

Bennett Banner gets back on track

We're back; claiming "Never been gone"
Sometime last semester, while being asked for the millionth time about the whereabouts of this publication, I had an epiphany. I realized the importance of a voice for the students on this campus because everywhere I went, someone would ask me when the Banner would be coming out or what was going on.

Monya Tomlinson
Editor

Fall 2000 was somewhat traumatic for my staff and myself — we found ourselves without our guiding force and we were barely functioning.

Sadly, The Bennett Banner vanished from the campus tapestry for a full semester! Ironically, it was very encouraging to know that we were missed, because in the past, staff members (including myself) have expressed feeling unappreciated and unmotivated.

In hindsight, I look at last semester as a necessary (though poorly timed and unfortunate) break to examine our purpose and ourselves.

Since the break, we've jumped back into the swing of things, and as chief editor, I'm newly motivated to prove that The Bennett Banner is a valuable asset to this institution. As the voice of the student body, we have a responsibility to publish stories our readers care about. I promise to honor that responsibility.

Tamara Phelps, a sophomore mass communications major from Washington, DC, and our colorful new features columnist, puts it best. "If it's boring, I'm not going to read it."

I think many Belles agree with her. That's why we're putting you, the Bennett College Community — especially the students — on the spot. Tell us what you think and what you care about. Write it down and put it in Campus Box 25, call us at our new telephone number — 517-2305, or talk to any staff member to clue us in. Yes, we're back.

We apologize for the absence. We vow to make you forget we ever left.

Either way, we know that you're going to have something to say. Students have a place to be heard again, so speak up y'all!

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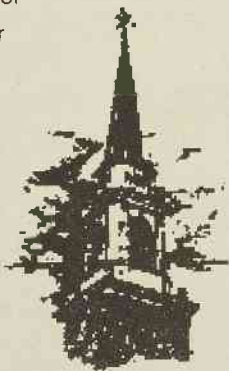
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STUDENT OPINION POLL: Bellespeak

What is your definition of style?

This issue of the Banner features an article on fashion do's and don'ts. The editorial staff thinks it's a matter of personal style. What about you?



TOCCARA DAVENPORT

CLASS: Freshwoman
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"Style is a way of defining a part of yourself. It is a way for you to interpret your ideas and way of thinking artistically."



GAYANI EKANAYAKE

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"Style is a visual expression of your unique personality, your confidence, and the essence of whom you are. Good style comes with being confident with who you are on the inside first."



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"Style is an individual's unique way of dress and how one carries herself in various situations and environments."



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"Style is one's own uniqueness."



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"A stylish person is someone who is well dressed, who always cares about the way [they] look, and always keeps her eyebrows done."



CARMEL SMITH

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"Style implies confidence and versatility. It's not just going with the trends. It's feeling so positive about yourself that you don't have to be a diva, but still exhibit style — it all about expression."