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## Infirmary opens

by Karen L. Shields

A new era has begun with the opening of the new infirmary. Students, for too long, have had to deal with inadequate health facilities.

"We are now functioning as a college infirmary, with many new goals and useful equipment," states Shirley Preston, director of the infirmary.

The infirmary consists of: one examining room, one treatment room and a room for filing charts. There is a reception and waiting area, along with a lounge for cigarette smoking. A counseling room for one-to-one confrontations is also available.

There are four rooms with two beds for seriously ill and overnight patients. These rooms include two emergency buzzers, air conditioning, a sink and toilet and plenty of closet space. The rooms also have a dividing curtain for individual privacy.

To serve students, a full kitchen and linen facility was installed. There are two bathrooms on the halls for out-patients and a four-room apartment can be found inside to meet the needs of the 24-hour nurse. For safety precautions the infirmary has four exits and an adequate amount of fire alarms.

The hours are 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The infirmary is closed on weekends. "Students must not forget that 24-hour services are available to them as long as they follow proper procedures," said Preston. "Rules and regulations must be followed in order to avoid any type of problems." If a student gets sick in the dorm or needs an ambulance, security is to be contacted immediately. Nothing can be done for ill patients if security is not contacted.

The staff consists of Shirley Preston, RN; Alice Hays, RN; Dr. Preston, RN; and Dennis Mason. According to Preston, Mason's position is part-time nurse consultant.

Preston, a native of McCormick, S.C., and has many goals and aspirations for the infirmary. Preston states one goal as "helping students obtain and maintain health by using preventive and educational aspects which will enhance their knowledge of physical and mental capabilities."

Hayes comments that, "the at-

mosphere is much more conducive to better health for the students than the last." Clark is maintaining his old hours of 9-10:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday, with Monday if needed on Friday. According to Preston these hours are only temporary.

It should always be kept in mind that Clark's hours can be changed based on the needs of the students.

For her major problem, Preston cites "lack of funds. With more money a larger staff would be put into existence and the doctor's hours lengthened."

The infirmary has many medical services to offer—counseling, health education and referrals if necessary. In order to stay on top, Preston says that all rules and regulations must be followed and students must not abuse the services.

The function of the infirmary is not to take the place of a hospital. A student that becomes ill and has to stay 24 hours or more will, according to Preston, "receive the care of a 24-hour nurse and daily visits from Clark."

## Students must battle Reaganomics

by Harolyn Stevenson-Smith

Reaganomics has by far taken its course in our lives and will likely change the way of life for Black people. College students, professionals and poor people alike will feel the increasing effect of "the great cutback" in agonizing measures.

Our forefathers lived most of their hours involved in the hard work to bring about changes that would enable us to have the same equal opportunities for American success and prosperity as our fellow white men. Yet we have been on these shores for 400 years and have yet to see a Black man elected to the presidency. Our political progress is pathetic. What could be the blame for this grand American error? Can it be blamed on political apathy of the minority? General disinterest in the legislative process? No doubt many of us have questioned this aspect of Black political development and

have arrived at various theories as to why the Black man has failed to usurp leadership power in this great country.

In the event that some candidate supported by the general Black populace were elected, dissension among the race supercedes the possibility of seeing him successful. This was proven when Shirley Chisholm ran for the presidency in 1972. Her book "Unbought and Unbossed" confirms the split union of Black people. Since then we have seen no other Black candidate come close to the executive position. Yet while many of our people gripe and complain about poor political representation, and about the pressing ills that weaken our struggle, we find that slipshod attention is given to this problem. The masses have failed to come up with a workable solution.

Poor people provide the shell for the fragile body of Black unity.

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Mrs. Shirley Preston, RN, is director of the new college infirmary. The director's duties are mentally challenging, says Preston.

(photo by Shelly Coston)

## Comp. test draws line

by Rosellen Durham

It's time for a significant portion of the student body to prove its ability to write effectively during the English Comprehensive Examination.

The test will be given on Thursday, Nov. 19, from 8:00-10:00 a.m. in the Science Assembly.

Passing the examination is a requirement for graduation. All juniors, all junior and senior transfer students and any seniors who have previously failed the Comprehensive must take it Nov. 19. Any Belle in these categories who does not receive official notification of the test should contact Dr. Lynn Sadler, chairperson of the communications department, at ext. 116.

At the test, students choose an essay topic from a diverse list of subjects provided for them and compose an essay in a minimum of four pages with writing on alternate lines of the pages.

Writers are expected to furnish a title for the paper, a thesis statement and a minimum of five paragraphs.

The English faculty grades

the papers, and the quality of each essay is appraised by two readers. If the verdicts of the two judges disagree, a third reader assesses the composition.

In the past, most first-time "Comp" takers have passed. The test generally does not present problems to careful, disciplined writers.

Four major errors or combinations of such errors will automatically fail a paper.

The categories of major errors are: run-on sentences and sentence fragments; failure of agreement of subject and verb; verb form errors (including improper tenses, wrong principal parts of verbs and the omission of the past tense of regular verbs); pronoun errors (faulty references, pronoun-antecedent disagreement and wrong case); and a failure of consistency of point of view.

According to the test guidelines, "Chronic problems in organization, coherence, and other areas will also fail a paper."

In short, the writer must

have something to say, and her ideas must be well-organized, logically presented and grammatically precise.

The Computer Center has writing to assist students in preparing for the test. Instructions for entering relevant programs have been posted on the door of the CAI Lab. Dr. Nellouise Watkins, center director, encourages Belles needing a brush-up to use the computers.

The judges urge students to examine their past and recent writing to spot consistent grammatical problems and then to study relevant sections of the English 102 text, McCuen and Winkler's "From Idea to Essay" or other dependable books such as "The Harbrace Handbook."

It will also be helpful to compose a "practice" essay or two, especially if a student has not been required to write a composition recently.

Other tips for coping with the examination include appearing punctually for the test, bringing a dependable pen and proofreading the final composition at least twice.

Students interested in Martin Luther King, Henry David Thoreau and Albert Camus should find illumination during Santoni's visit.

(Evelyn L. Glenn, reporter)

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The Bennett College Dance Company has elected its officers.

They are: Monica Mack, president; Marlene Jones, vice president; Cheryl Williams, secretary; and Nedra McGee, treasurer.

The group also includes Evanda Peay, Kathy Lewis, Susan Smith, Kimberly Coleman, Tracy Purcell, Susan Hopkins and Valeria Taylor.

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## Names you should know

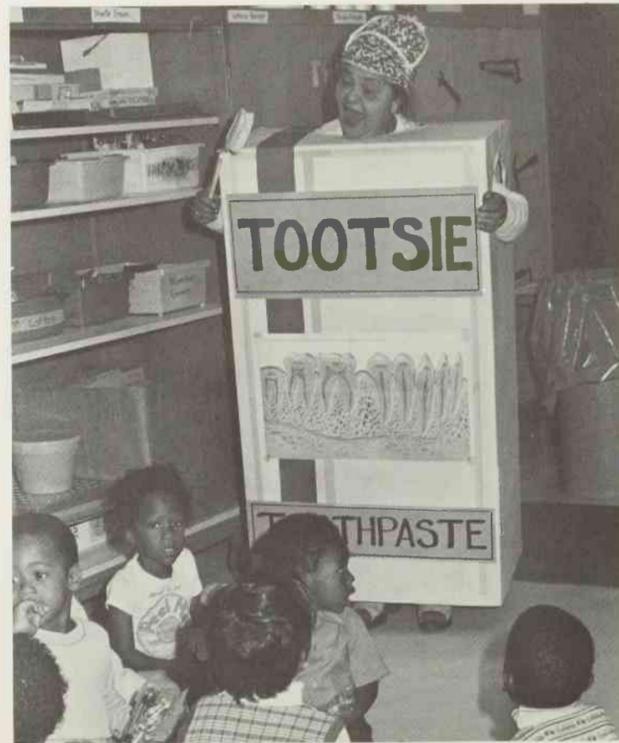
Philosopher and film producer Ronald E. Santoni will show movies, deliver a speech and visit classes during a two-day appearance sponsored by the Mellon Grant.

Dr. Santoni, professor of philosophy at Denison University, will speak on "Existentialism and the Concept of Violence" this Monday, Nov. 16, at 7:00 p.m. in Science Assembly. He will also meet with classes in the same location from 10:00-12:00 a.m. Monday morning.

On Tuesday, Nov. 17, Santoni, an expert in the peace movement, will screen the films "Picadon" and "37th Summer of the Bomb"

in Science Assembly at 1:00. Both presentations received nationwide acclaim after being shown by the Public Broadcasting System.

An often published scholar, Santoni serves as co-editor of "Social and Political Philosophy." His articles have appeared in "The Progressive" as well as more commercial magazines, and he has done an anthology on religious language. He recently served on the faculty at Yale University where he completed a critical study of the translated classic on Jean Paul Sartre, the most prominent existentialist, by Francis Jeanson.



Tootsie Toothpaste (Pauline Wyrth) sang and danced about good mouth hygiene to over 200 children in Morningside and Ray Warren Homes, the Cerebral Palsy Orthopedic School and the Children's House.

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