

Basketball season looks hopeful

by Denise Wilder

This season Coach Leon McDougle will be without dominating Andre Dixon, who was named to Division III All Tournament Team and All Conference Team in 1980. Dixon contributed four exceptional years of athletic involvement in basketball as a Belle. McDougle says, "I am going to miss her. People like Andre and Arlene Brown (another former basket-

ball player) can't be replaced."

What will the Belles do without the outstanding leaping and scoring ability of Andre this year? They are going to play ball, insisted McDougle. This year we have two newcomers, 6'3" freshman Robin Black from Kannapolis, N. C. and Valerie Maness from Robins, N. C.

With the returning players, the newcomers, and the coaching of

Leon McDougle, the team is expected to continue its stroll for glory. Last season the Belles captured a 9-2 NCAIAW Division III conference record and a second-place standing.

In recent years the Belles have lacked height, but with the help of highly recommended Black, height will not be a great concern for them this year. This will allow the Belles to get the ball in the

middle more often and easier.

Outside shooting also haunted the Belles in past seasons. This year they might be able to banish that ghost. Maness, returning Dihan Jones, and Portia Dixon (sister of former player Andre) are expected to contribute tremendously. McDougle is also looking to Portia for leadership.

Last season Portia suffered a serious mouth injury in a collision with Vonnie MacFaden. As a result of the collision Vonnie suffered an injury to the knee that kept her out for the remaining part of the season. Both Portia and Vonnie are back and are expected to be very impressive this season.

The Belles real plus will be the returning of senior Dihan

Jones from Thomasville, N. C. "Needless to say," smiles McDougle, "the return of Dihan Jones makes me feel very good." McDougle explains that Dihan is very versatile and is probably only one of two ballplayers he has ever coached that puts pressure on a defense offensively. While Vonnie and Lynn take over the guard positions, Dihan and Portia will occupy the forward positions. "I don't think people really know how great an athlete Dihan is, but they are going to see this year," promises McDougle.

The nucleus of the team, according to McDougle, will be the veterans plus the two newcomers, Black and Maness, but McDougle warns, "Look out for some walk-ons too!"

Campus crimes cause alert among students and security

Wanda D. Edwards

In the past two months, several crimes have been committed on our campus.

On Aug. 30, a young man was found in a student's room in Merner Hall. The young man, who has not been identified, was chased out of the dorm by the assistant director and some helpful students. The assistant director was quoted as saying, "The man must have gotten in through the side doors. One of our students must have left the door

open after emptying trash. We are glad it was not so serious as if someone had gotten hurt."

The second incident occurred when our college bookstore was broken into by an unknown thief who took jewelry, tee shirts, and \$18 in cash. Colonel Byrd discovered the robbery when he reported to work. The thief broke the glass window of the door leading into the bookstore. The union doors were already unlocked and this permitted the intruder to enter the union.

The third incident happened on Sept. 12 when a young lady was beaten. An argument started the incident. Security was called in and the problem was taken off campus. The victim's injuries were not serious and she is reportedly doing well.

Zack Browning said, "These were unfortunate incidents. We are asking for the student's cooperation so that we may have a good year. We have three security guards on duty at all times and they are willing to help the good ladies of Bennett."

Campus changes evident

by Wanda Denise Edwards

All new and returning students who have noticed the green grass and the beautiful flower beds should thank Mr. Zack Browning and Mr. Isaac Walker. Mr. Browning is the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds and Mr. Walker is the Assistant Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds.

This summer Mr. Browning and Mr. Walker worked long hot hours

to put the grounds in order. They planted grass in front of Jones Hall and the grass looks so contented there that Mr. Browning asks that we PLEASE NOT WALK ON THE GRASS.

Also, this summer our maintenance department was busy fixing the roofs on the gym, Black Hall, and Merner Hall. The estimated cost for fixing the roofs came to \$125,000. The maintenance department hopes that there will be no

more complaints concerning the roofs.

Mercury Vapor Lights were also installed on our campus. These lights give an adequate amount of light, which the security staff hopes will ease the minds of our Bennett Belles.

With the new construction under way, we are faced with some parking problems. The security staff asks that you please park in the parking lots in front of The Children's House and behind Merner Hall. The new parking lot on Washington Street is almost completed and we are hoping that this will solve the problem of student parking.

The parking regulations will be strictly enforced this year. The security staff has signed a contract with Kirk's Towing Company and it will cost you a total of \$25 to get your car back. The security staff will be looking for a Bennett sticker, which all cars must have.

The security department is in high hopes of a good year. They are well-staffed and ready to protect the ladies of Bennett College. The security office is open 24 hours a day for the convenience of the students.

The maintenance and security departments hope that everyone has an enjoyable year. If they can be of any service, please don't hesitate to call upon them.

Program views conditions abroad

Shelly J. Coston

On Sept. 19 the Bennett College Women's Studies Program presented, "Getting to Know You": An Experience in Global Communications.

Gloria Harris, the special guest artist from San Diego, Cal., read a short selection, "For My People," by Margaret Walker. The poem is a tribute to all black people who have continued to survive despite the obstacles in society.

Students from various colleges and universities in the area gave brief talks on the conditions in their countries. Man-ping Wu, a business graduate from UNC-G, gave a review of life and living conditions in Hong Kong. Achara

Matitanabiroon, also a business graduate from UNC-G, explained the roles women play in her country and the improvements being made in Thailand for women.

Joyce Tshole, president of Bennett's International Students Organization, Princess Campbell and Pauline Nzeribe, also from Bennett, presented a short description of life in their African countries.

Sharon Alaman and Phyllis Tillery, both Belles, entertained the audience with the song and theme of the program, "Getting to Know You."

To close the program, Mrs. Harris performed, "Ain't I A Woman," a monologue by Sojourner Truth.



The volleyball team, under the supervision of Coach Mary Lentz, is preparing for a long hard season. (Photo by Parrese Wade)

News and events

Lisa Harris

The National Poetry Press announces that the closing date for the submission of manuscripts by college students is Nov. 5. Any student attending a junior or senior college may enter. There is no limitation as to form or theme. Shorter works are preferred because of space limitations. All manuscripts should be sent to National Poetry Press, Box 218, Agoura, California 91301.

American Collegiate Poets Anthology, International Publications is sponsoring a National College Poetry Contest, open to all college and university students desiring to have their poetry anthologized. Cash prizes of \$100, \$50, \$25, \$15 and \$10 will be awarded to the top five entries. Deadline for submission is Oct. 31, 1980. See Lisa Harris for further details.

Parents' Weekend is this weekend, along with Founder's Day. The Founder's Day Convocation will take place Sunday, Oct. 5, in Annie Merner Chapel at 4:00 p.m.

Members of the Zeta Omicron Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., are in the process of collecting aluminum cans. All proceeds will be donated to the Sickle Cell Foundation. The sorority would greatly appreciate the help of the entire student body. Signs will be posted to inform you of what is acceptable.

Bennett College now has a time slot called "Campus Crosswinds" on WNAA of NCATSU. Any organization that would like to air an event or speak out on something of significance should contact Lisa Harris at Ext. 180.

The Class of 1981 should file for their degrees Oct. 6-8, 1980.

Bennett College Pre-Alumni Association is having a Carnival Oct. 11, 1980 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Bennett's campus.

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University's Homecoming activities will occur Oct. 17-19. The Aggies play Delaware State University Saturday, Oct. 18. Look for further details concerning these activities.

Bookstore robbery remains a mystery

Veronica McKinney

A robbery occurred in the early hours of the morning on Sept. 11 and an unidentified suspect fled with jewelry and a sum of money.

The robber broke into Bennett's bookstore between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. The chains were cut off the door and the glass was shattered.

Fortunately, no large sum of money or supplies were reported

missing. Thirteen dollars and class rings were taken by the robber.

Colonel Byrd, the manager of the bookstore, stated, "As far as I know the security didn't see anyone. When I came back from vacation this summer the bookstore had been broken into but I was unable to find anything missing."

There were no suspects or witnesses to be found.

Volleyball season gets a slow start

Shelly J. Coston

The Bennett volleyball team opened its fall season with a double-header against Shaw University of Raleigh and Elon College of Burlington. Both games were played at Elon.

In the first game, best two out of three sets, Bennett defeated Shaw 15-2 the first set and 15-8 the second.

Although Bennett didn't win either set against Elon, they still played an impressive game. Elon defeated Bennett 15-13 the first set and 19-17 the second. "I feel the girls really played well against both schools, especially Elon," says Coach Lentz. "Both Shaw and Elon are Division 2 schools. The lower the school is ranked in the division the more money they are allotted for athletic scholarships. Since Bennett is a Division 3 school and just begging to offer volleyball scholarships, recruitment of athletes has just begun to pick up," she adds.

In their second series of games against Belmont Abbey in Bel-

mont and Queens of Charlotte, Bennett dominated both games. Bennett prevailed over Belmont Abbey 15-12 both sets, and over Queens 15-7 the first set and 15-9 the second. Both games were played at Queens.

The volleyball team wasn't as successful in their third series of games, but received a double dose of defeat.

In the first match, Bennett against Coker of Hartsville, S. C., Coker won the first set 15-8, lost the second 15-9 and finally over-matched Bennett in the third set 15-9.

In the second game, which also went three sets, St. Andrews of Laurinburg beat Bennett 15-3 the first set, lost the second, 16-14 but returned to defeat Bennett 15-11 in the third set.

Many of the players attribute their failure to low morale and lack of communications on the court. "We all made mistakes," claims one player. "Had we played them like we did the other teams we would have won," she continued.