

## New Requirement for graduation

# Exam to be administered

by Carolyn Hazel

All juniors will be required to take and pass the English Comprehensive Examination before they will be allowed to graduate.

The examination will be administered on Thursday, Nov. 16, from 8 to 10 a.m., in the Henry Pfeiffer Science Assembly. During this time all classes will be cancelled.

Students taking the test will be required to write a theme from a list of general topics that will be provided for the test.

A minimum of four pages must be written, writing on alternate lines of the page and not writing on the back. The paper must also contain at least four paragraphs.

On the day of the test, students must provide paper, pen and a dictionary. After completing the test, papers will be folded and student numbers placed on the outside of the papers. Students should not place their names on any part of their theme because papers will be graded without the evaluators knowing the identity of the authors.

At the end of the test, all papers will be collected and two members of the English faculty will read each paper. The papers will be graded on a "pass/fail" basis. If two instructors read a paper and agree upon a grade, that grade will stand; but if they

should disagree, the theme will be read by a third instructor and his or her opinion will decide the grade.

If a student should fail the exam, she will be required to repeat the exam at the regularly scheduled time until she can pass it. If a student should fail the test in her senior year, she will not be allowed to graduate. At this point, it has not been decided whether or not a make-up exam will be administered second semester to those seniors who have failed the test for the second time.

If a student should fail the exam, she can prepare herself for re-taking it by enrolling in English 217 or 218 (Advanced English Composition) or by engaging in self-help through computer programs on writing skills.

Questions concerning the exam should be directed to the English faculty. In order to help the junior class understand the test, the English faculty will meet with all juniors on Thursday evening, Nov. 9, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Henry Pfeiffer Science Assembly.

Below is the guideline that will be used to grade each paper. Evaluators will use the tally sheet below for grading the exam. Students should study both of these very carefully.

Guidelines and tally sheet on P. 3.



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## Quality of health services questioned

by Marion Johnson

A major problem and concern of Bennett students for several years has been the quality of services rendered by the Health Center.

Until recently the health care services have gone unchallenged. But Teresa McCalla, a senior ISP-advertising major from Bridge-

port, Conn., feels that based on her own experience its time for Bennett students to fight for what is theirs—good health care services.

Teresa's experience began on September 28. "I went down to the infirmary for some medication and advice on what I should do for my illness," said Teresa. "The medicine given to me by Nurse

Hayes made me sicker, so I went back to the infirmary. Nurse Hayes said the ill effect I was experiencing was due to bad eating habits. She gave me some more medicine and I went to my room."

Teresa returned to the infirmary and was treated by Nurse Alsie Trammel this time. She was given medication without Nurse Trammel examining her records before prescribing the medication. On October 2, 3, 4 and 5, Teresa went to the infirmary for an examination to be administered by Dr. Charles Frazier. However, on those four days the doctor did not show up during his designated hours.

On October 7, Teresa entered Cone Hospital. Upon examination at the hospital it was discovered that Teresa had pneumonia of the left lobe.

According to Teresa, the doctor on duty stated that anyone with any type of medical education could tell that Teresa was suffering from serious congestion in her lungs. He prescribed 500 mg. of penicillin pills and Robitussin to

be taken every four hours.

Upon returning to campus Teresa moved into the infirmary and finally saw Dr. Frazier on Oct. 9. He did not administer any type of examination or medication.

Teresa remained in the infirmary for five days at which time she experienced a number of deficiencies in services rendered by both Nurse Hayes and Nurse Trammel. "Nurse Trammel acted as if staying in the infirmary was a luxury compared to staying in a hospital," said Teresa. "I feel that as a person Nurse Trammel is nice, but when the life of a student is in question, niceness cannot replace efficiency."

In the recent Self-Study report the section on the Health Center states: "The nurse is in residence and on twenty-four hour call." "This is not true," said Teresa. "The day before I went to the hospital, I went to see Nurse Trammel, late Sunday evening, and she wasn't in. Nor was there a note saying where she could be reached."

The self study also states: "De-

partmental services such as chest X-rays, immunizations, laboratory work, and hospitalization are arranged for by the Health Center."

Ellen Warren, a junior pre-med major from Detroit, Michigan, was recently released from L. Richardson Hospital. She was referred there for an operation by the campus doctor, Dr. Frazier.

Upon entering her room, Ellen noticed roaches scrambling across the floor. Not only were there uninvited animal guests but there were three elderly ladies in her room also. Ellen said, "I am covered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield. This medical service covers semi-private to private rooms. I do not consider a four-bed room as semi-private. The inefficiency displayed at L. Richardson leads me to wonder why it was recommended by Dr. Frazier to any student."

Ellen also said that "Nurse Trammel wasn't in the infirmary the day before I went to the hospital. It was Sunday evening around 4:30 or 5 p.m."

## Commission organized to improve communications skills of students

by Bernetta Hamilton

An increase in concern for the improvement of communication skills has led to the organization of the Commission on the Development of Communication Skills.

The commission's goal is to centralize and upgrade the development of communications skills for the total student body.

The following are their objectives:

- 1.) To improve the communications skills of all students.
- 2.) To unify the college's approach to the development of communications skills.
- 3.) To develop ways, means, and atmosphere by which all faculty, administration and staff might become sensitive to and aid with the improvement of the communications skills of all students.
- 4.) To improve instruction in the Department of Communications by determining the body of knowledge to which every student should be exposed.

5.) To improve methods of measuring the mastery of communications skills.

6.) To experiment with the pilot summer freshman program to determine its effect on the development of communications skills.

The commission members, appointed by Dean Chelsea Tipton, are Dr. Lynn Sadler, chairman of the Department of Communications and chairperson of the commission; Anne Gillespie, instructor of English; and Wilhelmina Gilbert, associate professor of business and economics.

Working as resource people on the commission are Dr. Isaac H. Miller, Jr., president of the college; Dr. Virginia Tucker, associate professor of English; Dr. Georgie Latimer, associate professor of English and Michael Gaspeny, instructor of English.

Dr. Sadler said, "The main task is to get all the faculty members involved in helping students develop their communication skills."

## A&T Student Government Association sponsors 'Aggie Essence' homecoming

by Deborah Tillman

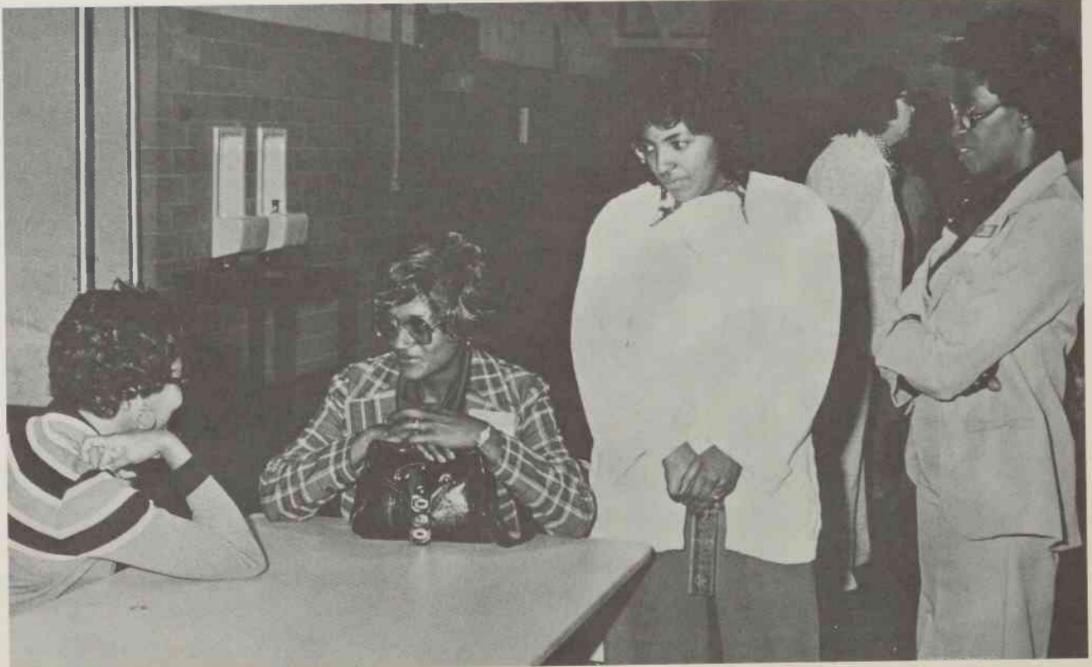
"Aggie Essence: A Superior Quality" is the theme for this weekend's homecoming activities sponsored by the A&T Student Government Association.

Tonight's show includes Cameo, Mass Production, and Green Ice. Funkadelic and the

Brides of Funkenstein are the guests for tomorrow night's show.

In addition to the shows, the Aggie football team will host the Morgan State Bears tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

Performances for tonight and Saturday night are \$4 with ID and \$6 without ID.



Dr. Mattie Moss chats with parents during faculty-parent mini-conference period on Parents' Weekend.

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