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Change in campus fashions was very significant this year. Mrs. Isaac H. Miller demonstrates the use of the well-coordinated look with the popular stick pins and tam.

There was a noticeable change in our attitudes. More beautiful smiles were seen around the campus. Pat Vailes chats with Shirley Levine and Dihan Jones.



CHANGING PATTERNS

"Any change, even a change for the better, is always accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts," said Arnold Bennett. Change was the predominant theme for the entire campus. It was not always so evident in the physical surrounding, but more in the attitudes of the people who made up the college community.

Certainly things will change for the sake of change because new people and new ideas come on the scene. But seldom is there such a change that demonstrates progress and rebirth in campus spirit on a large scale basis.

And there were the noticeable drawbacks and discomforts as those who had been part of the old ways slowly came to realize that once the forces of change began there was no turning back.



There was a noticeable trend in the return to interest in student government. Mary Harris raises question during SGA meeting with President Miller.

Lisa Anderson experienced a change in campus employment. She went from assistant in the Post Office to assistant in the Publications and Information Office.

Kay Dolberry demonstrated outstanding academic accomplishments and campus service.





Dean Bragg chatted with students in the Snack Bar in his attempt to improve campus communications. His theme for the year was "adding a touch a class."

Change was also seen in our dealings with the opposite sex. We were somewhat more shy in our relationships as we tried to recapture the magic of the earlier Bennett Belle.



We encountered many changes in the total college program. New faculty brought new ideas into the classrooms. New residence hall programs added new dimensions to campus living. While things were not always the best, we recognized that attempts were being made for our benefit. We picked on the move to strengthen each department. It meant more work.

Mr. Canady's art class took to the outdoors to gain the realism of nature.

Change and Anxieties

This attitude, continuing to evolve into something great, was the result of need. It was necessary to understand all the personalities involved in the Bennett Experience. Each core of the college program emphasized greater academic achievement, career options for women, individuality and getting back to sound value systems.

In spite of being overworked (so it seemed), over-extended and pushed, we continued to seek out the mission of the college and our purpose for being here. From the quiet times of Southern autumn, we found ourselves engaged in event after event. Then there was that much needed semester break and the holiday fun. But all too soon, we plunged back into endless meetings, seminars, exams, classes and more meetings. In all it was a great year.



For freshmen, the first week of school was waiting . . . for this event or that. It was waiting to see who new roommates were, who new teachers were, where the action was.

The NAACP sponsored their first Miss NAACP pageant. Chairperson Shelia Sammons instructs contestant Anita Webster in talent segment.





Belles found themselves spending time at Aggie sporting events. Homecoming was the highlight of the football season. We joined the Aggie fans in cheering the home team on or we just shared in the parties and fun.



Football games allowed us to meet new friends and to start up old affairs. Vanessa Massenburg chats with friends during pause in the action.



Tonya Jessup was one of the honored as she applied for graduation. It was the sudden realization that it was about to end. Either we would end it on pure hope or complete the year knowing we had achieved to our best.



Robin Arnold spent time enjoying special seminars such as those sponsored by the Women's Studies Program. Even after the program ended, interest lingered as questions were asked of the participants.





Thinking About The 'Then' Now

From the very first day of classes, it was evident that everything we did would influence our careers goals. From first year students to Bennett veterans, career planning was emphasized. While orientation for new Belles inferred adjusting to a new way of life, Freshman Studies soon came to mean more. It was the key to academic and social success for those who desired it.

Caught up in the maze of classes, exams, term papers, reading lists, and research, it was obvious that education was our purpose for being here. At times we resented the pressure, but many of us made it with the Dean's List and Honors Convocations bearing claim to our achievements. And those who faltered, slowly came to realize that laxity was not being tolerated.

We found many places to complete our assignments. A quiet spot was welcomed.



Mrs. McCallum helped us find our way through the mazes of academic clutter. After a visit to her advising office, we knew that either we would make it with little or no trouble or that our struggles were about to begin. Tutoring sessions gained in popularity.

There was much to keep us busy . . . field trips, field studies, seminars, symposiums, films, internships, demonstrations, mini-courses, boring lectures, interesting lectures, lab projects, and trips to other campuses.

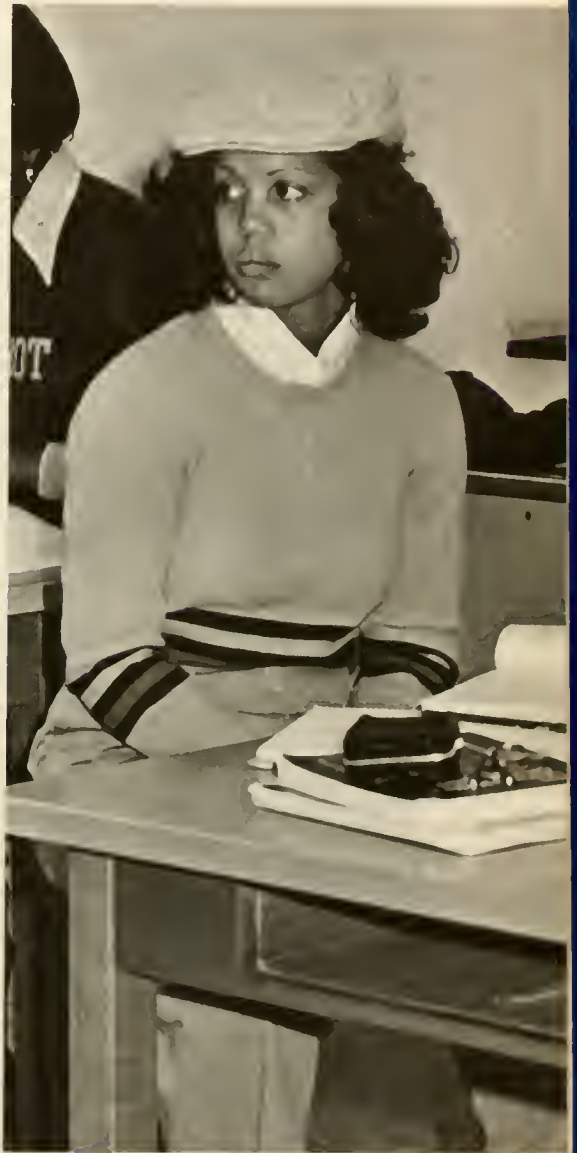
"Learning-by-doing" was an essential part of the experience. Vivvette Outen and Sherita Thompson worked with the After School Program on campus.





Dr. Virginia Tucker discusses class concerns with Alvania Bryant.

Kathy Colbert found that some lectures were not always exciting, but were necessary in the education process.



Jackie Thompson discovered that young men make exceptional home economics students. She taught home economics during her student teaching experience.



Clothing student Pamlico Miller works intensely on class project. "Doing" allows book theory to be applied. It also makes the lecture less boring.



Donna Perry, like thousands of other college math students, utilized electronic gadgetry in the classroom.



President Miller added a little color to his biochemistry lecture on enzymes. Renee Wells, Rhonda Armstead and Thelma Rogers "give it their all" in business class

Practice teaching for Margie Crutchfield meant offering individualized attention to her students.

Going to class during the freezing winter months meant having to bundle up and fight plunging temperatures. Lisa Anderson doesn't seem too happy with the prospect.



Stella Nzeribe showed that going to class wasn't such a bad thing. In fact, if you put something in the experience, she discovered, you got something out.

Biology major Marilyn Hicks sharpens up her surgical technique on a helpless worm.





All learning was not obtained in the text books. Linda Anderson kept abreast of community affairs by reading local papers.

Outside Class Work

Education students were taught basic industrial arts by members of the Maintenance Department. Showing their newly acquired skills are Rita Oliphant and Nadine Watts.



Shawn Humphries moderated the opening session of the Science Careers Awareness Conference.

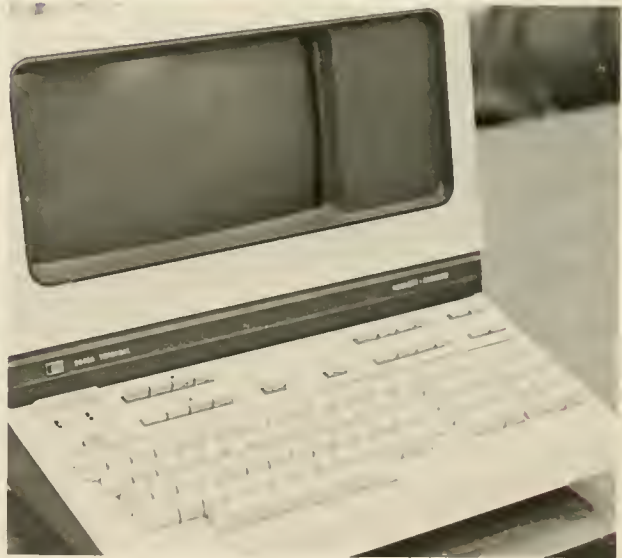
Pam Paschall utilized the Academic Reinforcement Center to gain more insight in the science lectures.





Lajier Smith gained valuable experience by doing her field studies assignment in the Counseling Center.

As one of the first participants in the dual degree engineering program, Linda Smith found that tutoring from an upperclass engineering student wasn't so bad.



The Computer Center was a second home to many of us. However, one terminal cools down after hours of use.

Sometimes college instructors joined us in the classroom. Mr. Faison, Janice Minter and Mary Graham give the guest speaker their attention.

Getting the Point Across

Everyone at the college had ample opportunity to become involved in an enriching experience during the year. A variety of programs and workshops were held. Most of these were sponsored within the academic area.

During the planning of the programs much emphasis was placed on career options and obtaining marketable job skills. Such programs included the Science Career Awareness Conference, the Competency-Based Teachers

Education Workshop, and the Home Economics Week.

Attention was also placed on Special Education. The Education Division announced proudly that the Special Education major was accredited by the State Board of Education.

One of the most interesting end-of-the-year programs was the Women's Studies presentation, "An International Odyssey: Career Awareness Journeys into the Char-

tered Future." A week of seminars, workshops and exhibits focused on contemporary problems of the international scene. Highlighting the week was the address by Dr. Carolyn R. Payton, director of the U.S. Peace Corps.

This was the year that a great deal of discussion went into the need for implementing the English Proficiency Test as a graduation requirement.



Students found themselves doing more research this year. Linda Addison spent lonely hours in the periodicals section of the library.



Dr. Harris worked with his biology students.

Field Studies for Matilda Allen was working with Mr. Henry McKay on the Human Rights Commission.



Instructors and staff spent many extra hours in workshops such as the CBTE Workshop sponsored by the Education Division. Miss Dorothy Harris, Dr. Perry V. Mack and Dr. Mattie Moss were among those participating.

Etta Cox was one of the few college women qualified to serve as a referee in women's sports in the city.



Bennett's Own

Dr. Carolyn R. Payton, director of the U.S. Peace Corps, keynoted the Women's Studies Program's "An International Odyssey: Career Awareness Journeys into the Chartered Future." The focus of the interdisciplinary event was resolving world problems through the training of women for leadership roles in international services.

Dr. Payton, who graduated from Bennett in 1945, encouraged students to give their time and talents to Third World countries. She said, "Progress can only be made if you can free yourself to care about others." But she noted that while serving in the Peace Corps is a viable option there is little money to be made in helping to alleviate world problems.

Among the participants in the Women's Studies program were Dr. Alfreda Webb, senior Barbara Hamm and Dr. Thelma D. Nyoka. They discussed the problem of freedom in obtaining a vocation in the political arena.



Dr. Payton chats with senior Kamala Manchigiah and President Miller after her keynote address.

During the week of the Women's Studies presentation, the campus community was treated to "Essays on Becoming," a special art exhibit by the Pamoja Art Society.



Among the 40 representatives participating in the Career Awareness Conference were Bennett graduates Dr. Tressie Muldrow and Mrs. Betty Davis McCain.

Representatives visited the classrooms of freshmen and sophomores. They talked of their careers and the job skills needed in their respective areas.

Donna Simmons doesn't find studying such a lonely task.



Pam Miller appears to be determined to get to class on time.

Cynthia Willis intensely follows biochemistry lecture.





One of the most boring processes of the academic experience is pre-registration. Sheila Stewart undertakes the chore of filling out her forms.



Records Office personnel assist in the registration.



SCM 10, the 10 Senior Clothing Majors, presented a look into the future world of fashion design. Participants included Ann Roberson, Patricia Carroll, Joyce McCloud, Loretta Canty and Marva Vaughan.

Spring '78

Senior members of the Home Economics and Clothing departments experienced new and exciting dimensions in the area of fashion design and home management. In addition to the traditional mini-courses, classes and field trips, a new multipurpose room was added to the Home Management complex. The year climaxed with a spring fashion show exhibiting the capabilities and potential of the clothing majors.

Home Economics Education students gained practical experience by cooking breakfast for their peers. Demonstrating the use of kitchen appliances are Ann King, Carolyn Campbell, Olivia Penn, Marie Calhoun and Anndreze Bailey.





Repairing and designing household items was part of the spring home economics curriculum. Dr. James Alonso, Mrs. Delcine Townes, Andreze Baily and Sylvia Cheek view a student exhibit.



Junior clothing majors, Gelenia Aaron, Sundeany Ford and Audrey Deleston, modeled original evening wear during the spring fashion show.





Founders' Day

We did not recognize the magnitude of our Founders Day speaker until he addressed the assembly. Unfortunately most of the student body lost a great opportunity to hear a great man. Dr. Howard Thurman, speaking at the 104th Convocation, spoke on the theme, "A Faith For Living."

He urged students to become more responsible for their deeds and their reactions to natural social forces. "It is very difficult these days to have faith in one's self because there seems to be a conspiracy in the modern world . . . to make it more difficult for the individual to have experiences in which he or she may confirm her-

self or himself."

Dr. Thurman, a scholar and author, added, "The ability to admit one's action is the most authentic and profound way to express my faith in me.

He noted that the individual still has the power of certification and veto in the face of impersonal social forces.

A graduate of Morehouse College, Dr. Thurman stated that too many alibis have been given for "not taking responsibility for our actions."

"I may not be able to change anything, but I don't have to say

yes as long as I affirm that I am a free spirit. I can wait and wait because life is on my side. The contradictions of life are never final."

Dr. Thurman is the author of 22 books which include his most recent publications, *The Search For Common Ground*, *A Track to the Water* and *The First Footprints*.

During the Founders' Convocation, the library opened the Constance Hill Martena Room which holds special collections. It houses the Afro-Women's Collection, the Norris Wright Cuney Collection, the Rare Books Collection and a special art collection.

Featuring Howard Thurman



Mrs. Blanche Raiford, former French professor at Bennett, chats with Dr. Howard Thurman. S.G.A. president Shawn Humphries watches proceedings.



Mrs. Constance H. Marteena, former Bennett librarian, explains Rare Book Collection to Rev. Howard A. Chubbs, President Miller and librarian Ednita Bullock.



Dr. Thurman, a Phi Beta Kappa scholar, greets community people after the Convocation address. Throughout his several day visit, Dr. Thurman showed a great sense of humor.

Harpichordist Frances Coles presented an interesting concert, enhanced by an interesting lecture on the history of the harpichord.



The Fresk Quartet from Sweden entertained us with a variety of string pieces. The Chamber Ensemble added a little class to our background.

We shall never forget Chris Miller's lecture on sex. In fact, we are still wondering if it actually took place on the campus of dear old Bennett. We still question his purpose for being here.





Something to Keep us Thinking and Guessing



There was something special about the appearance of actress Theresa Merritt in the Little Theatre. As the mother of one of us, she became part of our experience. Through song and poetry, she shared her life experiences.

Black Magic was certainly one of the most popular presentations in the lyceum series.

Faculty Follies Explosion

While the original idea of having a faculty follies was the brainchild of a member of the staff, the final project was implemented by members of the Zeta Xi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Students were shown a side of their administrators and faculty they had never seen before. In fact, until a week before the program it wasn't really definite that they would participate. However, due to the prodding of chairperson Lisa Anderson and Dr. Charlotte Alston, the program was a success. After a week of secret rehearsals and building up nerves, it happened.

Among the brave souls who supported the UNCF benefit were Dr. Isaac H. Miller whose version of "My Prayer" had the students swooning; Dr. Hortensia Sanchez-Boudy, who did a subtle "strip"; a trombone solo, "Three Coins In a Fountain," by Dr. Helen Trobian; and an energetic dance group who performed popular dances of the 1950's.

Laughter spilled into the aisles when our reserved Mrs. Mary Ann Scarlett

and quiet Mrs. Mary Crawford hit the stage as the "last of the red hot mommas."

Although the Faculty Quartet couldn't get the "ticks and tocks" of "My Grandfather's Clock" together, it was a refreshing change from lectures and labs. Members of the group were Dr. Perry V. Mack, Dr. Marlow Shute, Mr. Ray Treadway and Dr. James Alonso.

Dressed in the popular teen styles of the 1950's, the singing Belle-lets sang two rock-n-roll numbers. Members were Dr. Charlotte Alston, Dr. Gwen O'Neal, Mrs. Amy Reynolds, Miss Dorothy Harris, Mrs. Willie McCallum, Miss Myra Davis, Miss Jimmie Gravely and Dr. Mattie Moss.

Other participants were Mrs. Luevenia Millings, Mrs. Alma Adams, Miss Denise Troutman, Miss Ruth Powell, Miss Joella Hendricks, Mrs. Queen Bell, Miss Roxy Wilson, Dr. Donald Martin, and Mrs. Effie Miller.

Proceeds from the show went to the United Negro College Fund.

Faculty Quartet members were Mack, Alonso, Treadway and Shute.

Dancers were Adams, Powell, Reynolds, Troutman, Hendricks and Miller.





Mrs. Crawford had the audience rolling with "Don't Get Aroun' Much Anymore."



Mrs. Scarlette, shining in her satin, did her version of "Bill Bailey."

The Belle-iets sang "The Diary" and "Henry Goodnight." Emcee Donald Martin introduces the group.

Rose Hudson and Jennifer Wells presented outstanding performances in scene one, "Paradise Abandoned," of "Bible Herstory." Rose played a female god and Jennifer, as Eve.





Theatre Guild Big Nights

Plagued by problems in casting male roles, a small budget and dwindling interest, the Little Theatre Guild faced an uphill battle. However, this year was certainly one of the most productive. Two plays were presented "Bible Herstory" and "A Tribute to Langston Hughes."

"Bible Herstory," a feminist one-act play was based on six popular bible stories. It was quite entertaining to witness Eve, played by Jennifer Wells, trying to convince God that

Hattie Purnell portrayed one of Hughes's black characters.

She should not be disillusioned because She made a mistake in creating Adam. The cunning snake was played by Debra Perkins. Of course God was portrayed by a woman, Rose Hudson.

Other stars in the play were Dorothy Brown, Terri Wade, Libby Malloy, Edwina Mitchell, Joann Butler, and Gwen Davis.

A most interesting evening presented "A Tribute to Langston Hughes." Some of the most popular works of the noted poet were presented in drama form.



Others actors included Jennifer Wells, Hattie, Rosalyn Scott, Cheryl Troutman, and Edwina Mitchell.



Edwina Mitchell ponders the question of survival in white institutions as a black student.



Gwen Davis did a great job as the sanitary worker in Hughes's Harlem.

“The Living Madonnas”



Everyone wonders what happens with the lights out between the scenes of the “madonnas.” Vanessa “Twink” Richmond helps Mr. Canady change the backdrops.

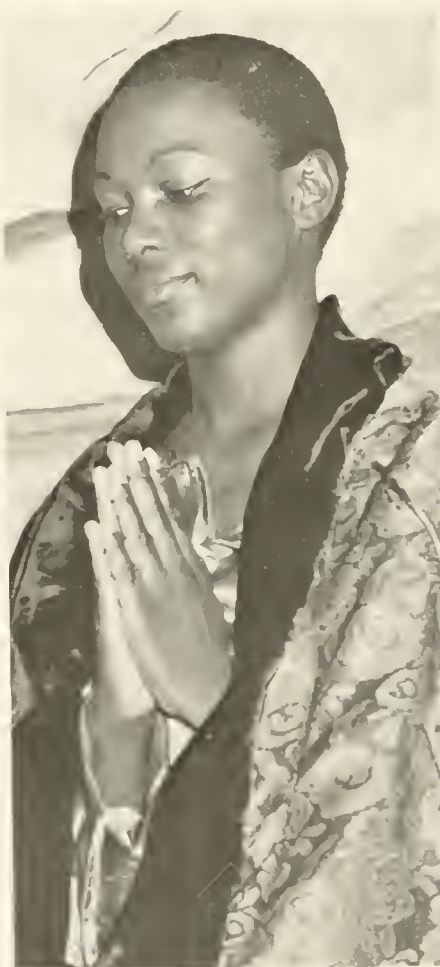
A lot of work goes in to planning and implementing annual productions of the traditional Christmas program. “The Living Madonnas” is the result of the combined efforts of the Home Economics, Drama, Music and Art departments.

This year’s theme was “Madonnas of the Louvre.” For us it was an opportunity to view reproductions of the world’s greatest artists.

Dr. Charlotte Alston added a bit of glamour to the production this year. She appealed to the vanity of Bennett Women. In her attempt to cast models for the scenes she asked all students who desired “modeling experience” to attend the tryouts. It worked. The roles were cast with little difficulty.

Music for the scenes was provided by the Bennett Choir and Mr. Clarence Whiteman, the guest organist. The work of the student artists was directed by Mrs. Alma Adams and Mr. Leander Canady. Mrs. Gwen O’Neal provided the costumes.

The hour-long production of eight scenes is done with minimal stage lighting. Twenty-three models were used to depict early European interpretations of the Virgin Mary and Child.





The largest scene presented was "Madonnas of the Trees." Participants were Lisa Kendricks (a 5th grader), Regina Hayes, Peggy Washington, Janis Badson, Pat Vailes, Elfrida Williams, and Dawnne Sneed (a fifth grader).



Backstage models prepare for their scenes. Linda Anderson helps Elfrida with her wings as Janis stands by.

Instructor Leander Canady also participated in the production. Pat Carroll was the Madonna in the scene, "Madonna of the Angels."

Another View of the Staff

Students and community friends were treated to a night of entertainment when members of the personnel staff presented "The Working Family Greets Spring." The family variety show featured skits, a fashion show, and musical performances.

We did not know what to expect when the emcee, Mrs. Doris Rice, presented the findings of her survey. Laughter spilled in the aisles when she informed us that members of the staff "had life insurance policies" and that most of them owned their homes.

We were treated to such skits as "A Visit With Bubba's Teacher" with Mrs. Lois Goode, Mrs. Annie Purcell, Mrs. Rosa Hooker and Mr. H. Chester Jenkins; "The Great Beyond," starring Mrs. Gloria Reid and Mrs. Chris

Bizzell; and "Father and Child Doing Well," starring Mrs. Dollieree Self, Mrs. Bizzell, Mrs. Brenda Coates and Miss Peanella Hughes.

Children of the staff were also presented. It added a different dimension to the experience.

Staff people participating included the college secretaries, residence hall personnel, Dr. Miller, Dr. Marlowe Shute, Mr. William Trent, Mr. J.J. Scarlette and other staffers.

However, the program reached its peak when Mrs. Rice presented awards to eight students for "Outstanding pink cards." Who would have thought we would be honored for "neatness in filling out our registration card?"



Mrs. Goode, in "A Visit With Bubba's Teacher," instructs staff children in classroom scene.

In "The Great Beyond," Mrs. Gloria Reid played the part of a spiritualist and Mrs. Bizzell as the customer.



Secretaries presented "Dance Extravaganza."



Other participants in the skit, "A Visit With Bubba's Teacher" were Mrs. Grace Flowers, Miss Doreatha Ferguson, Mrs. Charlotte Barnes and Mrs. Jean Groomes.

The stars of "A Visit With Bubba's Teacher" were Mr. Jenkins, Mrs. Purcell and Mrs. Goode.



Guest singers were Dr. Shute, Mr. Scarlette, Dr. Miller and Mr. Trent.

SENIOR DAY



Senior Day, a time to rejoice, reflect and hope, is one of the most exciting days in the year. It symbolizes the ending of the academic experience at Bennett. It is that one day when all other concerns and interests are laid aside to pay tribute to the Senior Class.

Most of the morning was spent in preparation, ironing robes, hemming or unhemming white dresses, shampooing and setting hair, and joking with friends. For sophomores, it was last minute preparations under the guidance of Mrs. Scarlette.

And then the big moment. Assured that it was going to warm up just enough for us to march from the gym to the chapel, we made those final adjustments and proceeded to line up. Excitement was in the air, as sophomore class sisters hunted for their "Big Sister." The procession began.

Senior Verthia Sandiland receives corsage from Little Sister Elfrida Williams during the lining up.





Seniors listen to Dr. Miller, the Senior Day speaker.



Seniors Sharon McCormick and Shawn Humphries brave strong March winds as they enter the gym. The seriousness of the occasion is evident on Shawn's face.

Cassandra Jones is all smiles. Flowers were a gift from her AKA sorors.



The Senior Ensemble brought tears to the eyes of the Senior Class when they paid tribute to Bennett with "What A Difference You've Made in Our Lives." Solo was done by Lisa Anderson.

Sophomore beauty Angel Bloodworth takes photos of graduating friends. Many flash bulbs went off during the course of the day.







**STUDENT
LIFE**



FIRST IMPRESSIONS

No one actually remembers when summer began, but we were all aware of its end. It was over before we had a chance to appreciate it. In fact, few of us had the time to join the sun-worshippers. Summer for most Belles was spent on jobs or in summer school.

The opening of school was a different experience for each student. Residence hall personnel and student leaders arrived a week before the freshmen. According to Dean Bragg, they came "to make the staff familiar with the job expectations, and to jell them as a cohesive team." But even in this light, when they arrived, it wasn't actually clear to others why they were here. In fact, no one knew these students were coming. Yes, Bennett had started! After a bit of confusion, the workshop finally got underway.

Coming early for some also meant helping to prepare residence halls.



Ike Miller III and residence hall assistant Barbara Hamm helped to paint the parlor of Jones.

"A TOUCH OF CLASS:



MORE THAN A NOTION"



Dr. Miller addressed the residence hall personnel workshop. Discussion centered on hall programming, hall regulations, and responsible leadership.



Hall assistant Viola Hemphill checks on matters of Merner Hall. Many hours were spent putting up bulletin boards and welcoming signs on the doors.



Each residence hall held meetings to discuss hall programming. Robyn-Denise Berryhill and Kay Dolberry listen to consultant's suggestions.

Some things just don't change from one year to another. New students and returning ones continually bring with them apprehensions and burning enthusiasm. Who will my roommate be? Will we get along? Has my old roommate changed? Will we have as much fun as we did? What will meals be like? What new changes were implemented? How will my schedule be? What will my classes be like? Will I meet new men? What will my social life be like?

The answers to these basic questions did much to determine what the year would be for each student.

Parents arrived with eager, but reserved new students. An added attraction to the greeting this year was "The Welcoming Tent." Upperclass students were on hand to direct freshmen.

Members of the junior class were on hand to greet new students. Cold cokes were also provided.



Tina Jones registers while her mother looks over the day's schedule. Gelenia Aaron helped to register Tina.

Nikki Lane immediately began to set her room in order. Even Jones Hall offered decorating potential.





Little time was left to get homesick during the first week of school. Freshmen were scheduled from morning to night. It was a meeting with Freshman Studies personnel, with college officials, with residence hall personnel, with class advisors, with this person and that person. It was registering for classes and discovering who was who.

It was finally having time to talk to one's roommate and the girl next door. It was discovering that curtains were too short or that bedspreads really didn't match. It was trying to make a telephone call to someone back home and finally being hit with the realization that you had to share phones with a dorm full of women.

Vanessa Alston discusses the "big moment" with relative. The time has come to say a reluctant "good by".

Rhonda Wade has a lot to say in the midst of the crowd. Venetia Thomas, Audrey Hopkins, Addie Brockman and Darion Anthony listen.



Myrna Barr stores toilet items. It is often best to do the little things between activities. It allowed more leisure time later.

Linda Edwards and Denise Murray found time to make new friends. They immediately discovered the campus bench.



Freshmen caps and the paper bell are longstanding tradition. LaSandra Muldrow and Gail Wiley have bells signed by upperclassmen.

The President's Reception for New Students is initiation in Bennett's world of receptions, another great tradition.





The Jones staff gave a surprise birthday party for Leos, Virgoans and Librans. Edwina Mitchell and Jennifer Wells prepare to help blow the candles.

Lisa Green participated in a fashion show held for new students. It was an attempt to show appropriate wear for campus life.



Freshmen were treated to a picnic at Tanglewood Park. It was also a chance to see who was dancing what where.

The Gong Show

There was a lot to be said for Mr. James Scarlette, Mrs. Thelma Miller and Mr. Leon McDougle after the "Freshman Gong Show." But most of it could not be printed for general reading.

It was one of those times when the generation gap was not actually the problem, but more of a talent gap. Most of the talent was above par, but some acts were greater than others. Thus the conflict. This group of freshmen was indeed one of the most talented to enter the college in quite a while.

Acts ranged from skits to popular pieces. There was Venus Fallen doing her rendition of the "Clean-up Woman," Althea Mitchell who showed a beautiful soprano voice and others who had courage, if not talent. But it was evident that most of the performers were talented.

Kathy Coleman and the Supremes were one of the most obvious to be "gonged." Windy Brown and Felicia Gatson helped out, but the "gong" was inevitable.



LaSandra Muldrow presented one of the most creative performances. She sang an original folk song.



Avau Teo, a resident of American Samoa, did one of her native dances. However, she did not fair too well when she attempted to sing.



Original poetry was presented by the talented Terri Wade. She will have a book of her poems published soon.

Opening days also means making new friends and becoming reacquainted with old ones. It is being out on the quadrangle with others.



Linda Anderson found that it sometimes pays to watch what's happening around you. Then and only then is it possible to see how you fit into the situation.

Joyce Bass, editor and photographer for the Banner, was always lurking around with her camera. However, there was always time for old friends, especially Osure Stokes.

A Labor Day Happenin'

Labor Day activities this year ranged from an early morning meal with all the "fixins'" to a night disco in front of the Union. It was a day of variety and fun, sweat and tears and smoke and good food.

The quadrangle was the site of volleyball games, badminton, softball, ping-pong, and "blanket-on-the-grass" card games. And there were ample opportunities to sit back and enjoy.

Afternoon highlights were the three-legged races, sack races and the tug-of-war.

The highlight for some was the goodies being cooked on the grills and the healthy servings of watermelon being passed out. Impatient mobs attacked the grills with vengeance.

After some "soulful stepping" by the Greek sororities, the disco got off to a slow start, but picked up in steam as the sun went down. But around 1 a.m., it was over and a tired group of Belles closed their eyes. They were exhausted, but it had been worth it.

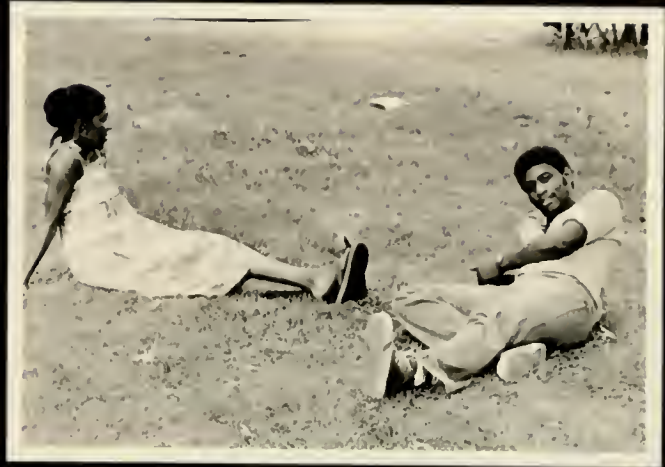


Deltas get a little stepping in after having completed a half a day of fun and games.



Sophomores relax and watch the activities of Belles and visitors. No one really minded the grass stains.

While others engaged in more strenuous activities, some of us found time for quieter times. But who complained?



Avau Tee and classmate take a breather from the crowds to just enjoy the afternoon coolness. There was enough action to just make looking tiring.

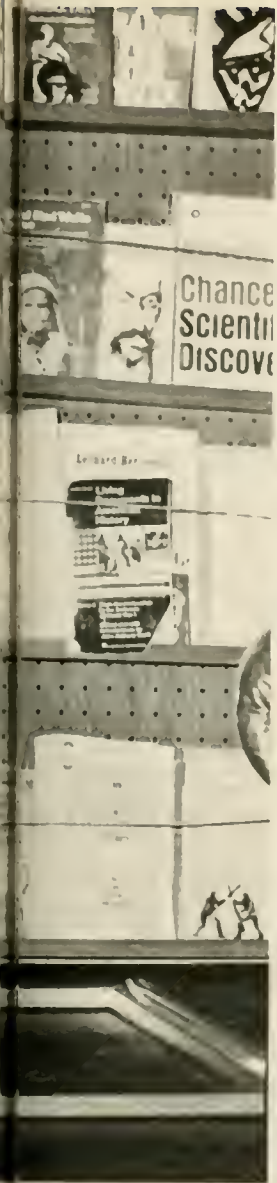
Members of the faculty and staff braved the smoke from the grills to keep the hamburgers and hot dogs cooking. Cooks were the "people of the moment."



Ardelia Davis finds time to keep up with paperbacks during break from library chores.

Mary Simpkins really got into the swing of Bennett traditions as a model for the Christmas "Living Madonnas" production. She is draped by Dr. Gwen O'Neal for rehearsal.





There's nothing like a little fellowship after a greatly needed volleyball team victory. Denise Cooke, Myrna Barr, Karen Evans, Frances Gaines, Nadine Watts and Karen Lewis leave gym.



Precious Dulin worked as an assistant in the Financial Aid Office.

It's Living at B.C.



Dean Bragg finds time to escort group of freshmen across the quadrangle. What a way to end the week!



One way to measure student interest in a seminar is to watch the response of students when the program is over. Dr. Frances Logan answers questions of concerned students.

There's no way of getting around term papers and examinations in college. Loralyn Morman burns a little oil in the library.

Wanda Johnson and Belinda Foster take a break between classes to share a little sisterhood and forget the classroom pressure.



One of the participants in the NAACP Unity Week Pageant was Loretta Brewington.

Lydia Chambers and Marchelle Boatwright joined with other freshmen during their special week to have "50's Day."

Shaun Echols takes advantage of the quiet in a favorite campus spot to complete class assignment.





Participants in the Deltas' UNCF Fashion Show-Dance presented a colorful evening of entertainment. Dr. Donald Martin and Mr. Harold Bragg also modeled.



Portland Johnson and friend found time to discuss some of the important things in life.



Campus volunteers are an important part of the experience. Among the students who served as hostesses for campus events were Rose Hudson, Sheila Miles, Romona Reid and Hattie Purnell.

Janis Badson and Marsha Roebuck engaged in a little wet fun during the year's snow fall. Marsha apparently was at the losing end.

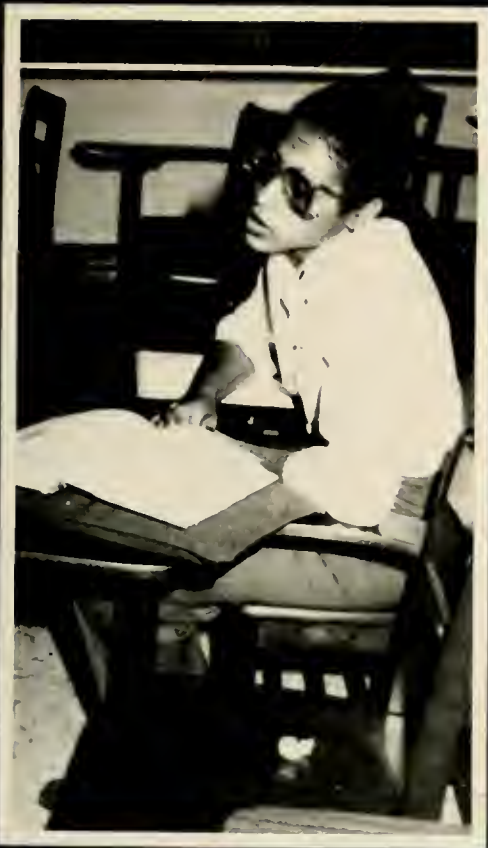


Laurie Perry receives individual guidance from chemistry instructor Roxy Wilson. Sometimes "after hours" meant lab work.

Time spent hanging out on the lawn was a frequent past time during the early fall. It was a time to "eye witness" who's visiting whom.



Shawn Humphries listens patiently to class lecture, but wishes bell to sound ending it.



Wendy Woods devoted some of her spare time to covering basketball games for the Banner.





Birthday Belles received a big surprise from their Jones Hall residence staff. A birthday party was held. Dr. and Mrs. Miller were also recognized in the festivities.

Palmico Miller joined with a few dedicated sophomores in waiting on tables for the annual Senior Day Banquet.





Rose Boone and friend Maureen Webb joined the ranks of Belles who decided that there was something in dressing up for classes for a change of pace.

A change in the character of the enrollment was more obvious. Edith Davis represented the new breed of Belles who are seeking new careers.



Newly elected SGA president Deborah Perkins chats with sorority sisters Sherlene McCarther and Janis Badson.



Brown Bagging?

And we did. It was a common sight to see Belles strolling on campus with all kinds of brown bags and boxes. The pleasant odors of chicken and french fries often trailed them.

This year a record was probably set in the amount of money students spent eating off campus. The most popular places appeared to be hamburger, pizza and chicken stands. However, we often met each other in such nice places as Darryl's or Tuesdays.

Some of us continued to stay "loyal" to the good old dining room routine. But usually that was out of necessity, a lack of money or transportation. And then, it wasn't always that bad. Some good meals were experienced also. It was probably the routine of the menus and not the quality of the food that killed most of our appetites. Nurse Trammell's tasty buns and chicken saved many a "souls".

Marion Johnson didn't seem to find the dining room fare that bad. According to the lines in the dining room, others settled for "what they had to pay for anyway."

Burger King received a great deal of Bennett money. When the Belles wanted a little bit of the "tasty greasies" we went to our favorite chicken place, Church's.



There were those special occasions when we dressed up and were treated like royalty in the dining hall. Carolyn Hazel, and Dr. and Mrs. Miller and other guests were on hand at the Banner Athletic Banquet.

Hattie Purnell "brown bagged" with class. She went to "The Grill" for her little extra snack.



After Hours

This is the time to control our own doings and set our own schedules. For each of us, it is the time to reflect and sometimes, to forget what has taken place during the day.

Many hours were spent in the library or one of the labs. Time was spent doing our laundry or our hair. It was ironing or room cleaning. It was going to the dining hall or off campus for meals or snacks. It was taking a bus out to the Mall for shopping. It was being employed out in the community. Some students, like Rochelle Moody, worked with youth in one of the neighborhood churches. Some of

us engaged in field studies or community service projects.

There was time to chat with friends or to monopolize the dorm phones when that special person called. It was "waiting" to be paged because a guest was downstairs. It was hoping that someone would have a party during the weekend.

It was attending one or more meetings ranging from student government affiliations to band practice. It was planning special projects. It was running around trying to complete classroom assignments due the next day.

You name, we did it. No day was routine. No two people shared the same day's experiences. But even with the running here and there, we all realized that even our leisure hours had to be planned to some extent in order that assignments and readings were completed. There were even people to help us plan our leisure and study moments.

Sundays were special days. Many donned their best outfits to attend the church of their choice. Others attempted to make up for lost Saturday night sleep. But it also marked the beginning of a new week of schedules and confusion.



Jennifer Bryant and Margaret McDowell complete art class sketches of campus buildings.



Among the active Belles on campus were juniors Carol Chatters and Deborah Tillman.



The best way to discover what was happening around town was reading posted notices. Who ever said there was "nothin' happenin'?"

Gloria Glisson even found time to profile and share jokes with peers. She will forever be remembered as lovable "Rerun."



Campus elections were characterized by a more willingness to run among candidates this year. Sheila Stewart and Velveeta Dawkins ponder over the ballot choices.

Mrs. Addo lectures, but some minds strayed to unrelated concerns. Friday was a welcomed day, but 5:00 was the highlight of the day.

Many Education majors spent time in the Instructional Materials Center. Practical experience was gained in preparing curriculum material for classrooms.



Some times we just daydreamed. Yvonne Brown reflects on the day's activities.

Carolyn Hazel slips in a nap while on desk duty. She was probably helped by her English Lit reading assignment.





Shelia Sammons, dreaming probably of her upcoming wedding, seems to be doing alright. In fact, afternoon naps seem to be a carry over from the old Bennett "Quiet Hour."



When we weren't napping or studying, we found time for our favorite afternoon television programs, especially the soap operas.



Seniors gathered one last time for a day of fun at Haganstone Park. They feasted on barbecue ribs, chicken, potato salad, hamburgers and other goodies.

Deborah Travis serves classmates from smoking grill. Viola Elliott, Sherlene McCarther and Anita Ford wait their turns.



Joining in the fun were Verthelia Sandiland,
"Till" Allen and Lajier "Jill" Smith.



Encounters of a teary kind

Last season was one we hope to never experience again. What started out as 'big' expectations became a nightmare. We entered the basketball season with hopes of a spectacular season.

First we had the anxieties of destroying old myths which sought to destroy team morale. Then we found ourselves facing an injury pruned, academically ineligible team. Bad times zoomed ahead.

However, spirit and team support picked up. The Athletic Banquet, sponsored by the Banner staff, paid much needed tribute to two groups of dedicated athletes, the basketball and volleyball teams.

Coach McDougle, handicapped by a quick temper, pulled some near miracles with his "magnificent seven." Bennett dropped its first two games to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Winston Salem State University. But there

Andre Dixon, recognized with Honorable Mention by Division III of the NCAIAW Conference, seeks to pass off to outstanding freshman Elwanda Blue. Coming out to help are Carol (34) and Betty (52).

were some bright moments in both games. Freshman Elwanda Blue contributed 13 points to the effort. The final score was 50-49. Winston Salem simply had to much manpower and speed for the Belles' deliberate play and soundly defeated the team 77-51. However, Elwanda again proved herself with 19 points.

Bennett's first win of the year was an 82-59 victory over the developing Greensboro College women. Freshman Betty Kirkland posted a surprising 30 point game and Elwanda added 17 points. Coming off of a slump, team ace Andre Dixon contributed 15 points.

After that it was an uphill, courageous fight for the seven players. The season ended with Bennett being defeated in the conference play-offs, 99-69 by Winston Salem, the champs. The Belles finished sixth in the 12-team NCAIAW Conference. At the end of the season they posted a 8-9 record.

Joining in the press are Andre and freshman floor leader Alice "Crunch" Costin. Although she missed the first four games, Crunch added great outside shooting to the Belles' game plan.







Carolyn Hazel
Captain



| Bennett | STATS | Opponent |
|---------|-----------------|----------|
| 49 | *UNC-Greensboro | 50 |
| 51 | Winston Salem | 77 |
| 82 | Greensboro | 59 |
| 77 | Meredith | 55 |
| 55 | Guilford | 56 |
| 57 | Winston Salem | 71 |
| 74 | Gardner Webb | 92 |
| 65 | *UNC-Greensboro | 58 |
| 52 | Meredith | 48 |
| 49 | *A & T | 73 |
| 74 | Barber Scotia | 56 |
| 74 | Gardner Webb | 93 |
| 35 | *A & T | 69 |
| 63 | Guilford | 55 |
| 74 | Greensboro | 47 |
| 69 | Barber Scotia | 50 |

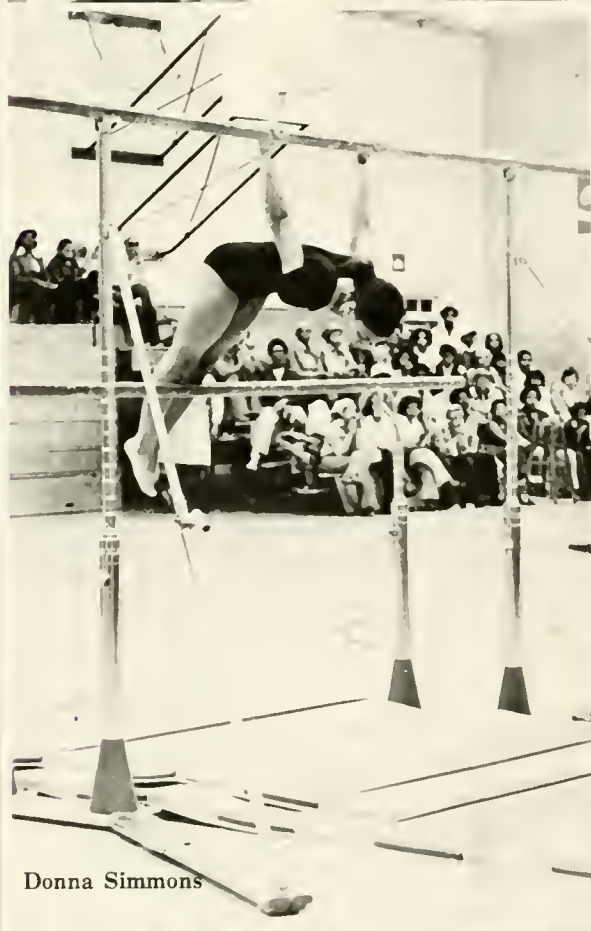
| NCAIAW Division III Winston Salem | | |
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| | SCORING AVS. | GAME HIGH |
| 69 | Carolyn Hazel | 4.4 |
| | Betty Kirkland | 11.8 |
| | Alice Coston | 7.2 |
| | Robin Arnold | 4.7 |
| | Deborah Kernes | 6.7 |
| | Elwanda Blue | 14.4 |
| | Andre Dixon | 14.2 |
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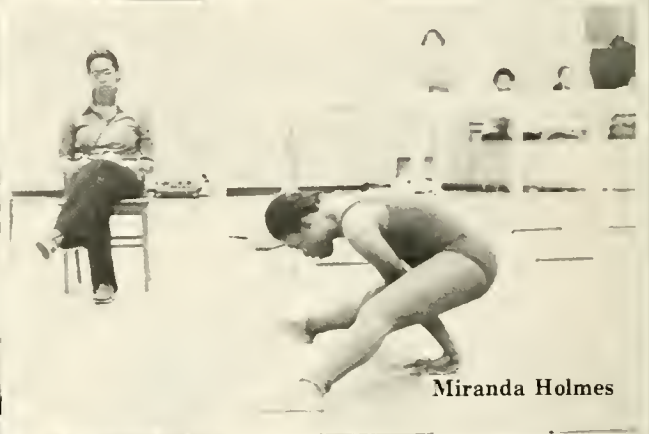
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Barbara Johnson



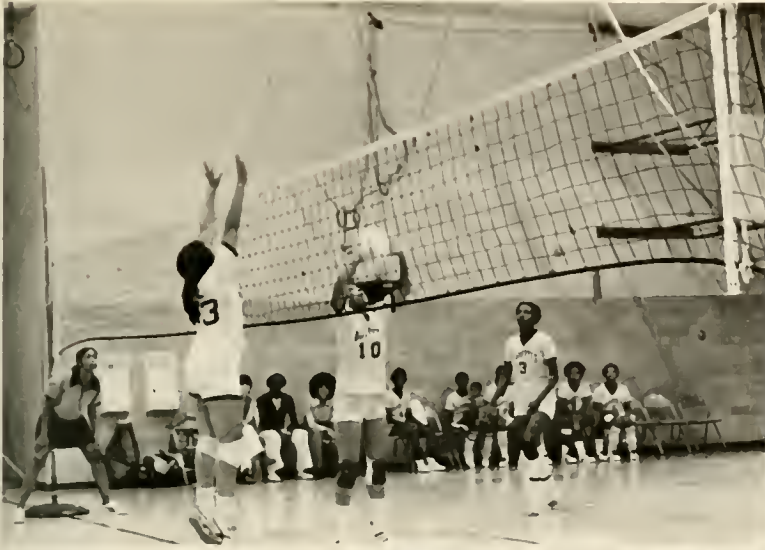
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Miranda Holmes



Vanessa Richmond



| Bennett | Opponent |
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| 1 | UNC-Greensboro |
| 0 | A & T |
| 2 | St. Augustine |
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| 2 | Wesleyan |
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| 1 | Chowan |
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| 1 | Shaw |



- Andre Dixon
- Anita Taylor
- Yolanda White
- Avau Te'o
- Rhonda Washington
- Alice Costin
- Wendy Woods
- Julia Hosch
- Doris Barbour
- Deborah Kernes





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Dr. Miller found time to lecture several biochemistry sessions during the spring semester. It was a way to keep in touch with students and developments in the area.



Mr. James J. Scarlette, Business Manager



Dr. Chelsea Tipton, Dean of College

Meetings, Self-Study, Memos and Travel

While much of the change of 1977-78 was experienced on an abstract plane, for the faculty and staff it was a year of planned changes. Much of the change had its roots in the term "self-study." It was characterized by numerous meetings, workshops and memos. It was soul-searching, evaluation, reports and inquiries into what is and what is not.

Although much of the change was strictly business, there were more moments to explore each others

lifestyles. Faculty and staff experienced more activities outside of the working day. First, Dr. and Mrs. Miller hosted a reception in honor of the new faculty and staff. Then, there was the great Faculty Follies which allowed the "talented and non-talented" to join in an evening of great entertainment.

This change was evident in the orientation of three new division directors to the Bennett Way of Life. Dr. Donald Martin, Dr. Lynn Sadler and Dr. Morris Peterkin

each brought new vigor to their divisions.

It was a year which saw a marked improvement in the academic advising program as professors kept their advisees on top of their academic career. And it often led to being summoned before Mrs. McCallum to be informed that you needed more hours or quality points to keep you on the right track to graduation.



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There's something about being on a small college campus. It nets some very beautiful relationships according to Mrs. Willie Mae McCallum, Dr. Martin and Miss Dorothy Harris.

Rev. P.E.A. Addo, the college chaplain and Miss Georgie Latimer share concerns.



Jones' director, Miss Patricia Teal, added some special moments for her students.



Dr. Sekhara Rao
Mrs. Carrie Shute
Mrs. Deleine E. Townes



Mr. Ray T. Treadway
Dr. Helen Trobian
Ms. Denise E. Troutman



A Tribute

In each student's life there was a special teacher or work supervisor who made the experience a nicer one. While each young woman has her own special memories, some people will always stand out. Business majors will remember the confidence of Miss Gilbert and the challenges she presented. Choir members will never forget "Doc" Alston and "alright." Most students will always remember trembling before Mr. Scarlette at bill paying time or the joy Ma Tucker spreaded on the fifteenth of each month (pay day). Who can forget Dr. Mack's sunny disposition? There was always Pres. Miller reminding us that grades were not given at the Cosmos or from watching "All My Children." What about Dr. Trader's laugh or Mrs. Streat's perpetual anxiety?

One of the most festive occasions is the President's Open House. Dr. Charlotte Alston and Mrs. Geraldine Totten enjoy themselves.

Dr. Virginia Tucker
Mrs. Ednita Bullock
Miss Dorothy Williams



Mrs. Genevieve Williams
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Debbie Moser discusses gymnastic ratings with instructor Joella Hendricks.





Faculty members often found themselves involved in community service which directly involved the college. As a member of The Greensboro Chapter of Links, Inc., Dr. Dorinda Trader participated in the UNCF Phonathon.



Among those who joined forces with the students on Labor Day were Miss Ruth Powell, director of the Co-Curricular Office and Miss Denise Troutman, instructor of drama.

Mrs. Amy Reynolds spent many lunch breaks in the gym. She was a participant in the campus slimnastics program.

Mrs. Ellease Browning
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Mrs. Ouida Scarborough helped the residence staff refurbish Jones Hall.

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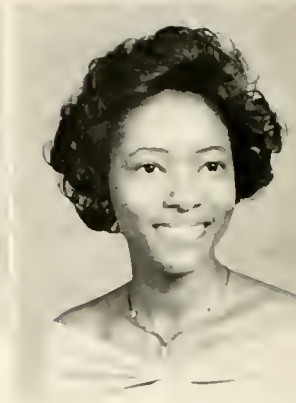


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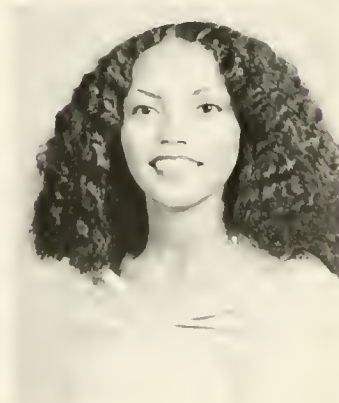


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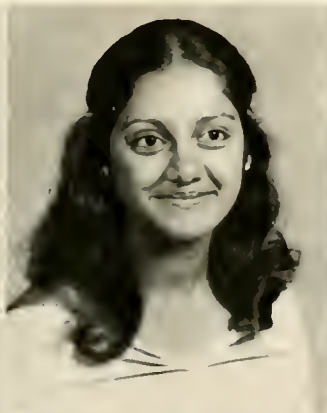


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Memories

The energy it takes to be a senior was exemplified by some seniors while others took it as it was handed to them. As always some were ever moving, ever involved and ever smiling in the face of overwhelming odds. Those who left their images on the Bennett Experience will never be forgotten . . . Marilyn Hicks, the class president, found ample time to chuckle between choir rehearsals, science labs, sorority life and campus involvement . . . Kamala Manchigiah, having travelled thousands of miles from India to the campus, shared a different culture with us and a pleasant personality . . . Vanessa "Twinkle" Richmond will always be remembered for her sense of humor and her ceaseless flow of energy . . . Maxine Jenkins, calm and collected, always had a profound word of concern about

Angel Bynum and her "everything bag" kept us in stitches. She always had something funny to say in the course of the conversation.



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Gary, Ind.



NORVA E. MORRISON
Early Childhood Ed
Charlotte, N.C.



More . . .

campus activities . . . Etta Cox will receive the highest honor for being well-rounded. She served as a volleyball referee and was the backbone of the Rec Council . . . Angel Bynum, known to all as "Ruth's child" will be remembered as the Spirit of '78. She was big on everything including personality . . . Swanda McCormick with her "touch of class" is the quiet winner, doing but saying little . . . Joyce Bass, who had a hand in every campus happening, known as "float on." She quickly shun her country ways to become a "cover girl" . . . Rochelle Moody was another campus leader who worked in the background to keep things moving . . . there was Shawn Humphries who waged a on-going battle to keep the SGA afloat . . . how about Loretta Brown, alias Dr. Brown, who added a bit of sarcasm when things got dull . . . or Janis Badson who always looked on the bright side, even in the dark.

Some of the times we will always remember are the days of fun in the quadrangle of the Chapel. Students shown are Anita Ford, Jennifer Fountain, Etta Cox, Janice Minter, Deborah Hart, and Sheila Sammons.



GAYLE MORTON
Social Welfare
Philadelphia, Pa.

VIVYETTE OUTEN
Elementary Education
Gastonia, N.C.

OLIVIA D. PENN
Home Economics
Madison, N.C.



MILANDA A. PENQUITE
English
Bristol, Pa.

JULIA RICHARDSON
Elementary Education
Sumter, S.C.

VANESSA D. RICHMOND
Art
Milton, N.C.



Loretta Brown demonstrated during the Spring Choir Tour her talent on the piano. We slept with the tune of Beethoven's "Sonata Pathetique, Op. 13" running through our heads.



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Clothing/Textiles
Stuart, Va.



MARILYN D. ROBINSON
Sociology
Trenton, N.C.

MARSHA E. ROEBUCK
Home Economics Ed
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Miami, Fla.

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Religion
Asheboro, N.C.



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Cincinnati, Ohio

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Marshville, N.C.

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Zebulon, N.C.



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Business Administration
Zebulon, N.C.

DEBORAH WILLIAMSON
Business Administration
Willingboro, N.J.



JACQUELIN WILLIAMSON
Early Childhood Ed
Greensboro, N.C.

Gelenia Aaron
Robin Adams



Juniors

Beverly Anderson
Rhonda Armstead
Margo Boone
Marilyn Brimmage



Memories

What memories is the question we shall ask ourselves. Certainly each of us carries within some fond and exciting accounts of what took place during our junior year. But as a class it was sometimes hard to generate any interest. There was that unforgettable class election. Were you among the twelve interested juniors who voted? One classmate concluded that it was a class of apathetic members. Another replied, "That wasn't even apathy."

But then maybe it was the pressure of the junior year. It is that time when students really become serious and apply themselves more to the business at hand. It is that year when each attempts to overcome what wasn't done two years before and what shouldn't be done in the next.

While class-sponsored activities were not held, some juniors found other activities to keep them busy. Lisa Stroud, Vickie Aaron, Del Gratia Walker (senior), Deborah Hart, Sheila Miles and Beverly Randolph were among the Deltas who entertained nursing home residents during the Halloween celebration.



Disco Fever

"Freak! Everybody Freak!" These are familiar words to anyone who attended Fun Night. The Aggies and the Belles are jammin' more than ever to the sounds of Bootsy, Peter Brown, B.T. Express and other disco beats. We hit the favorite night spots, especially the Cosmos, and joined with other college students in having fun. After much sweat and aching feet, we made our ways back to the books, somewhat worn, but in better spirits. Then we were often warned by "Doc" that there's not too much of a future in disco and Soul Train. But it was fun while it lasted.

Albums floated from person to person throughout the residence halls. What you didn't have, someone else did. And we got off!



Dorothy Brown
Lucinda Brunson
Laretta Callender
Carol Chatters



Karen Cherry
Guila Cooper
Ann Darling
Ardelia Davis



Doria Davis
Audrey Deleston
Rosa Faulk
Kathleen Fears

Helen Ferguson
 Karen Ferguson
 Belinda Foster
 Priscilla Foust



Fran Franklin
 Frances Gaines
 Karla Gary
 Lauren Gay



Mary Graham
 Lisa Greene



Marilyn Hanks
 Kimberly Hargraves



Deborah Hart
 Verita Hayes



Carol Chatters: Bright yellow raincoats, slicker handbag to match, or whatever she feels, Carol's outfits are anything but conventional. Keep On, Carol!



Vanessa Barlley: "Kool-Aid" revolutionized Bennett College with the ultimate of non-traditional majors — Grief Therapy. She said, "Basically it's just telling people to release their feelings during the death of a loved one".



Constance Hazzard



Linda Hinnant



Wanda Houston
Rose Hudson
Marion Johnson
Sierra Joyce



Vanessa Lane
Cathy Liddie
Ellen Litaker
Shenna McManus



Phyllis McPherson
Marcelle Miranda
Joni Morman
Debbie Moser

Lyvonne Murphy



Karlar Murray



Debra Perkins



Whether it's the Junior Class or the entire student body, Debra Perkins can be seen discussing the problems in the dorm as well as the food in the cafeteria. Debra has charisma, style and just plain leadership ability that will help her go places in the future. She's just well-rounded.

Hattie Purnell
Beverly Randolph
Romona Reid
Cynthia Robinson



Thelma Rogers
Mari Smith
Sharon Speas
Thomasina Stallings





Lisa Stroud
Sheila Sutton
Stephanie Thomas



Brenda Tyson
Brenda Wallace



Regina Watkins
Nadine Watts



Jane Watts
Marilyn Wilson



Janice Winstead
Patti Winston

Sophomores

The sophomore year of the college experience is one of the most over looked. But for us it was probably the most important. It was a time to set our goals into motion and to decide what we were about. For some of us it was that long awaited chance to show what talents we had. From the very first day of classes some of us began to carve our niche in the BC Experience.

Among those sophomores we will n'er forget are Barbara Murphy, so very studious, rarely going anywhere, except out to eat . . . Ellen P. Brinkley, affectionately called "Brink," so very honest and fun to be with . . . Carolyn Dixon and Kathy Morrison, alias "Little Bits" and "Peanuts," two cute, crazy "short people" . . . Jennifer Jones and Sandra

As freshman counselor, Ellen Warren helped to refurbish the parlor of Jones Hall.



Gwendolyn Allen
Pamela Allen
Laurie Asbury
Belinda G. Bailey
Doris A. Barbour



Debra E. Benbow
Belinda D. Benjamin
Rhoda Blair
Teresa A. Blakney
Rose Lee Boone



Dino M. Bradley
Michelle A. Bratton
Loretta Brewington
Angela V. Briley
Ellen P. Brinkley



Charlee D. Brown
Cynthia D. Brown
Sandra M. Brown
Jennifer Bryan
Teresa F. Campbell





Felita Claybrooks
Kathryn D. Colbert
Cheryl C. Coleman
Kathy M. Crosby
Bebe D. Davis



Darlene J. Davis
Gwendolyn C. Davis
Suzette Edmonds
Terrilyn Ellis
Jennifer D. Fennell

Brown with a room full of surprises . . . Ursula Joyner, being sweet and mousy . . . Sheila Pulley with always a kind word to offer . . . dancing Valeria "Tee" Williams . . . fashionable Patricia Vailes . . . dignified Carol Hall who knows where she's going . . . and sharp shooting Andre Dixon.

There will be the memories that we all share. If only the walls of Reynolds and Merner could talk. They would tell of sneaking in after curfew, of tricks played on friends, of having towels stolen from the shower, of being locked out of rooms, of men on the hall, on "private" parties in dark rooms, and of naps stolen from needed hours of studying. There will be private memories that only a few will share.

Anita Taylor, a veteran volleyball player, was one of the athletes honored by the Bennett Banner staff. She received a certificate from Banner editor Joyce Bass (on left).



Patricia Ford
Cheryl Franklin
Melissa L. Graves
Pamela E. Griffin
Carolyn Halls

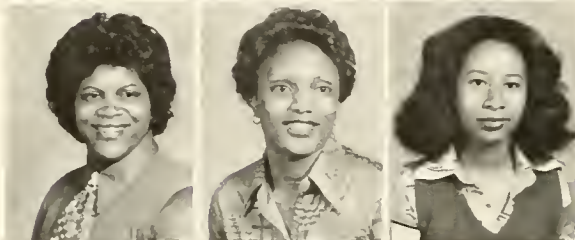


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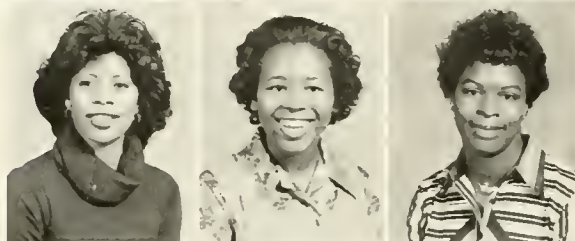
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Quanda Jenkins
 Edwina Johnson
 Portland Johnson



Jennifer L. Jones
 Randye L. Jones
 Carolyn Joyner



Ursula J. Joyner
 Frances P. Kay
 Wanda K. Kelker



Friendships were demonstrated in many ways. Wendy Woods and friend stroll during the Labor Day activities.

Friendship

No one can actually say at what point people decide to become friends, but it tends to happen to each of us. Friends don't always have to say what they are thinking or how they feel. Somehow you just manage to transmit these thoughts. Friends at Bennett tend to share many experiences. Unlike our high school years, these friendships occur on a twenty-four hour basis spreading from the residence halls, to the classrooms and on the campus. These friends cheered each on through the darkest moments and sometimes even they had their misunderstandings. But in the end the true meaning of friendship conquered all.

Discovering

This year we spent a great deal of time trying to discover what was true and what was false. Rumors circulated at full speed only to be caught up finally by truth. We discovered that some rumors had no foundation and only served to cause anxiety. It was during these dark moments that the mature were separated from the pack. It was a time to reflect on the reasons rumors started in the first place, a lack of something worthwhile to do.

Among those sophomores participating in the robbing of their senior sisters were class officers. They are Angela Briley, vice president; Jackie Ransom, assistant secretary; Evangeline Smith, secretary; and Kathy Colbert, treasurer.



Deborah Kernes
Yvette C. Lewis
Valerie E. Littlejohn
Christine E. Lloyd
Brenda C. Lykes

Libby Malloy
Robyn McCollum
Margaret McDowell
Sandra Monroe
Pamela J. Morris

Cathy L. Morrison
Sandra Motley
Barbara G. Murphy
Debbie Nelson
Donna Perry

Sheila D. Pulley
Shelia Purnell
Lorie D. Raikes
Jacqueline Ransom
Yvonne Reese

Celia Ann Ross



Cheryl A. Rutherford



Ouida Scarborough



Rosalyn J. Scott



Yvette I. Shelton



Darriane H. Sills



Ollie R. Sims
Evangeline Smith
Jacqueline M. Smith
Gwendolyn Speight
Florence D. Stokes



The sophomore class received another honor when classmate Andre Dixon (No. 33), was recognized by the Division III-NCAIAW Conference for her outstanding basketball performance. Although she made the All-Star Team her freshman year, this year she received Honorable Mention.





Denise Thompson
 Patrice Vailes
 Benay C. Warren
 Maureen E. Webb
 Anita J. Webster

Renée E. Wells
 Brenda R. White
 Barbara J. Williams
 Elfrida Williams
 Julia L. Williams

Much attention was placed on career planning. We survived many seminars, institutes and workshops which focused on interesting career opportunities. It was a great time to meet head-on the reality that most of us have not given any long range planning toward the path we would take in the future. Attention is placed on majors with little foresight into what the actual career options are and whether we are fully preparing for them. Women's Studies and the Career Services Center brought interesting people to the campus to talk with us. The Science Division sponsored its annual Science Careers Symposium and a Career Awareness Conference was held especially for freshmen and sophomores.



Some evenings found us in special seminars.

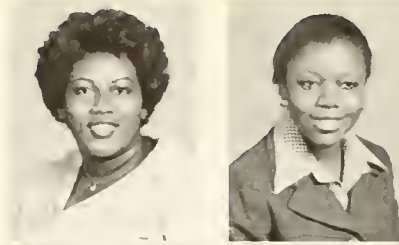


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 Debra Wingo
 Wendy R. Woods

Debbie S. Wright
 Natalie D. Young
 Kathy Flournoy

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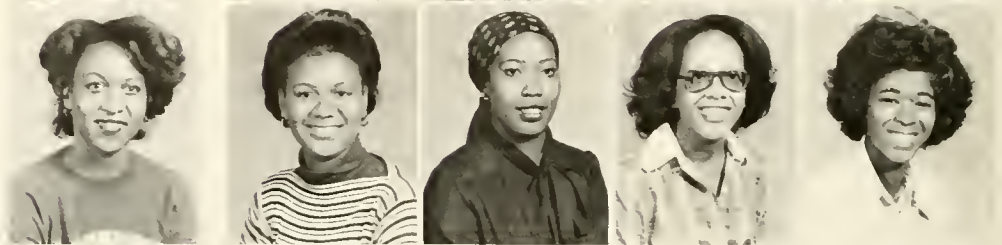
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Marcia D. Barr
Myrna Y. Barr
Valarie L. Bendolph
Elwanda F. Blue



Marchelle Boatwright
Jane M. Brandon
Addie Brockman
Windy Y. Brown
Yvonne O. Brown



Verna D. Bryant
Joann Butler



Lydia Chambers
Cheryl A. Chin



Annie Christian
Rita P. Cobb



Kathy R. Coleman
Marschelle Collins



Venus Fallen showed her talents during the "Gong Show" held during the week of Freshman Orientation. She was the notorious "clean-up woman."



Patricia Crawford
 Andrea Croom
 Wanda Crouch
 Sally C. Darling
 Billye D. Davis

The first year . . . changing patterns . . . making the adjustment from high school to college . . . adding up to a new experience. From the first day, it is moving into residence halls and often discovering the unexpected. It is finding a newly painted room or one that needs painting. It is trying to make Jones Hall look like the Holiday Inn. It is laughing at bedspreads that don't fit and those curtains which are too short. It is meeting one's roommate and hoping that she likes you.

This first year was adjusting to classes and not always realizing the purpose for being at Bennett. For some it was the thrill of making the choir, the basketball team or the Dean's List. For others it was not always so easy. It was ending the semester with low academic averages. It was having friction with girls in the dorm.

It was having to go to the Freshman Studies classes and seminars. It was being told that you had to be in the residence hall by curfew. Changing patterns for freshmen meant becoming mature college students.

Edwina Mitchell and Theresa Richmond demonstrate the uncertainty felt during the week of Orientation with their traditional caps and BC bells.



Janet E. Davis
 Shelia A. Dawkins
 Veronica Dotson
 Lenora T. Dowe
 Sheila Drayton

Valerie Dudley
 Precious M. Dulin
 Peggy Durrah
 Shaun Echols
 Earllinda L. Elder

Venus Fallen
 Geraldine Fields
 Angel Ford
 Felicia Gatson
 Pamela Glenn



Constance Graham
 Hazel J. Graves
 Pamila Hamilton
 Regina Y. Hayes
 Karen M. Heck



Memories

In each class there will always be some students who will stand out for one reason or another. These are the young women we will remember years from now ... Elwanda Blue ending each basketball game in double figures ... Jennifer Wells whose confidence was visible in the play, "Bible Herstory" and in the Miss Black Greensboro Pageant ... Althea Mitchell and her soprano voice ... LaSandra Muldrow and her guitar ... Pam Hamilton impressing Mr. Scarlette with her accounting ability ... Pam Paschall sneaking around the dorm with her camera ... Kathy James and Mary Simpkins with their enthusiasm ... Jackie Williams in a daze ... Eva Mills' flowing hair ... Michelle Shuler and her pretty dimples ... Avau Teo's dry sense of humor ... Terri Wade as a poet and store clerk ... Rhonda Washington and the laughter she brought to Jones Hall ... Denise Hines on her cloud ... and many others who added to the experience.

Before campus life can be enjoyed, each freshman resident student must face the challenge of unpacking and making plain rooms like home. It is often hampered by too little storage and closet place.



The Way it Was

Popular culture was at its best this academic year. Beautiful sounds filled the world around us from Fun Night on Thursdays to the constant beat of competing "systems" in the dorm. It was the year of popular albums as "Saturday Night Fever," "Con-Funk-Shun," "Pockets Come Go With Us," "Mother's Finest," "Blue Lights In the Basement," "El Cocomotion," and "Lou Rawls."

We found ourselves standing in line to see "Star Wars," "A Piece of the Action," "Which Way is Up," "The Betsy," "Looking for Mr. Good Bar," "Close Encounters of a Third Kind," and "Saturday Night Fever."

It was a year when Belles found themselves paying close attention to what they wore. Styles reverted back to being a woman and showing it. We were infiltrated by stick pins, cowl necks, gold chains, anklets, stockings with seams, baggie pants, blazers, dresses with frills, skirts, boots and strap shoes, and straight hair. Farrah Fawcett sneaked into our lives as we experimented with curls and the blow-away flips. Yes, it was a beautiful year for showing one's fashions and being in one of many fashion shows.

Freshman class officers demonstrate some of latest campus styles. Officers were Jennifer Welles, secretary; LaSandra Muldrow, president; and Althea Mitchelle, vice president.



Jacquetta Henderson
 Marcia L. Herbin
 Audrey L. Hopkins
 Gwendolyn J. Hurte
 Kathy M. James

Lisa Ann Johnson
 Vanessa R. Johnson
 Juanita L. Jones
 Regina M. Jones
 Sharonlyn Jones

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Wanda L. Kincaid
Regenia A. Kiser
Bonita Lake
Landas L. Leak



Natalie Lowe



Helen L. Matthews



Patsy L. Merritt



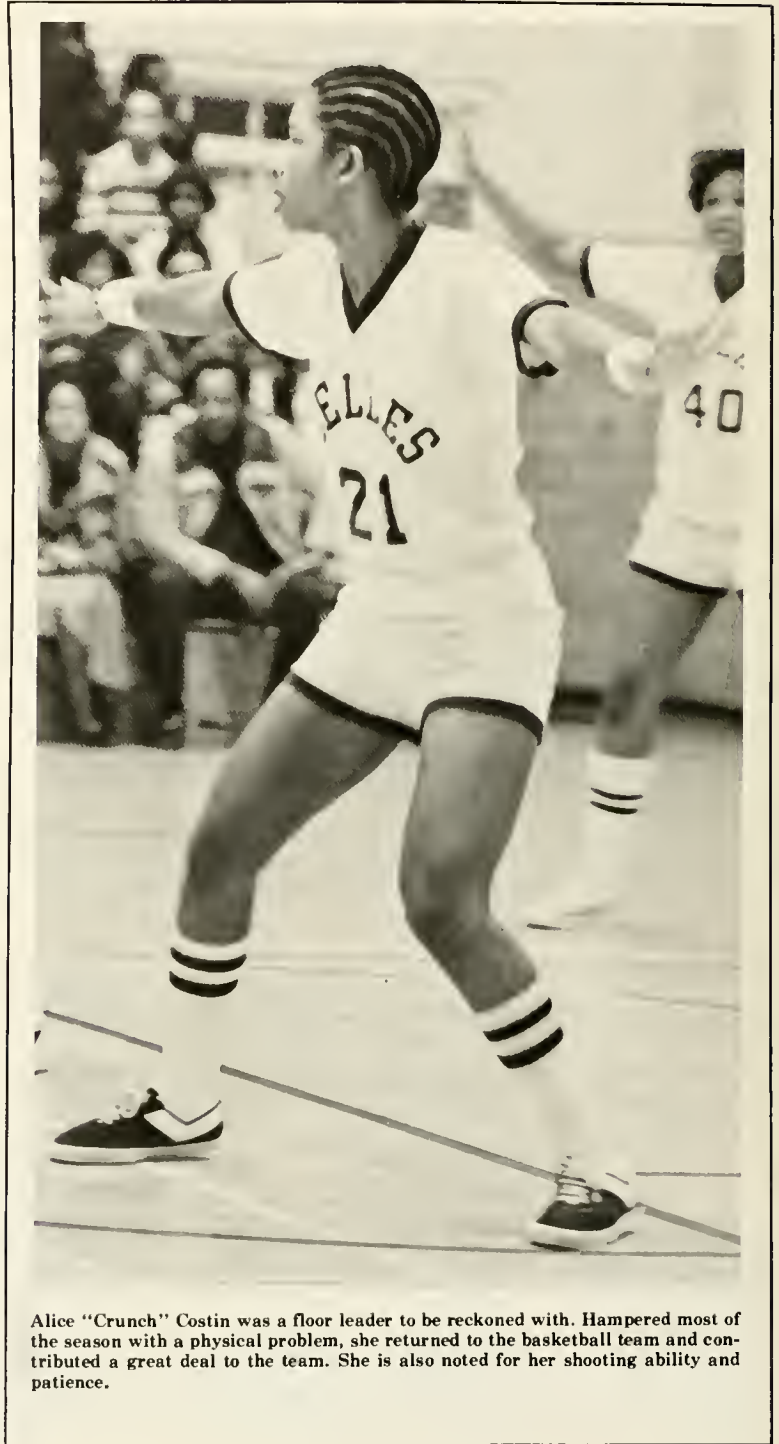
Leila Mickens



Pamela J. Miller



Eva D. Mills



Alice "Crunch" Costin was a floor leader to be reckoned with. Hampered most of the season with a physical problem, she returned to the basketball team and contributed a great deal to the team. She is also noted for her shooting ability and patience.



Althea R. Mitchell
Vanessa Morgan
LaSandra Muldrow
Denise Murray
Pamela Paschall



Regina E. Pegram
Bobbie L. Penny
Lynn Y. Phillips
Tracy L. Phillips
Marilyn M. Pinnix



Lisa K. Pittman
LaKeitha Reeves
Shellby Rich
Theresa A. Richmond
Estalinda Roberson



Harriett Roberts
Beverly Rumley
Sharon L. Sanders
Harriette L. Scott
Doris M. Sealey



Waiting . . .

But for what? Waiting proved to be a great pastime for Belles at Bennett. Each day, three times a day, we wait in line for meals. We wait for classmates who never learned the need for promptness, we waited with great anticipation for our favorite soap operas, for telephone calls which never came, for dates who fail to show, for parties which never materialized and for breaks from class. We waited and hoped that if the professor was ten minutes late he would not come or we waited in eagerness to get that dreaded exam over. We waited for the fifteenth of the month when checks were distributed and on Monday we began to wait for Friday. Yes waiting was a big part of the first year experience.

Our waiting began the first day of school.



A Touch of Class

One of the first things we heard upon reaching the campus was "This year will be marked by a 'touch of class.'" No one actually knew what Dean Bragg had in mind, but we were quick to realize that it was not simply a matter of dress. Emphasis was on attitudes and behavior. It was on caring about each other and sharing each other's experiences. It was a slow reversal of recent apathy that plagued the campus. But for some it was a time to reflect on what had happened and why it happened in order that it would not happen again. "A touch of class" was our pledge to keep the Bennett Ideal alive.

Pfeiffer Hall steps offered freshmen a comfortable place to keep up with the latest gossip and a good view of quadrangle action.

Michelle K. Shuler
Mary Jane Simpkins
Ola R. Sims
Lyn B. Smith
Leighnette Spruill



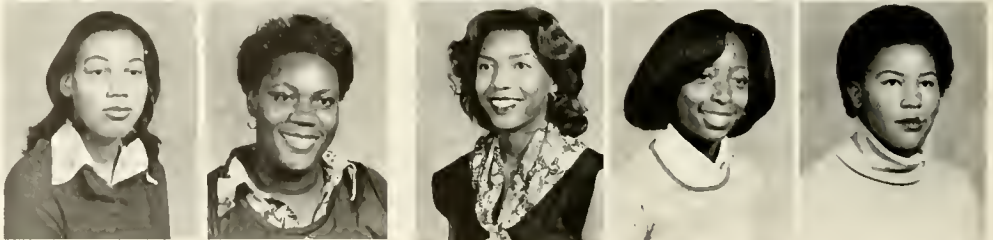
Marvette Spruill
Emma S. Stevenson
Sabrina D. Sturgis
Tonni Sullivan
Avau Téó



Venetia C. Thomas
Cheryl R. Townsend
Sharon E. Tucker
Terri A. Wade
Valerie R. Walker



Violet B. Walton
Rhonda Washington
Jennifer G. Wells
Angela M. West
Yolanda M. White





Elaine Wilder
 Pamela Wilder
 Gail L. Wiley
 Pamela J. Wilkins
 Jacqueline Williams



Sherry Williamson
 Deborah Wilson
 Katherine Winston
 Sheree Wright





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| Rochelle Moddy | V. President |
| Olivia Penn | Treasurer |
| Kay Dolberry | Secretary |

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| Debra Perkins | President |
| Audrey Forrest | V. President |
| Cynthia Robinson | Secretary |

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| Kathy Colbert | Jennifer Fountain |
| Anita Ford | Janice Minter |
| Deborah Travis | Jennifer Bryan |
| Angela Briley | Forence Stokes |
| Darlene Davis | Sharon Hilliard |
| Robin Adams | |





The Recreational Council plans, organizes, publicizes, and implements informal campus-wide activities.

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| Jennifer Bryan | Audrey Wall |
| Janice Minter | Angela Briley |
| Jennifer Fountain | Kathy Colbert |
| Deborah Travis | Etta Cox |
| Anita Ford | Florence Stokes |
| Jacqueline Jones | Darlene Davis |
| Carol Chatters | Sharon Hilliard |



The Inter-Dormitory Executive Council mediates between the Student body and the administration in interpretations and implementations of regulations concerning residence life.

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| Joyce Bass | Ramonia Reid |
| Helen Ferguson | Sheila Sutton |

REYNOLDS HALL: Ellen Brinkley, Director Alleen Jones, Miranda Holmes, Sandra Brown, Sheila Pulley and Asst. Director DelGratia Walker. President was Dina Bradley.

PFEIFFER HALL: Gail Wiley (president), Rosalind McIver, Yvonne Brown and Kathy Coleman.



MERNER HALL: Charlene Brown (president), Gwen Davis, and Celeste Holmes.

BARGE HALL: Vickie Aaron, Loye Lockett, Regina Pegran (president), Tony Sullivan and Marilyn Wilson.





CONE HALL: Pattie Winston, Audrey Deleston, Marion Johnson, Cheryl Jones and Debra Perkins (president).

PLAYER HALL: Janice Minter (president), Audrey Wall, and Jackie Jones



JONES HALL: Althea Mitchell, Sharon Tucker, Terri Wade (president), Asst. Director Barbara Hamm and counselor Ellen Warren.

House Councils

Pre-Alumnae

The Pre-Alumnae Council seeks to generate campus spirit and support for the United Negro College Fund.

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| Stephanie Thomas | Darlene Davis |
| Janice Winstead | Robyn Adams |
| Rosa Faulk | Carol Chatters |
| Thelma Rogers | Cynthia Brown |
| Debra Perkins | Vicentia Lipscomb |
| Belinda Foster | Rita Oliphant |
| Terrylyn Ellis | Marlecia Jackson |
| Belinda Bryan | Jennifer Bryan (president) |
| Barbara Hamm | Vanessa Richmond |

Stephanie Thomas, Miss Pre-Alumnae, represented the college at the 1978 Pre-Alumni-National Alumni Councils Conference in Little Rock.

Members include Janice, Stephanie, Cynthia, Terrylyn and Carol. The organization sponsored car washes, fashion shows and dances.





N.A.A.C.P.

The Bennett Chapter of the NAACP had one of its most productive years. Under the leadership of Vanessa Bartley and Rose Hudson, the highlight of the year was being named the Outstanding College Chapter in the region. The group sponsored Unity Week which culminated with the crowning of Miss NAACP, Francis Kay. It also donated \$100 to the campus UNCF drive.

Members

| | |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Barbara Hamm | Gwen Allen |
| Rochelle Moody | Rose Hudson, president |
| Shawn Humphries | Kathy Crosby, 1st vice pres. |
| Lihhy Malloy | Francis Kay, vice pres. |
| Marion Johnson | Marilyn Hicks |
| Debra Perkins | Terrylyn Ellis |
| Cynthia Brown | Sharon Sanders |
| Kaye Brimmage | Anita Ford |
| Robyn McCollum | Sharon Hilliard |
| Anita Ford | Darlene Davis |
| Jennifer Bryan | |

Vanessa Bartley presents Dr. Perry V. Maek, director of development, with \$100 contribution for the campus UNCF drive.



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One of the most important aspects of publishing the Banner is layout. Debbie Hodges, Sharon Sanders and Sandra Brown complete final touches.

Editor Bass discusses photographic needs with photographic technician Keith Miller, a local high school student.



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- Tony Sullivan

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 Lynn Horton
 Randye Jones
 Althea Mitchell
 Ollie Sims

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 Audrey Deleston
 Debbie Hodges
 Miranda Holmes
 Sheila Sutton

Deborah Tillman
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 Gail Wiley

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 Robyn Flippens
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 Marilyn Hicks
 Joann Joyner
 Vastine Staley
 Rosalyn Scott
 Jackie Williams

Dance Group

The Bennett Dance Group presented two programs during the year. Under the leadership of Miss Joella Hendricks, the group had another exciting year. The highlight of the year was the February Dance Concert.

During that concert, the audience was given a unique dance experience, "Day's Rest." Centered around three friends, we were taken into the dream of one friend. Valeria Williams was one of the key performers.

Another feature of the concert was "Spring Gathering," choreographed by Miss Ruth Powell. Other selections included "Snappy Affair," a jazz dance done to the 1940 version of "In the Mood."

Performers in the February performance included Sharonlyn Jones, Sheila Purnell, Sharon Tucker, Olivia Micheal.

"Spring Gathering" dancers were choreographer Ruth Powell, Valeria "Tee" Williams, and director Joella Hendricks.

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| Members | |
| Olivia Micheal | Rhonda Wade |
| Sheila Pulley | Francis Kay |
| Kathy Crosby | Verita Hayes |
| Annie Howell | Marcelle Miranda |
| Pamela Miller | Sharonlyn Jones |
| Ellen Warren | Sharon Tucker |
| Sheila Purnell | Angel Bloodworth |
| Vanessa Richmond | Valeria Williams |
| Regina Hayes | |

Taking a breather are members Annie Howell, Verita Hayes (secretary), Rhonda Wade and Marcelle Miranda. President was Ellen Warren.



W.A.A.

Anita Taylor
Patti Winston
Renee Jessup
Denise Cooke
Annie Howell



M.E.N.C.

Lisa Anderson
Loretta Brown
Lydia Chambers
Katie Dodson

Randy Jones
Robyn McCullum
LaSandra Muldrow
Rosalyn Scott

Freshmen Peer Advisers

Freshmen Peer Advising is a program of academic and social advising to freshmen and new students.

Dino Bradley
Lucinda Brunson
Barbara Hamm
Shawn Humphries
Marilyn Wilson
Belinda Foster
Miss Ophelia Foye
Coordinator

Sandra Monroe
Marsha Roebuck
DelGratia Walker
Vicentia Lipscomb
Sheila Miles
Vanessa Richmond





International Club

Foreign students enhanced the academic and cultural experience of the campus and community. Each year students from nations around the world participate in seminars, festivals and community programs. Members of the International Students Group were Vajira DeSilva, Sri Lanka; Adenike Adejunmobi, Nigeria; Kamala Manchigiah, India; Regina Saboleh, Sierre Leone; Te'o Avau Sapini, Samoa; Stella Nzeribe, Nigeria; and Nomatheba Nkomo, Botswana.

Pictured are Vajira, Adenike and Kamala. Advisor to the foreign students is Mrs. Geraldine Totten.

Mathematics Club

Members of the Mathematics Club are Shelia Sammons (president), Deborah Travis, Lucinda Brunson (vice president), Patricia Crawford (secretary), Vickie Lockett and Linda Smith.



Marshal Board



The Marshal Board is a volunteer service organizations. Marshals, embedded in the Bennett heritage, serve as ushers during chapel assemblies and special programs. Students gain a certain poise and self confidence. Members are Deborah Hart, Janice Winstead, Lyvonne Murphy, Marcelle Miranda, Vicentia Lipscomb, Olivia Penn, Belinda Foster and Joann Moore (president).

Joann Moore demonstrates marshaling procedure to new marshal during Senior Day exercise.





Business Club

Members include Terry Lewis (president), Jennifer Jones, Wanda Welcome, Peggy Washington, Elfrida Williams, Thelma Rogers, Sharon Speas, Belinda Benjamin, Renee Wells, Belinda Bailey and Addie Harris. Advisor is Mrs. Covington.

Theatre Guild

The Theatre Guild benefits student who are interested in all aspects of the stage. Three productions were given this year "Bible Herstory," "Them Next Door," and "A Tribute to Langston Hughes." Members included Debra Perkins (secretary), Gwen Davis, Libby Malloy, Marion Johnson (president), Cynthia Brown, Hattie Purnell, Dorothy Brown, Jennifer Wells, Gwen Speight, Joann Butler, Rose Hudson, Terri Wade, Edwina Hawkins, Sharonlyn Jones, Alisia Coachman, Edwina Mitchell, Robyn-Denis Berryhill, and Denise Thompson. Advisor is Miss Denise Troutman.



National Honor Societies and Honor Groups

Senior Honor Society

Senior Honor Society Members:
 Joyce Bass Doris Davis
 Cassandra Jones Marion Johnson
 Ardelia Davis Kay Dolberry
 Marilyn Hicks Marcelle Miranda
 Belinda Foster Audrey Forrest
 Rochelle Moody Barbara Johnson
 Shawn Humphries Thalistine Miller
 Vinette Saunders Olivia Penn
 Barbara Hamm Kamala Manchigiah

Bennett Scholars

Bennett Scholars:
 *Eva Ablorb *Marion Johnson
 Adenike Adejunmobi Tina Jones
 Linda Anderson *Thalistine Miller
 *Dino Bradley *Marcelle Miranda**
 Marchelle Boatwright *Marilyn J. Moore
 *Ardelia Davis LaSandra Muldrow
 *Vajira DeSilva *Julia Williams
 *Bertha K. Dolberry *Pam Morris
 *Carolyn Hazel Estalinda Roberson
 *Tonya Jessup Mary Jane Simpkins
 Lisa Ann Johnson Tonni Sullivan
 *Cassandra Jones *Yvette Shelton

Valerie Littlejohn

*old members
 **president

A. E. PLATER HALL





Beta Kappa Chi

Beta Kappa Chi National
Science Honor Society:
Kamala Manchigiah Shelia Sammons
Shawn Humphries Marilyn Hicks
Marcelle Miranda Kassandra Clark

Pi Gamma Mu

Pi Gamma Mu National Social
Science Honor Society:
Lyvonne Murphy Belinda Foster
Ardelia Davis Deborah Tillman
Tonya Jessup Ramona Reid



Sigma Tau Delta

Sigma Tau Delta National
English Honor Society:
Cassandra Jones Joyce Bass
Marion Johnson Kay Dolberry
Guila Cooper Joann Moore

Carolyn Hazel

Highlights of Recognition Day '78

In recognition of outstanding performance and academic achievement in their respective fields of study, the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society awarded Certificates of Merit to:

Vanessa Richmond
 Marolyn Hicks
 Terry M. Lewis
 Vajira DeSilva
 Vinette Saunders & Marva Vaughan
 Eva Ablorh
 Barbara Johnson
 Loretta Brown & Katie Dodson
 Lejune Smith
 Julia Richardson & Loretta Brown

Art
 Biology
 Business & Economics
 Chemistry
 Clothing & Textiles
 Elementary & Spec. Ed.
 Mathematics
 Music
 P.E., Health & Recreation
 Secondary & Professional
 Studies



Graduation High Honors

Joyce Annette Bass
 Creedmoor, NC

Barbara LaWanda Hamm
 Baltimore, MD

Shawn Moreta Humphries
 Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Barbara Angela Johnson
 Charlotte, NC

Cassandra Neomi Jones
 Montgomery, Ala.

Olivia Dianne Penn
 Madison, NC

Honors

Audrey Faye Forrest
 Ninety Six, S.C.

Kamala Manchigiah
 Karnataka, India

Rochelle D. Moody
 Gary, Ind.

Although it was announced after the Honors Service, Linda Smith surprised us all when she was honored by the School of Engineering at North Carolina A&T State University. She was awarded a trophy for being the Outstanding First Year Engineering Student and another for being named to the "3.8" Club. Linda, a resident of Greensboro, is majoring in electrical engineering and mathematics. She takes classes at both Bennett and A&T. Linda's honor was another for Bennett Belles.

Faculty Scholarships

Division of Education Olivia Penn
 Division of Humanities Bertha Dolberry
 Division of Sciences Valerie Littlejohn
 Division of Social Science Belinda Foster

HOME ECONOMICS HONORS

GOODE PRIZE Darlene Donnell
L. GUENVEUR-STREAT Valerie Littlejohn
SCHOLARSHIP IN CLOTHING AND TEXTILES
FACULTY AWARD Valerie Littlejohn
MARIE CLAPP MOFFITT Audrey Deleston
SCHOLARSHIPS Sundeany Ford
TORRANCE
SCHOLARSHIP Joann Butler

SPECIAL HONORS

BELLE TOBIAS
SCHOLARSHIP Sharolyn Jones
LULA DONNELL PRIZE Donna F. Wiley
CLASS OF 1921 PRIZE Marcelle Miranda
VIRGINIA A. TUCKER Bertha Kay Dolberry
SCHOLARSHIP IN THE HUMANITIES
CRESSIE THOMAS HAVEN Estalinda Roberson
SCHOLARSHIP
GEORGE M. BELL Bertha Dolberry
SCHOLARSHIP
DAVID D. JONES Debra Perkins
LEADERSHIP
AWARD
CATHERINE HUGHES Linda K. Smith
WADDELL
SCHOLARSHIP
ROSE KARFIOL AWARD Terry M. Lewis
SCHOLARLY
ACHIEVEMENT IN Terry M. Lewis
BUSINESS AWARD
EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP
AWARD Terry M. Lewis
SIGMA TAU DELTA
AWARD Cassandra Jones
STUDENT INVOLVEMENT
AWARD Ollie Sims

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN YEARBOOK PUBLICATIONS

Joyce Bass
 Lisa Anderson
 Angel Bynum

DRAMA AWARDS

Dorothy Brown Libby Malloy
 Michelle Hawkins, Marion Johnson, Hattie Purnell



The JANE MILLER JONES SCHOLARSHIP CUP was awarded to the Sophomore Class for attaining the highest scholastic average.



Terry Marie Lewis, from Washington, D.C. received awards in the field of Business for outstanding achievements.

Involvement

In order to maintain a degree of sanity and to become a well-rounded individual, many of us joined one or more organizations and participated in a variety of extra-curricular events.

It was an opportunity to develop leadership skills and to have input in college activities. But even while some of us accepted the challenge of involvement, there were those who preferred to criticize and do nothing.

Those who complained of being bored, offered nothing to the year's experiences. They were not part of our changing patterns. But for those who rolled up their sleeves and gave of their time gained far more. For all of the talent shows, the plays, the dances, the intramural games, the sporting events, the workshops, the seminars, the meetings, car washes, pledge periods, card tournaments, concerts, recitals, chapel programs, and other events which marked the year, there were the hard workers, both students and staff. These were the people who left their marks. Who will remember the critics? Probably no one.

Members of Omicron Eta Chi Home Economics Society included Vickie Aaron, Marsha Roebuck, Audrey Deleston and Anna Darling.



The Recreation Council demonstrated that a little creativity goes a long way. The Haunted House was a big success.



Coach Leon McDougle was all smiles at the Banner Athletic Banquet when honored by basketball team co-captain Hazel.

Precious Dulin participated in the Senior Day Activities.



Gwen Davis found time to entertain visiting Morehouse Glee Club members.

Anndreze Bailey, Jackie Thompson, Carolyn Campbell and Marie Calhoun added a little something different to the role of usher during the Spring Home Ec. program.



Involvement

Tonni Sullivan spent extra hours working on the yearbook. Doing layouts was a tiring chore, but necessary.



Rose Hudson, elected the first Miss Bennett, was introduced with other sorors of AKA at their Spring Rush. It was a colorful and classy occasion.

Alice "Crunch" Costin demonstrated determination and perseverance as a floor leader for the basketball team. She played in spite of physical discomfort.



Sometimes our involvement was just in mingling with friends and enjoying each others' presence.

Fran Franklin served as a hostess during the Careers Awareness Conference sponsored by the Urban League and Career Services Center.



Majors and minors in various departments often formed clubs to promote career awareness in their areas. Annie Howell, Priscilla Foust and Denise Cooke were members of the Physical Education group.

Marvette and Leighnette Sprueill were recruited at the last minute to serve as pages for the "Living Madonnas."



Sorority Life

Sorority life at Bennett played an important part in our daily experiences. While several social clubs and one sorority underwent a period of inactivity, Delta Sigma Theta and Alpha Kappa Alpha sororities had a banner year.

We saw what good leadership and creative advising could do. There was a refreshing burst of involvement and a "touch of class." Having been bombarded by Greek trivia, we discovered this year that sorority life is more than stepping, noise, and tee-shirts.

Alpha Kappa Alpha reacquainted the campus with the ideal of finer womanhood. We saw a group of

beautiful black women doing a variety of "classy" things. We saw the sorors of DST helping another student complete her education.

We saw a record number of sorority women taking active leadership roles in all aspects of student government, representing the college at a variety of conferences and off-campus activities, leading the student body in academic achievement, and pacing student support for the United Negro College Fund.

Sorority members were the key characters in a number of success stories. More than ever before since the late 1960's, we saw the relevant

aspects outweighing the trivia. We saw organizations fostering involvement and social awareness.

However, we also noted that often the good points were lost in the building rivalry. Little effort was made to unite for common campus goals. The Sorority and Fellowship Council did not function. It could have done a great deal to alleviate the bickering among different groups and could have helped the inactive groups to reorganize. Hopefully, it will develop into a worthwhile body. The sororities are developing at such a rate, it could offer a positive influence which would benefit each group and the campus.

Too often "stepping" seemed a priority item. However, this year we noticed that it received less attention than before. After all, it did not represent "finer womanhood."



Line shows developed a "touch of class" as we saw "finer womanhood in action." We all witnessed sorority women working for the good of the entire campus.

The Side Seldom Seen

One of the purposes behind the black, national fraternal organizations has been service to the community. This year was a record for the varied public service projects emanating from Bennett by Delta and AKAs.

Alpha Kappa Alpha

The Zeta Xi Chapter had such a great year in programming they received national recognition from the other AKSs. They received the Portsmouth Undergraduate Achievement Award for outstanding community and campus activities.

Influenced by creative advising and dynamic leadership, the chapter engaged in a well-rounded service program.

Faculty Follies, chaired by Lisa Anderson, netted \$300 for the United Negro College Fund. It also provided an opportunity for faculty and staff to "show off" and to have some fun.

The Health Fair, held in the Student Union, introduced students to community services such as the Red Cross and Greensboro Family Planning.

During the holidays, the chapter sponsored a Traveling Christmas Show for the entertaining of nursing home residents and students on campus.

The Reading Project brought students into contact with neighborhood youth. A weekly tutorial program was held for children between 7 and 11 years old.

Delta Sigma Theta

Delta was established as public service sorority from its origin. Members of the city-wide chapter, Zeta Omicron, held a variety of fundraising projects to support the sorority's commitment to establishing an Endowed Professor's Chair, a United Negro College Fund effort. The chapter members held car washes, dances and a fashion show.

They also presented a \$100 scholarship to another Bennett student. This year's recipient was Yvonne Brown, a business administration major from Philadelphia. The scholarship is used to purchase books.

Other projects included joining with members of the alumnae chapter of the sorority to help sponsor the Bennett UNCF Phonathon and visitation to local nursing homes by the pledges.

In one of the few cooperative projects, the two sororities joined with other Greek letter organizations on campus to sponsor a Sunday vesper.



The Health Fair helped students to discover the availability of assistance from community service agencies.

Kay Dolberry tutored in the AKA Reading Program. It was an opportunity to generate interest among community youth in reading and college.



Gelenia Aaron takes snack while checking with other Deltas from the alumnae chapter about phonathon pledge cards.

Deltas did a lot of sweating and back breaking scrubbing at one of their many car washes. The money was used for their UNCF commitment.



Sometimes sorority members were called on to provide assistance in various offices or for different programs. Marcelle Miranda helped out in the Publications/Information Office.

Delta Sigma Theta

Gelenia Aaron
 Gwen Allen
 Joyce Bass
 Ellen Brinkley
 Sandra Brown
 Loretta Canty
 Patricia Carrol
 Carol Chatters
 Corliss Clark
 Kathleen Clark
 Etta Cox
 Kathy Crosby
 Terrilyn Ellis
 Rosa Faulk
 Karen Ferguson
 Audrey Forrest
 Belinda Foster
 Jennifer Fountain
 Franzine Franklin
 Sandra Gardner
 Pam Griffin
 Joann Harper
 Deborah Hart
 Carolyn Hazel
 Lynn Horton
 Miranda Holmes
 Debra Hodges
 Shawn Humphries
 Serena D. Jefferson
 Wanda Johnson

Cheryl Jones
 Frances Kay
 Vicentia Lipscomb
 Valerie Littlejohn
 Joyce McCloud
 Robin McCollum
 Dorinda Mebane
 Thalistine Miller
 Page Motley
 Sheila Miles
 Beverly Randolph
 Ramona Reid
 Vanessa Richmond
 Cherisse Robinson
 Cynthia Robinson
 Marilyn Robinson
 Shelia Sammons
 Yvette Shelton
 Jacqueline Smith
 Carol Spinner
 Lisa Stroud
 Sheila Sutton
 Jackie Thompson
 Deborah Travis
 Marva Vaughan, President
 Del Gratia Walker
 Audrey Wall
 Ellen Warren
 Cynthia Willis
 Carolle York





Alpha Kappa Alpha

Lisa Anderson
 Janis Badson
 Anndreze Bailey
 Robyn-Denise Berryhill
 Dino Bradley
 Angela Briley
 Kaye Brimmage
 Loretta Brown
 Ardelia Davis
 Audrey Deleston
 Bertha Dolberry
 Robyn Flippens
 Priscilla Foust
 Marilyn Hanks
 Edwina Hawkins
 Verita Hayes
 Constance Hazzard
 Viola Hemphill
 Marilyn Hicks
 Becki Holder

Rose Hudson
 Marion Johnson
 Cassandra Jones
 Wanda Kelker
 Vanessa Lane
 Terry Lewis
 Loye Lockett
 Kamala Manchigiah
 Donna Meachum
 Elaine Mills
 Sandra Monroe
 Rochelle Moody
 Sherlene McCarther
 Sylvia Cheek Norwood
 Debra Perkins
 Marsha Roebuck
 Lajier Smith
 Robin Stamps
 Deborah Tillman
 Nadine Watts

Patti Winston





A Look Back, A Giant Step Forward

On May 14, in ceremonies ranging from huge to intimate, more than 2,000 degrees were awarded in Greensboro. Bennett graduated a neat class of 78 of that number. In fact, the Class of 1978 will be easy to remember.

While it was the smallest class to graduate in recent years, it was probably the most interesting graduation to take place in the history of the institution. It was certainly filled with the most anxiety and disgust. "It was really exasperating," concluded one administrator.

The big moment arrived. But few will ever know the anxious moments which preceded it.

Where did the fault lay? That's quite debatable. Many prospective graduates knew their status prior to the week of graduation and others preferred to wait for miracles. But as usual it was a problem of too little interest until the last minute.

The final chapter was written on Thursday, May 11. Seniors ran to their mail boxes to receive their "letters." Others finally realized that it was too late for the miracle and few gave it another try.

Yes, it was a long weekend. For seniors it was a mixture of sadness and happiness. There was the desire to celebrate, but also the need to share in the disappointment of

friends. But it was a "learning tree" for all.

According to people who attended Friday night's Spring Choir Concert, it was a beautiful experience. It was a moment to forget the week's problems.

Saturday belonged to the Bennett alumnae. Some 500 alumnae gathered at the Holiday Inn-Four Seasons for a workshop, luncheon, reunion class meetings and a dance. "It was a day with a \$100,000 ending," concluded President Miller after the All Bennett Luncheon. Gifts to the college had been made.

Prior to lining up at the gym, there was time for last minute pictures with friends.





Shelia Sammons has picture taken with Dr. Miller before taking her place in procession. Not only did she have graduation bells ringing in her ears, but wedding bells, also.

Head marshal Louise Streat instructs student marshals on last minute details. Mrs. Streat is chairman of the Home Economics Department.



There's always the need for final preparations. But its extra special when friends, about to separate, take time to help out.

The President's Reception was held. It was a time for parents to meet with the President and his wife, as well as to mingle with other administrators.

Parents, alumnae and friends were treated to a delightful play by the Little Theatre Guild, "Bennett Herstory." It was a time for the all-women cast to do their best performance of the year.

The big day arrived. Everyone spent part of the early hours watching the sky for the sign of rain. Our hopes were high as we approached 3 p.m. with a bright sky. Students, administrators and faculty lined up at the gym for the short walk through the Ceremonial Gates. By the time the procession made its way to the assigned seating areas, they were forced inside by a sudden cloudburst.

Speaking to a standing-room-only crowd, Bishop L. Scott Allen addressed the graduating class. Resident bishop of the Charlotte area, Western North Carolina Conference, Bishop Allen exhorted the graduates to "rise up and possess the future." He cautioned them to keep in mind "great principles which prevail as inescapable: truth, justice, love, peace and mercy, which are eternally woven into the moral fabric of the universe."

Solemn line of seniors march the Ceremonial Gate one last time.





Marshals direct graduates into seating area before sudden cloudbursts sent everyone to the chapel.

Guest speaker was Bishop L. Scott Allen, Resident Bishop of the Charlotte Area, Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.



Graduates reflect over the words of Bishop Allen who urged them to use common sense and not to be conceited about the knowledge they've acquired.



Dr. Charlotte Alston formed a special community choir for the rendition of "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Men from the community were invited to sing with the choir. Soloist was Rev. Howard A. Chubbs.

He urged the young women to become involved in "the global trend toward liberation from oppression."

"Widespread fatalism is fading into oblivion and a new dawn of hope is breaking."

Bishop Allen stressed, "Today's world is no Utopia. But the teachings of Jesus Christ are everlastingly true. The meek shall inherit the earth." However, he stated further that meekness should not be misinterpreted to mean cowardice.

You need convictions, but you need not be dogmatic if the world does not agree with you fully. You must learn to face problems with patience and tolerance."

There were two emotional high points during the ceremony. The graduates stood and applauded Mrs. Vastine Staley as she received her degree. For many years, this moment had been a dream only. But now, for the "Senior Citizen," as choir members lovingly refer to her, it had arrived.

Kamala Manchigiab delivered a very emotional speech during the Ceremony of the Flag. She brought tears to everyone's eyes as she paid tribute to the Bennett Experience. Bennett had been home for four years for the Indian native who has not seen her homeland since arriving in the States. The audience waited patiently until she regained her composure. It had been a beautiful graduation after all.

Vastine Staley received a standing ovation as Dr. Miller awarded her degree.





Kamala Manchigiah delivered a very teary tribute to Bennett during the presentation of the Indian flag to the college. Her sister and Dr. Miller were on hand to console her as she said good by to her "family away from home."

Then it was over. Faculty lined the walkway to applaud new Bennett alumnae. Dr. Miller, breathing a sigh of relief could only say, "I'm glad its over."



A Tribute

The year ends, but the memories now just begin. We will now take time to reflect on those events and personalities which brought change in the patterns of our existence.

Many warm thanks go out to the faculty and staff for the patience and assistance they gave to help us through the maze of the Bennett Experience. So often we took them for granted, often with the thought, "well, they owe it to us." But in more ways than one, these people went beyond their respective job descriptions to make our experiences positive ones.

There is one person in particular, the staff of the 1978 would like to pay tribute. As we ended the year, we discovered that Mr. Robert E. Jones, Jr. would leave with us. Having served under three administrations, he has touched the lives of us all. He retired this year from the Purchasing Office and as manager of the Student Union. He will be missed by all who knew him. Mr. Jones was the ideal staff person. Yes, he "fussed" sometimes, but he always pulled us through and helped to make our office operations and special activities a success.

While we recognized that "changing patterns" this year were only the beginning, we are grateful. 1977-78 announced to us that there is continued hope for a better Bennett College. It challenges next year's classes to continue to build on the patterns started.



Mr. Robert E. Jones, Jr.

The Belle Staff



Lisa Ann



Joan Bass



Ellen Brinkley



Edna Munum



Priscilla Foust



Pamela Griffin



Becki Holder



Jennifer Jones



Marcelle Miranda



Lynn Phillips



Tonni Sullivan



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