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## Law revisions

by Lisa Harris

The Student Senate is in the process of revising the constitution and activating the different college committees.

The Student Senate has decided to revise the present constitution, which is 10 years old, and to activate the committees that exist but are presently inactive. The administration agrees that it is time for these changes to be made.

The constitution needs modification to meet the demands of this decade. Ellen Brinkley, SGA president, claims that "there is a need for new and better regulations because in the past things were not recorded correctly and we in turn are faced with more problems."

The activation of the college communities is equally important because the Stu-

dent Senate cannot do the work of its sub-committees. Harold E. Bragg, dean of student affairs, is supposed to assist the Student Senate in re-establishing the committees by presenting the names of the individuals who make up these groups.

The Student Senate is also trying to include a conference to Washington, D. C. in its budget to get consultation in revising the constitution and reorganizing the committees.

Brinkley hopes that it does not take too much time to revise the constitution and that it can be done by SGA election time. Ellen asserts that "the Student Senate in the past has tried to do just what needs to be done, but we are trying to prepare for the future by changing things so that the next president will hopefully implement the ideas we have put down."



Photo by Myra Davis

David Ruffin, special assistant to the Governor, was the guest speaker at the SGA-sponsored Thanksgiving Vesper. Shown with Ruffin are SGA officers Ellen Brinkley, president; Joanne Joyner, secretary; Sharonlyn Jones, vice-president. Also pictured is Pamela Griffin, Interdormitory Council president.

## Bomb is hoax

by Bernetta Hamilton

A bomb threat, the first in Bennett College's history, emptied Player Hall Thursday, Nov. 15, but the Greensboro Police Department's bomb squad found no bomb when summoned to the dorm.

Zack Browning, buildings superintendent, said, "We received the phone call from the dorm director of Player Hall at 2:55 p.m. reporting the threat and then we called the city police. Ten minutes later the building was evacuated. Although this was the first threat, everything went smoothly."

The prank call was made to the first-floor telephone booth in the building. Cathy Morrison, a senior biology major, answered the phone.

"The only thing he said was 'there's a bomb in the building,'" said Morrison. "When I asked him to repeat it, he said the same thing. I couldn't recognize his voice because it sounded muffled as if he was speaking through something."

It is believed the same caller telephoned the second floor booth first.

According to Debbie Wright, a senior art education major, a man with a muffled voice called second floor and asked for the number to the first floor.

She gave him the number and

he apparently called the first floor.

When Morrison received the call, she told the dorm director, Geri Johnson, about it. Johnson called Browning.

"When I heard the call, I thought of the KKK (Ku Klux Klan) shooting and called security immediately," said Johnson, referring to the Nov. 3 incident in Morningside Homes between Klan members and communists, which left five dead, including a former Bennett student. "I did not panic because I felt it would get the girls upset."

But Browning said only about 25 percent of the dorm residents were upset.

He added that about 50 percent of them apparently considered the threat a joke while about 25 percent were curious.

## What's happening on campus

Rev. Joseph Quartey, pastor of the Ebenezer Church in Accra Ghana, West Africa, visited the campus Nov. 21-24 and experienced his first Thanksgiving. He had holiday dinner at the home of Chaplain Peter Addo.

During his stay, Quartey's rounds included a guest appearance on Channel 2's "Good Morning Show," a visit to the Greensboro Urban Ministry, and

by Beverly Rumley

Tabulations from the Nov. 15 English Comprehensive examination revealed that over 40 percent of the aspirants failed the test.

Fifty-nine of the 104 students passed the examination while 45 missed this opportunity to fulfill the requirement for graduation. The statistical breakdown was 56.73% (pass) to 43.27% (fail).

The passing rate diminished two percent in comparison to last year's results, according to Dr. Lynn Sadler, chairperson of the Humanities division.

Students were given a range of topics from which to write an essay. These subjects included "The Presence of 'Hate' Groups in Our Society," "The Enigma of Racial

luncheon with Rev. Green, pastor of the St. James Presbyterian Church. Quartey also conferred with N. C. Representative Henry Frye and his wife.

The Business Club is now sponsoring a membership drive for interested persons majoring or minoring in Business and Accounting.

## Union celebration slated

The David D. Jones Student Union was named in honor of the former president, David Dallas Jones. The Union houses the post office, bookstore, snack bar, Coffee House and the dining room. Located on the second floor of the Union are the offices of the Dean of Student Affairs, Co-Curricular Activities, Student Government, Placement and Residence Life.

The administrative body of the Union is the Student Union Board, along with the Director of Co-Curricular Activities. The Board's job is to carry out the policies of the Union and to coordinate the activities of the individual committees under it in a

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black campus and one of the first unions in this part of the country."

The Union's anniversary will be celebrated the entire year of 1980. Definite plans have not been approved yet, but Bragg says several things are now being discussed in order to make the celebration successful.

Never before has there been a celebration of this kind for the Union. "We thought by highlighting the thirtieth anniversary we would draw attention to the Union and the role it plays in campus life," Bragg says. Anyone with suggestions for activities for the celebration is asked to forward them to the Student Union Board, c/o Ms. Powell.

Discrimination" and "Three Ways to Improve Bennett College." Exam directions asked the writers to provide a title and thesis statement, to draft a minimum of four pages (writing on alternate lines) and to compose at least five paragraphs.

The finished essays were judged in four major areas—content, style, organization and mechanics. Any combination of four major grammatical errors resulted in automatic failure.

The most frequently made errors involved pronoun problems (220), shifts in point of view (208) and improper verb forms (154). However, the other major errors—run-on sentences, sentence fragments and improper subject-verb agreement—also cropped up often on the essays.

Sadler noted that of the 140

students expected to take the exam, only 104 reported. She also said that she was "dismayed" by the tardiness of some students. "I can't believe something as important as this test would be looked at in a frivolous manner," Sadler maintained.

Those failing the exam will have three more chances to pass. A course designed for these students—English 318 (Composition: Theory and Practice) will be taught spring semester by Mrs. Gillespie. As long as a student is not on probation, Dean Tipton will give permission for the student to carry this course as an overload.

Sadler did cite one positive effect of the exam. There has been an increase this year in students, both passing and failing, who have reviewed their tests.

Ollie Sims, club president, states that the purpose of the organization is "to give students on campus a chance to get together and share ideas on business concepts." The groups also affords students the opportunity to get acquainted with their peers and discuss futures in business. Those interested in joining the Business Club should contact Sims, secretary Pamela Griffin, or treasurer Susan Edman.

Five Home Economics majors at Bennett were recently inducted into Kappa Omicron Phi, a national honor society. The inductees entered Delta Mu Chapter at North Carolina A&T State University along with 14 majors from that institution.

Senior Belles honored were Bebe Davis, Concord, Rose Irby, Blackstone, Va., and Valerie Littlejohn, Spartanburg, S. C. The juniors tapped into the organization were Leila Mickens, Sumter, S. C., and Regina Pegram, Durham.

Founded in 1922, Kappa Omicron Phi is one of three national honor societies in the field of Home Economics. It emphasizes intellectual and scholastic achievements. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.7 is required and a minimum of 3.0 in the major field.

Chaplain Peter Addo is interested in recommending interested students, who are committed Christians, for The Mission Intern Program, which places missionaries throughout the U. S. as well as overseas. For more detailed information, contact the chaplain at the Interfaith Center. This program is sponsored by The Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

The Bennett College Players' productions of "The Sirens" by Richard Wesley and "The Owl Killer" by Phillip Hayes Dean will be entered in North Carolina Central University's Black Theatre Festival to be held February 18-23.

Linda Norflett, chairperson of the Drama Department at NCCU, heard of the great reaction Bennett's Drama Department received from these two plays and invited the entire cast of both plays, all expenses paid, to come and participate in NCCU's annual event.

The Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society is sponsoring a Black History Quiz during Black History Week. All sororities and clubs interested in participating in the contest please notify Mrs. Addo. Rules concerning the contest will be given next semester. Prizes will be awarded.

## Union celebration slated

by Denise Wilder

1980 is the thirtieth anniversary of the David D. Jones Student Union, and Dean of Student Affairs Harold E. Bragg says, "Therefore a series of activities, exhibitions, lectures and so on are scheduled to take place in the Union beginning next semester for the year to commemorate the Union."

Very few people now mingle in the Union for social enrichment, but the upcoming events should stimulate new interest in the Union. Bragg admits the Union needs quite a bit of work on it and explains that "some people are not aware of the fact that our Union was one of the first major student unions on any