

New belle leaders are selected

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President-elect Sharonlyn Jones, a native of Montgomery, Ala., looks forward to working with the students to make 1980-81 a memorable year.

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by Myra George
The incoming officers for the Student Government Association (SGA) were selected during campus elections held March 18.

Voters also chose representatives for the Student Union Board, Interdormitory Council and Miss Bennett.

Sharonlyn Jones, a junior from Montgomery, Ala., won the position of SGA president. Her cabinet consists of Linda Anderson, vice-president; Lisa Harris, secretary; Terri Phillips, treasurer; Lisa Manley, parliamentarian; and Venus Fallen, representative to the Judiciary Council.

Jones, the present SGA vice-president, feels that "being vice-president helped (her campaign), but I'd like to think that it was my personality" that accounted for the victory. Jones says that she didn't want to make any campaign promises except "to work with and for the students to make it a memorable year." She states that she pursued the office because she is "committed to a cause."

Anderson, who succeeds Jones as vice-president, has been active in campus work, serving as editor of the literary magazine and winning a prize for original poetry during the Evening of Public Speaking.

Secretary-elect Harris has worked as a representative to the Student Union Board and Treasurer of the Marshall Board. Believing that her "involvement in things" helped her campaign, Harris hopes "to try and start a change" and promote "more communication between administrators and students." Another of her aims is "to destroy apathy on campus."

Phillips, the new treasurer, had her name omitted from the March 18 ballot due to clerical error and was elected on a subsequent ballot. Despite her victory, Phillips maintains that the voting was held in a slipshod manner. "The whole election was done improperly," Phillips claims, adding that "I think all the candidates were done unjustly."

The new president of the Stu-

dent Union Board is Qundal Chambers, of Sumter, S. C. Sophomore Cassandra Barnes of Greensboro will serve as secretary. Barnes ran for the position because she felt "that I could do a good job and be an asset to the Board." Her ambition is "to do the best job I can."

Joining Chambers and Barnes on the Board are Lynette Lee, vice-president; Pamela Daye, treasurer; and Gail Wiley, parliamentarian.

Lakeitha Reeves has become the new president of the Interdormitory Council. Bonita McClain, Smith College transfer, is the vice-president-elect. "I'm a political-minded person," says McClain, "and I wanted to become involved in student activities at Bennett." She hopes "to promote better understanding between students and other dormitories."

Other Council officers are Valerie Wills, secretary; Darleen Brooks, treasurer; and Valerie Callender, parliamentarian.

The new Miss Bennett is junior (See Page 5)



Vice-president-elect Linda Anderson, of Denver, will assist Jones in the 1980-81 school year.

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Senior class President Angela Briley is robbed during Senior Day ceremonies by her sophomore little sister, Regina Scott.

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Miller challenges seniors

by the Banner Staff

An address by President Isaac H. Miller, Jr., highlighted the Senior Day Exercises in Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel Mar. 13.

153 seniors and six candidates for the associate in arts degree were honored in the annual event that includes the presentation of caps and gowns to candidates for graduation by their "little sisters" of the sophomore class and the authorization for seniors to wear this academic regalia on all formal occasions as long

as each candidate's responsibilities to the college are fulfilled.

Calling the gown a "mantle of responsibility," Miller maintained that "we will walk a little taller and feel a little more self-esteem . . . for having gone through this ceremony."

Miller called for seniors to sharpen their "awareness of the realities of racism, sexism and economic indifference" while at the same time practicing "wisdom, patience, compassion and tolerance" in

dealing with the future.

Members of the class of 1980 were urged to continue the process of education after they leave Bennett. "The world has enough college graduates who have not sharpened their proficiencies" enough to succeed, the president warned.

In perhaps his most fervent statement during the address, Miller counseled students to keep on growing academically, intellectually, morally and spiritually, for "to stop doing so is to dry up and die."

Using the "no deposit, no return" soft-drink bottle metaphor, Miller contended that a graduate's chances for success and growth are dependent on her willingness to make large deposits of the time-honored virtues. If the student fails to make these investments, then her "return" will be unsatisfactory.

Miller cited such crucial deposits as faith, fair play and honesty, planning and hard work, decency of manner and speech and special kindness, dependability and integrity as well as true love and respect.

The address concluded with advice for self-enrichment. Miller stressed the overwhelming importance of setting high goals, becoming service-oriented, continuing to grow and keeping God in one's heart.

College news and campus activities

Dr. Chelsea Tipton was elected president of the National Association of College Deans, Registrars and Admissions Officers at the 54th annual meeting held March 16-19 in Huntsville, Ala.

The purposes of the organization, which has a membership of more than 100 colleges, are to improve professional competency through sharing common experiences and to serve as a vehicle for exploring the problems of developing institutions.

Prior to election to the presidency, Tipton served as first vice-president and second vice-president and as the chairperson of many standing committees. He has actively participated in the Association for the last five years.

The 55th annual meeting is

scheduled March 8-11, 1981, in Greensboro.

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The goal of Residence Life Week, which began March 31 and concludes April 7, is to unite students on campus.

The events which have already been staged included a game night, a fashion show and the sponsorship of planning seminars by each dormitory.

The remaining schedule slates a talent show for tonight, a formal dinner dance Saturday, a chapel service Sunday and an Easter Monday bonfire presided over by Miss Bennett, Kathy Crosby. Other students assisting Mrs. Ouida Scarborough, residence life director, are Pam Griffin, president of (See Page 6)

English comp exam to be given

by the Banner Staff

The English Comprehensive Examination will be given Thursday, April 10, from 8-10 a.m. in the Science Assembly.

Successful completion of this examination is a requirement for graduation. All juniors and seniors who have not passed the test must take it at this time.

If you have not received an official notice about the examination, contact Dr. Lynn Sadler, communications department chairperson, at extension 116.

Students should arrive for the test by 8:00 and should submit their essays by 10:00, at which time papers will be promptly collected.

Last fall, a little more than half (57%) of the students taking the Comprehensive received a passing mark.

The examination offers writers a wide variety of topics. Papers are judged on the quality of content and organization and the pres-

ence of basic grammatical competencies.

The writer must have coherent ideas to present, and her thoughts must appear in fully developed paragraphs.

Although some papers fail as a result of the absence of ideas and organization, most unsatisfactory essays reveal grammatical deficiencies.

Any combination of four major mechanical errors (sentence structure, verb and pronoun use and point of view violations) will disqualify a paper.

Past statistics show that most grammatical mistakes are almost evenly divided among the first three categories.

The most commonly made verb errors include failure of agreement between subject and verb, incorrect principal parts of verbs, omission of inflectional endings from past tense verbs, improper tenses and tense shifts.

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Bennett meets uncf goal

by Myra Davis

Bennett College reached its \$60,000 1979 United Negro College Fund Campaign goal. General chairman McNeil Smith announced that \$60,266 was raised in the Greensboro community between September and December, 1979.

Of the total amount raised, 50 percent was contributed by corporations and businesses. The balance came from the college community, black

churches, fraternal organization. Last year, Bennett reached its goal through three black service-oriented, women's organizations — Links, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and The Las Amigas — played an important role in the campaign.

Based on the UNCF national policy, 75 percent of the funds raised in Greensboro go directly to the college. The balance is forwarded to the

national UNCF office for general distribution among the 41-member private institutions. Bennett College is one of six UNCF schools in North Carolina.

Funds raised in the campaign are used for student scholarships, library and faculty development, research support, and current operation. Last year, Bennett received \$183,618 from the national campaign.