

40 Belles walk for AIDS



More than 40 Belles participated in the Winter Walk for AIDS, Dec. 1. Belle walkers' raised more than \$1,090.

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Centenarian Belle celebrates birthday



One-hundred-year-old Belle Grace Donnell Lewis

Campus phone system baffles, angers callers

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Numerous complaints about the telephone systems, have raised many questions around campus.

The telephone system or switchboard system is operated by Delores Shaw, assistant cashier of the business office. Shaw is assisted by four student workers.

Many of the complaints have come from students, faculty, and others who call to reach them.

"People have told me that when they call and ask for me, that they're told that I don't even work here," said Sally Alvarez, an instructor in the Mass Communications, Speech and Theatre department.

"I've been working the switchboard at Bennett for five years and I have a list with names and locations to be transferred," Shaw said.

"If the names appear on the list, they will be transferred correctly."

There is a list located near the switchboard with all the names and departments on campus. This is the list that Shaw and the student workers follow when calls come in to be transferred. The switchboard is operated from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. All calls are

transferred to the security station at midnight for the staff's lunch.

Shaw says that she has other obligations to the college other than the telephones.

"I am the cashier, I answer the business phones, I handle the students accounts and take in students money," Shaw said.

"I also take in other monies from the campus, such as money from the different organizations."

Shaw said that she has suggested that someone come in to handle the telephones full-time.

Student workers were brought in from the work study program to help.

One student worker said since she started operating the switchboard in the September, she has never received any complaints or left anyone on hold.

"I have called the 1-800 number on several occasions," Elizabeth Battiste, junior math and physics major from Beaufort, S.C. said.

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It was a clear, cold, crisp afternoon on Nov. 30.

The balloons were in place, the crystal bowl on the refreshment table was filled with punch. The narrow white folding chairs were set in place before the historic Bennett bell. Everyone was ready and waiting to celebrate the 100th birthday of a Bennett graduate.

Dr. Charlotte Alston, vice president of Academic Affairs, stepped up to the podium and introduced the special guest of the hour: Grace Donnell Lewis.

Lewis, the oldest living Bennett Belle, graduated from the college in 1915.

Since graduation, Lewis co-founded the Metropolitan Day School with Dorothy Height for children of working mothers during WWII. After this milestone, she became an elementary school teacher in the south-eastern area of Greensboro.

When Lewis was asked about what

Bennett was like during the early days before it became a women's institution, she offered a humorous response.

"Bennett was a normal school, or what you would call a high school now," she said.

"Then, it had a college department. The young men were attending the school, so it was a very different experience. They were supposed to be on one side [of the campus] and we were on another," Lewis said.

Throughout the program, the quick-witted centenarian offered words of wisdom and guidance for the audience.

Lewis relayed the secret of her longevity saying, "I just try to live the best that I can. That is all you really can do. Live the best you can, and as well as you can as long as you don't step on anybody else."

After remarks by Dr. Gloria R. Scott the presentation of gifts, Lewis proclaimed "I feel like living another 100 years!"

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Dorm residents work up a sweat

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There is the old saying, "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen," but in this case it's the dorm rooms.

The heat in the dorms is causing problems and the opinions of other people on the subject vary as much as body temperature.

"Most of the time, the heat tends to come on in the hallway, and other parts of the building," said Tracy Bedford, a junior social work major from Savanna, Ga.

The Merner Hall resident continued to say that there is a different temperature outside her room, than in her room.

"It's usually hot in the hall, and every now and then, it will get hot in the rooms," Bedford said.

"One night it was so stuffy, I had to sleep

with my window and door open and my fan on.

But most of the time I'm pretty comfortable in my room as long as the heat is not blasting."

Erika Johnson, a sophomore biology/pre-med major from Washington D.C. said "The heat is terrible. It gets so hot in here I can't breathe, I can cut it on or off, but I still get some heat."

A Bennett maintenance worker, Charles Scales who is in charge of heating the dorms said that there is not much that can be done about the problem.

"Right now, we are between hot and cold [weather]. It's just that time of year," he said.

"Theoretically, the heat is computerized to

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