

## Placement Center welcomes all students

by Deborah Tillman

Since the existence of the Placement Office and Cooperative Education, many students have found successful employment before and after graduation. Thelma Miller serves as coordinator of the Career Placement Center.

Through the Career Placement Center, recruiters are invited to the campus to interview seniors for prospective employment. Graduate school usually recruits during the first semester while businesses recruit highly during the second semester. The bulk of education recruiters is high also during the second semester.

This school year, about 80% of the seniors have responded well to recruitment efforts. However, little participation comes from the social science majors. Mrs. Miller commented, "Often seniors do not visit the Placement Center to check on job vacancies. Many times recruiters are unable to visit the campus; therefore, they send job vacancy notices and applications and many seniors fail to inquire about these positions." Literature is also placed outside of the office to inform students of job opportunities.

Among seniors who have already received admittance to graduate schools and offers for employment are: Doris Davis,

Atlanta University; Kay Dolberry, School of Law, Temple University, and the University of Virginia; Vanessa Bartley, Tulane University; Belinda Foster, Ohio State University; Joni Morman, Greensboro Police Department; Marcelle Miranda, School of Dentistry, University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill; Laureen Gay, Kittrel Job Corps; Marian Johnson, Univ. of Cincinnati Law School; and Vanessa Lane, School of Medicine, East Carolina University.

A major success story is that of Karen Ferguson, chemistry major from Charleston, South Carolina. So far, Karen has interviewed with twenty-two businesses on campus, made ten trips for further interviews, is considering seven job offers, and has turned down three.

She is considering employment with Dow Chemical, San Francisco; Diamond Shamrock, Cleveland; Proctor and Gamble, Cincinnati; Polaroid, Boston; Dupont, Philadelphia; Union Carbide, Oak Ridge, Tennessee; and 3-M, St. Paul. In addition, Karen has an open invitation to rejoin the Department of Defense where she was placed on a Co-op assignment.

"I still have not decided who I wish to work for, but Proctor and Gamble is high on my list," stated Karen.

Recently the demand for chem-

ists is high, but numbers of persons entering this field are low. Karen tries to encourage science majors to enter chemistry because there is high financial reward in technical science. "Bennett has a well-equipped science department for such a small school," said Karen.

Although she plans to seek employment upon graduation, Karen by acquiring another B.S. degree plans to continue her education in engineering, thus preparing herself to become a chemical engineer.

"During one of my interviews, the recruiter stated that if he had applications from two chemists with similar qualifications and one had Co-op experience and the other didn't, he would accept the applicant with the Co-op experience. As the first pre-Co-op student, I would like to see more students venture into the program because it is very beneficial to job placement," stated Karen.

Recently, more underclassmen are inquiring about the Co-op program and are gaining information about prospective placement. Plans for a Career Day in the fall are being made.

Mrs. Miller concluded, "We are here to help the students. I hope that more of them will visit our office to see what we can offer."



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The Career Placement Center is a good place to start looking for a job. Interviews are arranged with recruiters on campus, like this one with senior Lucinda Brunson.

## New campus officers will assume responsibilities

by Debbie Hodges

"I'm looking forward to working with Ellen and I hope we can do a lot to better Bennett next year," says Sharonlyn Jones, newly elected SGA vice-president for '79-80. Although this is the first office in the student senate that the sophomore Early Childhood major has held at B.C., she expresses great enthusiasm and concern for her new duties.

Working with Sharonlyn and Ellen Brinkley, the newly elected SGA president, is Sharon Sanders, newly elected secretary, a sophomore ISP communications student from Washington, D. C. Sharon held the office of parliamentarian during the '78-'79 school year. Taking Sharon's place as parliamentarian is Shaun Echols, a sophomore chemistry major from Greensboro.

Edwina Mitchell was elected as the president of the Student Union Board for '79-'80. The Board, is most noted for its sponsorship of Thursday night's Fun Nite and, says Edwina, "I'm looking forward to the Board reaching out into new and different projects next year."

Edwina is a sophomore pharmacy student from Maryland.

Working with Edwina on the Board is Venus Fallen, a sophomore psychology major from Yanceville, N. C. Sherryll Larry, a freshman psychology student from Chicago, Ill., will be the Board's secretary and Ollie Sims, a junior business major from Winston-Salem, N. C., will act as treasurer. Veronica Dotson will be the new parliamentarian. She is a sophomore business major from N. Y.

"I hope the Council will be more involved this year than

last," says Pam Griffin, newly elected president of the Interdormitory Council. Pam is a Junior accounting major from Laurens, S. C. Jackie Ransom, a junior pre-med major from Washington, D.C. will be her vice-president.

Deborah Little, a freshman communications major from N. J. will be the Council's secretary. Arlisia Lowe, a freshman electrical engineering major from Greensboro will be the Council's parliamentarian.

## Crosby reigns as new Miss Bennett

by Barbara E. Jones

Kathy M. Crosby, a junior early childhood education major from Charlotte, will begin her reign as the second Miss Bennett for the 1979-80 school year.

Kathy is an active member of the Zeta Omicron Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Kathy's first attendant is Patrice Vailes, a junior clothing major from Washington, D. C.

Kathy's main goal for the

year is to improve sisterhood on campus and to improve campus life as a whole. Kathy says, "I'll pass this way but once; if there's anything I should do then let me do it now." That relates to representing Bennett College because she feels that since she will not be here all of her life, she wants to fulfill all of her obligations while she is here.

The members of the student body wish Kathy and her attendant a successful reign for the 1979-80 school year.



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SGA president elect Ellen Brinkley states her platform during campaign week. Vice-president of the SGA will be Sharonlyn Jones.

## Brinkley elected SGA president

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Friendliness, frankness and responsibility are characteristics of the newly elected Student Government Association president Ellen Brinkley.

Hailing from Trenton, North Carolina, Ellen is a junior social welfare major who is very active in campus organizations. She is a member of the Social Welfare Club, Judicial Board, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; resident assistant in Jones Hall, and president of the Junior Class.

Ellen became interested in running for SGA president because she wanted to get involved in activities that can make the campus better. "Everyone wants changes but no one ever runs for the offices that help bring about change," stated Ellen. "At first, I was the only candidate for president but as I gained

more competition, I campaigned harder and prayed for the best."

In her new office, Ellen cannot work effectively unless she gains support from the student body. "I am here to represent all students," commented Ellen.

She would like to see a better class attendance policy, better facilities, a wider variety in the cafeteria, and more programs to enhance student enrichment.

"I think that Ellen will make a good president and I hope that she can gain 100% support from the student body. We (the SGA officers) plan to have a workshop to train the new members," stated Debra Perkins, present SGA president.

Ellen concluded, "Next year will be a good year only if we gain the support of the entire student body."



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Kathy Crosby is the new Miss Bennett. Kathy is a junior early childhood education major from Charlotte, North Carolina.