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English exam given to juniors; 41% fail

by Carolyn Hazel

The results of the first English Comprehensive Examination, administered on Nov. 16, showed that 58.56% or 65 students passed and 41.44% or 46 students failed the test.

Dr. Lynn Sadler, chairperson of the Department of Communications said, "The fact that 41.44% of the juniors taking the examination failed is shocking, but at the same time this figure reveals the necessity for across-the-campus efforts to improve communication skills."

A special course has been set up for students who failed the comprehensive exam. The course, English 318 (Composition: Theory and Practice), will be taught by Anne Gillespie, instructor of English, and the meeting time will be arranged for the convenience of all participants.

The course will carry three hours of elective credit, and an overload to take it will be permitted if the student is not on academic probation.

The majority of errors made by most students were pronoun errors, verb errors (especially in subject-verb agreement), point-of-view shifts, and comma problems. Although the students were allowed to use a dictionary, 76 papers contained misspelled words.

The English Comprehensive Exam will be given again on April 26 for those juniors who failed the test and for those students who did not take the test the first time.

The Classes of 1981 and '82 will be required to take and pass the exam before graduation. The freshmen and sophomores have been sent letters notifying them of this new requirement.

A study session was held for the freshman and sophomore classes on Nov. 29, but only 13 of the approximately 360 students showed up.

Many of the students who took the test were disappointed with the results. Ellen Brinkley, president of the junior class, felt that the majority of the students who failed the test failed because they were nervous about it. She felt that they would be able to

pass the test in the spring.

Rising juniors will be given the opportunity to pass the exam on four different occasions. The test will be administered once each semester, and it will be a requirement for graduation.

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Insurance plan coverage told

by Carolyn Hazel

The Pilot Life Insurance Company has designed an accident and sickness insurance plan especially for the students of Bennett College.

The plan provides 24 hour coverage for 12 months. Full-time students pay \$18 a year, and the price is included in college fees.

If you are wondering why you did not know that Bennett provided insurance for its students, don't worry because the majority of the student body was unaware of the insurance plan.

J. J. Scarlette, business manager, was surprised that a majority of the student body did not know about the insurance. He said, "I knew that the upperclassmen knew that they had it (insurance). It's listed in the catalogue."

The catalogue contains a general description of the insurance plan on page 20. Scarlette feels that students should know about the insurance because they should have read their catalogues.

Although a majority of the student body was unaware of the insurance, many freshmen and new students received a description of the plan and an insurance card in their mailbox.

When Scarlette was asked about this he said, "A description of the insurance plan is placed inside the freshmen packets every year—except for this past year because the materials arrived late. So we placed them in the freshmen's mailboxes this year."

Bernetta Hamilton, a freshman, I.S.P.-Communications major, from Charlotte said, "I didn't receive an insurance card in my mailbox or a description of the plan. I feel that the plan should

be discussed during Freshman Orientation Week, so that every new student will be aware of the insurance."

A senior majoring in English from Philadelphia said, "I don't think that the plan is adequate. It only covers hospitalization and accidents. I feel that if we have to pay for insurance, we should have some input as to what type coverage we need."

The plan was described by Scarlette as "general hospitalization and accident insurance." He said that most students have some type of insurance coverage at home, so this plan is a "middle of the road" type policy which will allow the students easy access to the hospital in case of an emergency. The policy does not cover office visits.

Scarlette said that they have a few insurance cards left and that these cards will be placed in upperclassmen's mailboxes as soon as possible. If you would like more information about the insurance plan, you may contact the Business Office.

Students, staff fast to aid Oxfam fund

by Terry Lewis

The Bennett Scholars Club and other Bennett students fasted on Nov. 16 to help contribute to the Oxfam fund.

Oxfam is a small, non-profit international agency that supports innovative self-help development projects in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Bangla-
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photo by Bernetta Hamilton

Newly crowned Miss NAACP 1978-79, Loretta Brewington Kelly, smilingly begins her reign.

Nine compete for Miss NAACP; Loretta Brewington wins crown

by Andrietta Brown

Nine contestants competed for the title, Miss NAACP 1978-1979 in the Miss NAACP Pageant held Thursday, Nov. 30 at 8 p.m. in the gym.

Loretta Brewington, a junior social welfare major from Rockingham, N. C., was crowned Miss NAACP 1978-1979. Other contestants were sophomores: Lydia Chambers, Colette Froneburger and Wanda Crouch. Juniors who vied for the title were Jennifer Fernell, Gwendolyn Allen, Brenda White, Rhonda Blair and Celeste Holmes.

Miss NAACP was selected on the amount of money raised by each contestant. The young lady who raised the largest amount of money received the title. Loretta raised over \$200.

The talent award was won by Brenda White, a junior special education major from Blackstone, Va. The talent award was judged on poise and appearance, originality, projection and knowledge of the material. Brenda performed a

dramatic interpretation. Judges for the talent award were Josie Hudley, Ruth Powell, Peanella Hughes, Gloria Glisson, Debra Perkins and DelGratia Walker.

Executive producers of the pageant were Dorothy Brown, a senior ISP-Comm. major from Washington, D. C., and Hattie Purnell, a senior majoring in ISP-Comm. from Ocean City, Md.

Doorthy Brown and Karla Gary, a senior special education major from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., served as Mistresses of Ceremony for the pageant.

Entertainment was provided by Tee Williams, a junior art major from Florence, S. C., and Jimmy Persons, a local jazz musician. Tee performed a modern dance to the music, "Can You Imagine." Jimmy Persons sang several popular songs, such as "Everything Must Change" and "The Greatest Love."

Mari Smith, a senior ISP-Comm. major, contributed music for the pageant. Mari wishes "to give special thanks to Mr. Alcorn
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Seven become Girl Scout leaders

Six Bennett students and one UNC-G student were invested as Girl Scout leaders in a special ceremony Nov. 30 after having completed a four-week course to prepare them for leadership of Girl Scout troops for the exceptional girl.

During the ceremony, the girls repeated the Girl Scout oath in parts as they each lit one candle to form a pattern of the Girl Scout symbol. Those initiated were then given pins and welcomed to the Girl Scouts by Patsy Kestner, program organizer, Tarheel Triad Girl Scout Council, Inc.

Mary R. Scarlette, chairman, Department of Elementary and Special Education, and Carolina A. Coston, instructor of special education, were also given troop leader pins.

The girls invested were Coretha Ford, Anita Ford, Barbara Abrams, Jacquelyn Hayes, Deborah Moore and Patricia Hudgins, all from Bennett, and Helen McAuley, from UNC-G.

The training program began this semester as a cooperative effort between the Department of Elementary and Special Education and the Girl Scouts. The Girl Scouts had an inadequate supply of troop leaders for handicapped children, and the Department of Elementary and Special Education needed more opportunities for field experience for its majors in special education.

The new troop leaders will be working with Girl Scout troops in such schools as the North Carolina School for the Deaf, the Cerebral Palsy School, The Kendall Center for the Mentally Retarded, and McIver School for Exceptional Children. A troop for the visually-impaired is now being planned.

Students need not be special education majors to participate. Anyone who would like to learn more about the program and how it can be participated in for credit, should see Mrs. Scarlette or Ms. Coston.



photo by Myra Davis

Anita Ford, Helen McAuley, Coretha Ford, Barbara Abrams, Wendy Brown, Deborah Moore, Pat Hudgins, and Jackie Hayes smile after their initiation as Girl Scout leaders.