougaloo College; Mrs. Selcy Collins, dean, Southern University at Shreveport; Dr. Robert Threatt, president, Morris Brown College; Mr. William Morrell, director of Business Affairs, Clark College; Ms. Carole Taylor, librarian, Dillard University; and Dr. J. T. Whisenton, associate executive secretary, Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

A report on the visitation is expected to be made at the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in December.

Attendance rules revised

New policies in effect

by Deborah Tillman

The Council on Academic Affairs has developed two new policies that are effective for the 1978-79 school year. These policies concern class attendance and final year courses for seniors.

The first policy states "Students being dropped from classes due to poor class attendance will receive the penalty of F if dropped within

the second nine weeks of a semester."

Dr. Chelsea Tipton, dean of the College, stated that this change occurred due to the increase in students with academic difficulty who cut heavily in the second nine weeks in order to obtain a "dropped-fail" or "dropped-pass" grade.

It is also designed to encourage students to make an early decision to drop a class to avoid failing.

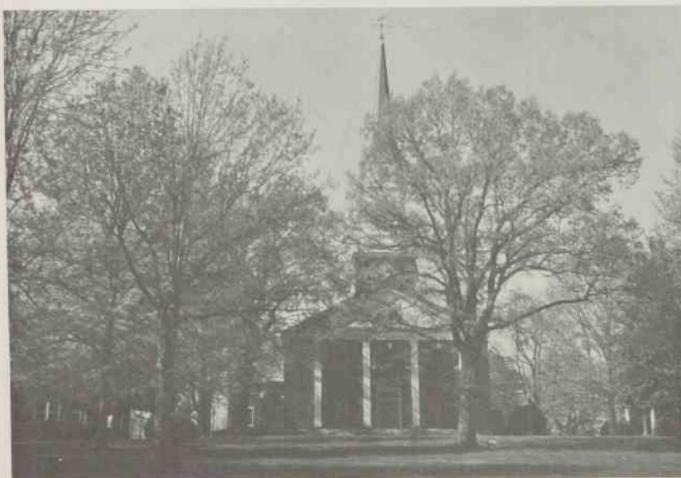
"An early decision will avoid the penalty of receiving an 'F.' Students are given at least one month to decide whether or not they want to remain in a class or drop it from their schedule," stated Dr. Tipton.

The second policy states, "All candidates for degrees must take their courses for the senior year at Bennett College and the Consortium Institutions unless special permission to study elsewhere is recommended by their department chairman and approved by the division director and the dean of the College. In these cases, the student must petition her department at least two weeks prior to enrolling at another college or university and is limited to nine hours."

This policy is designed to fit the needs of the senior. Those who have met their requirements can petition to take courses near or in their hometown to help alleviate financial difficulties.

Dr. Tipton further commented, "All policy changes are made to benefit the student although they cannot foresee the reasons."

Members of the Council on Academic Affairs are Dr. Chelsea Tipton, chairman; Dr. Charlotte Alston; Dr. Dawn Chaney; Miss Dorothy Harris; Dr. Donald Martin; Dr. Mattie Moss; Dr. Morris Peterkin; Dr. Lynn Sadler; Dr. J. Henry Sayles; Mrs. Mary Scarlette; and Mrs. Louise Streat.



Our campus will have important visitors when the Southern Association accreditation committee arrives soon.