



Use www for cheap fares

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Thanksgiving Day is right around the corner and students are making plans to go home and get their grub on. Thanksgiving Break is Nov. 25 to 28 and all campus dorms will be closed.

In making plans to go home, students should consider type of travel and cost. It's not too late to check web sites such as www.priceline.com and others for inexpensive air fares.

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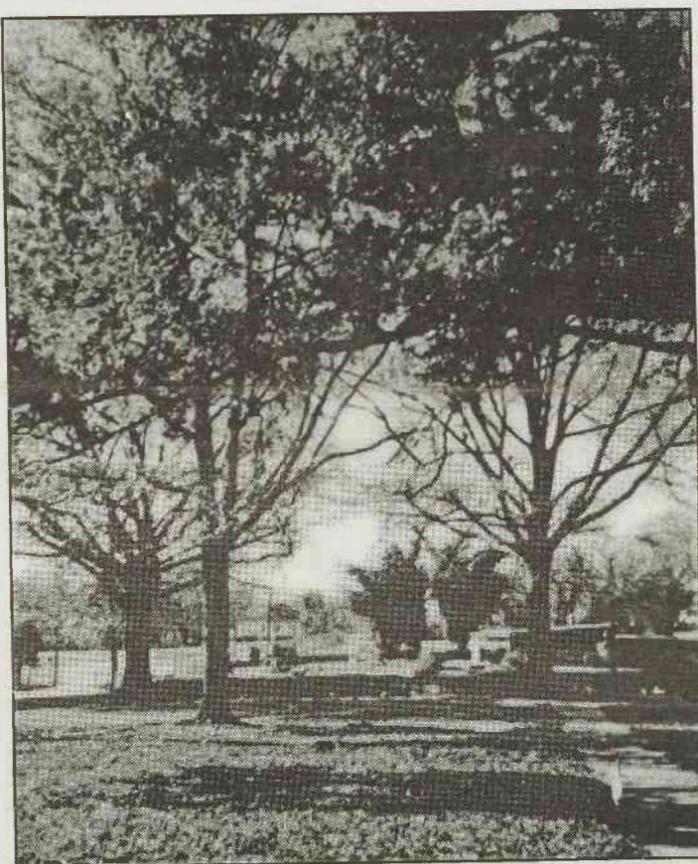
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Autumn leaves

During the past month, the grass throughout the campus has been covered with leaves.

Outside the front of Black Hall, the fallen leaves resemble a blanket as they cover both grass and sidewalk.

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'Challenge' program undergoing changes

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The Challenge Opportunity Program is going through changes these days.

Under the direction of Dr. Lea E. Williams, the director of the Women's Leadership Institute, COP is in the refinement process with its participants moving into newly renovated apartments, the arrival of its coordinator and resident counselor, and planning its personal development workshops.

According to a pamphlet for the COP, the program is designed to give single mothers guidance and assistance with parenting.

Williams said the program participants will be moving into a four-unit apartment complex by the end of this semester.

The duplexes, which will house the participants and their children, have been newly renovated for use by the COP. An eight-unit complex is also under renovation for new students in the program.

The participants are living in dual-occupancy homes on Lee Street and in the president's residence on Gorrell Street. At present, they were preparing to move.

Williams is acting director because its former director, Kimberly Foster, left the program after the spring semester.

The new coordinator and resident counselor for the program is Ouida Rush Hodnett, who was the director of residence life at Bennett from 1968 to 1989. Hodnett

has already moved into an apartment in the four-unit complex.

The personal development section of the program, which is supposed to include mother-to-mother networking, money management, healthy eating, child-rearing techniques, spiritual enhancement, and work preparation and job placement opportunities, has not started yet.

Williams said that the program is gradually taking steps to put those components in place.

COP is funded by the Women's Leadership Institute and is under the jurisdiction of WLI's Center for Women and Family.

The program is not funded by the federal government, however, Williams said program participants may apply for the same monies as other students. Williams also said the COP needs more scholarship money.

Williams called the program a "work in progress," citing some of the areas of the program that are still being developed. Among these areas are a child care facility, more housing, a transportation network, and the personal development programs.

Williams also said there are four mothers in the program and six on a waiting list.

"It is important to stress the difference between the program as it was conceived and reality," Williams said.

The next phase of the program is putting the personal development workshops into place.

Bennett busy preparing for Y2K

BY SHANTE DAVIS
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When Belles return for the spring semester, will they be returning to a Bennett that is Y2K compliant?

In other words will they be able to receive work-study checks, grades, accurate financial aid accounts, and paychecks?

Y2K is the two digit programming flaw that has been discussed throughout the media during the past year. It has been a cause of major concern among those who are computer reliant including computer programmers, colleges,

banks, and small businesses.

According to the September issue of *Essence* magazine, "Contrary to popular belief, the bug won't cause just one single crash but may prompt a series of failures that could continue through March."

"Y2K threatens to disrupt every aspect of your digital life from your PC to your bank accounts," said Sen. Robert F. Bennett, head of the government's Y2K committee, in an interview with *Essence* magazine.

"Everything is set up, but they're running tests to see if everything is O.K.," said Stephanie Lynch, a fi-

nancial aid coordinator at Bennett.

"The president [Dr. Gloria Randle Scott] made an announcement in the last meeting saying that the library is Y2K compliant," said Dr. Dorothy Burnett, Holgate director.

"The College is very busy at this point trying to make sure we have a smooth transition [upgrading computers]," said Mary Stuart, management information services director.

Stuart is in charge of Y2K compliancy at Bennett.

"We are getting there. We are working hard to get there before the 1st of January," Stuart said.