



Collins speaks at first 'Community Meeting'

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President Althia F. Collins, addressed approximately 250 faculty, staff and students in Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel Sept. 19.

"This will be the first of many conversations, a chance for us to talk, and a chance to correct any misinformation," Collins said.

As they entered the chapel, the students, faculty and staff were given a card and asked to write their questions on it. The cards were placed in a box. Student Government Association President April McNeil drew a card with a question on it from the box for Collins to read and to respond.

What follows are some of the questions and responses:

Is there asbestos in the Pfeiffer Science Building?

Collins said that there is no asbestos in the Pfeiffer Science Building. She said that when she came to Bennett she had all of the building inspected for asbestos.

What is going on with the athletic program?

Dr. Deborah Daniels responded to that question. She said a search

committee is in place and that interviewing should start next week. Daniels is the associate vice president for student development and academic affairs.

Why doesn't Bennett have summer school?

Dr. Donna Oliver responded to that question. She said that sum-

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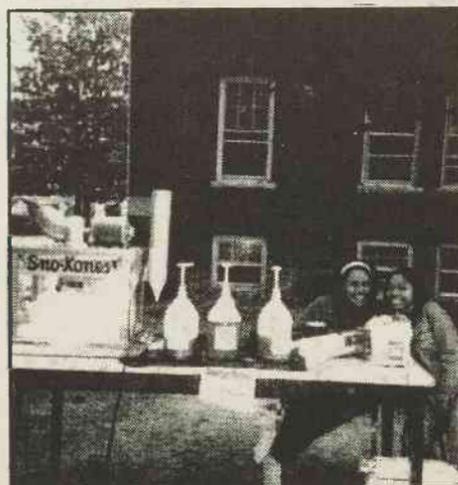
'Two Can Play... smart, witty'

The movie 'O' is outstanding

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Plans underway to improve activities

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Whether you are a first year student or an upperclassmen, the lack of student activities is evident.

"I think a lot of the problems are due to the transition from spring semester to fall semester," said Monica Gaymon, Miss Bennett 2001-2002.

"Most of what is going on has happened before. Information gets lost, but new organization presidents are not at fault. It becomes a headache that students deal with every year."

Senior class president Gayani Ekanayake, a fashion merchandising major from Germantown, Md. agreed that this year has been off to a rocky start.

"The College is in the middle of change," Ekanayake said. "Things that should have happened before students returned are still occurring."

At the Community Meeting in September, Student Government President April McNeil said SGA is currently rewriting its constitution to include changes that should improve the entire process involved with student activities.

Phenomenal Friday fun

BY TAKESHA BRIGGINS
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Cotton candy, candy apples, popcorn, prizes, games, stuffed animals, Ferris wheels....do you remember going to a carnival with all these things and more? Get ready.

The closest thing to a carnival took place on the Quad Sept. 28 at the first "Phenomenal Friday."

From 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. about 85 Belles and their guests participated in various games including a pudding throw, highstriker, and electronic basketball.

Vendors sold everything from nail art, snow cones, fried chicken dinners jeans, and T-shirts.

The event also included a dance contest featuring the Percolator and the New Jersey Slide. The music was eclectic; there was reggae, go-go, R&B and hip hop tunes.

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Kellie Anderson (top left) a senior education major from Washington, DC participates in a pudding throw contest. Karen Wynn (seated) a senior social work major from Brooklyn, NY is her target. (Bottom left) Joy Scott, (left) a mass communications junior from Virginia Beach, Va. and Tamile Glenn (right), pause to pose in at the snow cone table. (Top right) Shana Gulley, a sophomore from San Diego sells chicken dinners for a sophomore class fund-raiser. Photos by La Shainna L. Campbell.