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Bennett Belles were treated to games and a picnic during the annual Labor Day festivities that took place in the Quadrangle. Photo by Parrese Wade

Labor Day activities a success

by Zephalee Lynn Thorne
and Arlene McNeil

The Labor Day activities, which included such activities as brunch, games, a Greek step show, and a disco, was an enormous success.

The annual event began at 11:00 a.m. with brunch being served in the cafeteria. Following brunch at 1:00 p.m., the games took place. The games included frisbee, volleyball, football, backgammon, a sack race, and a 3-legged race.

After the games, there was a cookout from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. The menu included hot dogs, hamburgers, beans, potato salad, potato chips, cookies, and lemonade. Marcus Cookley, A&T student, declared, "After the first week of hard studies, this annual event is welcome. It helps ease you back into the college mood."

Immediately following the cookout, the Greek step show was held.

The Greeks included the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. For the freshmen, the whole day was exciting, but the Greek step show was so different and fascinating that most of them will never forget it.

After the Greek show the disco began. The music was provided by disc jockey Terry Morgan. The disco, the last event on the schedule for Labor Day, was really superb. An A&T student, Isaac Jerome Neal declared, "After the first week of hard studies, this annual event is welcome. It helps ease you back into the college mood."

Thanks to the Student Government Association, the Student Union Board, and the cafeteria staff, another Labor Day at Bennett College was a success.

SGA has much in store for 1980-81

by Josie Hudley

The Student Government Association (SGA) with its new and returning members has much in store for the student body for 1980-81.

SGA president, Sharonlyn Jones, a senior ISF Early Childhood major from Montgomery, Ala., is very enthusiastic about this year's activities. "Student involvement and a unity of the Bennett sisters are two of my main goals and hopefully what we've planned for this year will give everyone that motivation to pitch in and help," she said.

Some tentative activities that are on the calendar for this semester include: monthly birthday dinners, a Greek Olympics, a Halloween masquerade party, Fall Festival of the Arts and Christmas

Caroling. The success of Freshman Weekend during Freshman Orientation Week can be attributed to the SGA. The upcoming Coronation of the New Miss Bennett is one of the SGA's priorities at the moment.

There are several specific things the SGA would like to accomplish during 1980-81, one of which is to get a salad bar for the cafeteria. "Getting a salad bar for the cafeteria is just one of the many changes we would like to incorporate," states Secretary Lisa Harris, a junior Mass Communications major from Long Island, N. Y. Lisa explained "Our goal is not so much to change, as it is to 'make better' the conditions surrounding Bennett. More important than a salad bar, though, is the student relationship with the SGA. I don't want people to look at me and say, 'Oh, she's an SGA mem-

ber,' I want students to look at me and say, 'What's up, Lisa?'"

Another concern of the SGA's is the obvious "battle of the sororities" here on campus. Treasurer Terri Phillips, a Pre-Med major from Harrisburg, Pa., comments: "We would like to get a Panhellenic Council, which would consist of two representatives from each sorority to keep the channels of communication open. This way some of the tension will be eased. Having functions together is another way the SGA feels that the total sisterhood of all Greeks here on Bennett's campus for a common cause can be reached."

One duty of the SGA is to be a liaison between the Administration and the students. When asked about the effectiveness of this, Assistant Secretary Sherrel Larry, a Political Science major from Chi-

cago, Ill., replied, "The SGA can only be as effective as the students let us. There are only seven members and we can't possibly see all the problems that Bennett has, so we can work only if the students help. Possibly if we placed a box in the Student Union asking for complaints or remedies to existing problems something could get done faster."

To bring about better student relations and a closer sisterhood seems to be the focus of this year's SGA. "One way to achieve this goal is to let the students in on what's happening or when our upcoming functions will be. We need better publicity," says SGA Vice President Linda Anderson, an English major from Denver, Colo. "A way to better communicate with the student body would be to have our own newsletter; this way only the activities of the SGA

would be included, and the students could keep abreast of what's going on."

When asked what the SGA of 1980-81 wanted to be remembered for, Parliamentarian Lisa Manley, a junior psychology major and music minor from Middletown, N. Y., had this to say, "The SGA wants versatility. I'm sure we want to be remembered as the SGA that did something for the Bennett Belles. But in doing anything, we already have two obstacles ahead of us, (1) getting the students' support, (2) getting the administration to take us seriously. But if we surmount the number one obstacle, number two would be easier to tackle."

With a definite purpose and great expectations, this year should prove to be one of the best for the student body and the SGA.

Gravely gets promotion

by Yvette Barbour

Major departmental changes have been made this year at the Freshmen Studies and Academic Support Services Center.

Miss Jimmie Gravely, a Bennett graduate, who majored in business education and minored in economics, has been promoted to acting director of Freshmen Studies and Academic Support Services. Miss Gravely's former position was Special Services program manager, a position now held by Mrs.

Margaret Williamson.

Miss Gravely's promotion arose, according to her, because, "Miss Dorothy Harris is on leave from Bennett to work on her doctorate degree at Rutgers University." Miss Gravely will perform these services until Miss Harris returns.

The other changes in the area arose because Mrs. McCallum, the Associate in Academic Advising, retired last spring. "Mrs. McCallum's responsibilities will be shared with this office and other

offices on campus," stated Miss Gravely.

"We will still do some academic advising, but not on the large scale that Mrs. McCallum did," Miss Gravely said. She added, "We will be working very closely in some areas with the Career Services Center and the Learning Resource Center."

The Freshmen Studies and Academic Support Services still includes Academic Advisement, Special Services and the Learning Resource Center.

Scott to be crowned

by Lisa Harris

Coronation festivities for Rosalyn Janice Scott, Miss Bennett College 1980-81 will take place on Sept. 19-20 in the Student Union, here on campus.

Rosalyn J. Scott, a senior Music Education student at Bennett College, is the reigning "Miss Bennett." Born in Florence, S. C., the 21-year-old Gemini is a member of the Zeta Omicron Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a pianist and student accompanist of the Bennett College Choir, a member of the N.A.A.C.P. and M.E.N.C. (Music Educators' National Conference). Rosalyn's future plans upon graduation are to

continue her studies in the field of Music, and to eventually get into the art of performing.

Miss Bennett's objectives for the 1980-81 school year are to establish a better relationship between the position of Miss Bennett and the student body. Rosalyn claims, "Often college queens are deemed untouchable." She offers to be respected for her office, and yet be on the same level as the students. Rosalyn adds, "I don't plan to get caught up in the Miss Bennett preconception, because that in itself would be losing sight of my own individuality."

Miss Bennett has several activities scheduled for the 1980-81 year. The goal of

these activities is to bring the entire Bennett campus together in these activities. Rosalyn claims, "With the participation of the entire faculty, staff and student body, I intend to do the best possible job myself." She hopes the position will enable her to grow and mature in many various ways. Rosalyn states, "I hope to improve my ability to deal with others and benefit from the enriching experiences of my reign."

The traditional banquet in her honor will take place Friday evening, Sept. 19, 1980, and the actual crowning of "Miss Bennett College" will occur on Saturday evening, Sept. 20, 1980 in the Student Union Building.



The 1980-81 Miss Bennett is Rosalyn J. Scott, Music Education major from Florence, S. C. She will be officially inducted into this position on Sept. 20, 1980, at the Miss Bennett Coronation.

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