

Belle interns in White House

Bennett student Sekinah Hamlin spent the summer hobnobbing with none other than Hillary, Bill, Al, Tipper and Colin in the nation's capital.

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Science Entrepreneur

R.O. W. Sciences, Inc. CEO Ralph O. Williams talks to student after his lecture at ACES Sept. 30. In background is 1969 Bennett grad Jacqueline Venable Richmond, a project manager with the company.

Renovations making dorm and campus life pleasant once again

By Tahja McVay
Banner Reporter

Campus renovations have been a big event on the Bennett College campus for more than a year and the improvements are having a positive impact on students.

All campus dormitories have been undergoing major facelifts. Work on Cone, Jones, Reynolds, Pfeiffer and Merner Halls has been completed while work is continuing on Barge Hall.

The upperclasswomen on campus can see considerable improvements in the dorms since the renovations. So much so that they say putting up with early morning bulldozers and piles of dirt, wood and mud is worth it.

"There has been total renovation; the floors aren't caving in, and the closets have doors on them," said junior, Lori Hawkins who resides in Cone.

Jocelyn Biggs was housed in

Cone last year. She says the changes there are phenomenal.

"I can remember when the paint was tacky and chipped off. Now everything is fresh and new, even the furniture."

"The dorms now have pretty floors and it looks like we pay \$9,000," said senior Tara Gross. "I used to wonder where all our money was going."

Kisheena Wanzer, a senior said, "It's nice to see money is being utilized for creating a better educational environment. The renovations create a more profound environment in which to study and live."

The upgrade of all dorms is part of President Gloria Randle Scott's "Bennett Renaissance" initiative which aims at revitalizing all areas of campus life beginning with improvements to the physical facilities. Among the most recent additions is air conditioning in the

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SGA leader suspension under College review

By Kim Hall
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The recent suspension from Bennett of SGA President-elect Pamela McCorvey is being reviewed by a judicial panel of the college at press time.

McCorvey, a senior math major from Houston, was notified upon her return to school at the end of the summer that she had been suspended by President Gloria Randle Scott for violating the Belle Honor Code. Earlier this semester at an ACES swearing-in ceremony for school officers, Dr. Scott announced to the student body that four students were suspended for honor code violations, including the SGA president-elect.

McCorvey's recourse was to appeal the suspension before a judicial committee made up of school faculty, administrators and students. That private hearing was held Sept. 30 with a decision expected to be rendered Oct. 5.

** UPDATE **

Pamela McCorvey informed the Banner Oct. 6 that she has received official notification from the College reinstating her as a student.

At press time, McCorvey declined to make public her comments on the case citing college privacy guidelines. But the matter seems to revolve around McCorvey's involvement with a former Bennett student who faced drug charges in federal court last April.

The student was McCorvey's Big Sister, a tradition at Bennett where upperclasswomen serve as mentors for younger students.

Scott promised at a program on campus last spring that the College was monitoring the case and would take appropriate action once the legal trial finished.

Although Scott declined to comment on the specifics of the case,

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NU NU is brand new, finally

By Deirdre B. Cooper
Student Reporter

As a result of the recruiting efforts of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., the Bennett College campus now has all four sororities of the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Serena Cole, Deirdre B. Cooper, Dana Whaley, Brooke Walker, and Dionne Walker were instated as the charter members of the NuNu chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Sept. 25.

"I am really honored and ecstatic to have a chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority on Bennett's campus because Bennett is our home," said Cooper, Nu Nu's chapter president.

"Equally important, we can now

use Nu Nu as a vehicle to show the student body what Sigma is about," Cooper said.

"Moving from North Carolina A&T State University to Bennett, members are ready to begin positively serving the college community through campus-based projects."

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., founded November 1922 at Butler University, is the youngest member of the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

The sorority whose slogan is "Greater Service, Greater Progress," is a non-profit organization that stresses empowering the African-American community through education.