



'THE BELLE' 80'









# THE BELLE



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## Dedication

The Belle Staff dedicates the 1980 yearbook to Miss Alsie Trammell. She retired in May after having served as college nurse for 33 years. We wish for her a fruitful retirement.



## Trying Times

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times," said Charles Dickens many years ago.

There can be little disagreement that the days of 1979-80 were indeed just that. In fact, at times it seemed like most of our days were the "worst of times." But for intent and purpose, we shall call it simply, "trying times."

"Trying times" because we continued to seek "a lining at the end of the rainbow."

Reflect for a moment on the topics which dominated the news and indirectly our daily lives.

Gold prices and interest rates surge to record highs; Arab nations jack up oil prices and threaten international peace; Black voter registration lags; Black higher education threatened; Military registration and draft of women considered; Soviet-American relations shaky; Cambodians starving; Teachers and firemen strike; and Radical organizations clash over conflicting ideologies . . .







And life went on behind the red brick wall.

While many of us tried to pretend that "all was well," we heard speaker after speaker admonishing us to become productive parts of the solution process rather than victims of the turmoil. We were challenged to develop our leadership and critical thinking skills in order to assume new roles demanded by uncertain job markets. Slowly came the realization that to overcome "trying times" we needed faith in God, hard work, and determination. And many of us tried ...







"... faith in God, hard work, and determination."

# ACADEMICS





ONE WAY





# ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

## Trying Times, Crying Times

The fall semester began without too much confusion. Once the registration anxieties ended, we played the games of academe.

"I've been searching for the magic success formula which did not include long hours of studying, initiative, and reading. After three years, I haven't found it."

"It's disgusting to hear about freshmen with 3.5 and 4.00 g.p.a.'s. I heard that Myra George's favorite entertainment is reading and that she studies better when it's quiet."

We were jarred when the status quo at Bennett was questioned by some black Methodists who recommended that we go coed to offset financial problems.

"Wasn't it great that our trustees spoke out in support of our women's college tradition?"

"If I had wanted to attend a coed college, I would have done so."

Some of us obviously didn't realize that too many courses don't compensate for learning. The faculty moved to reduce curriculum pattern loads.

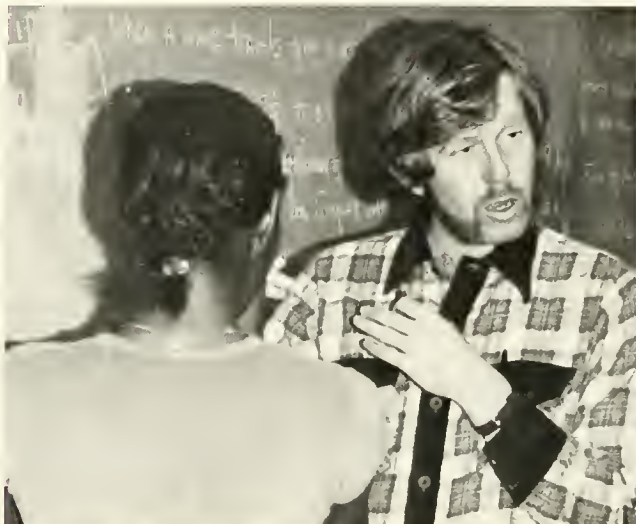
"I do think it makes more sense to make A's, B's, and C's in five courses, than to struggle with six or seven courses."

"I sometimes get sick when the instructor attempts to solve a problem or explain a concept and finds himself challenged by someone who speaks not from research but from opinion. Afterall, it's too hot in here for more hot air."

"Oh, that's nothing. I really had a problem and needed to discuss it with Dean Tipton, but he was away giving a clarinet concert."

"If you really want to know about tryin' times, try to get an excuse from a college official for attending a function off campus."

"I know about that, the 'excuse run-around.'" I was first told that I needed an official excuse from Dr. Tipton or Miss Harris, so I decided to start from the top. Dr. Tipton told me to see Miss Harris who told me to see Miss Power — the advisor for the trip — who told me to see Mr. Bragg who told me to see Dr. Tipton. I gave up."









# Humanities

It might be that I am bragging about this division. You're right, I am. There is a great deal of creativity, innovation, and individualism. And when you realize this, it makes the "tryin' times" seem trivial.

One of the highlights of the academic year was the implementation of the Comprehensive Communication Skills Program. It focuses on the development of reading, speaking, and writing.

"But, I'm quite disappointed that we are losing our drama courses."

"Yea, I was most impressed with the quality of the drama productions this year."

"On my way to the library last week, I heard the band students practicing and I wondered if we cut back in the right area."

"The Artist-In-Residence Program was a tremendous success. I enjoyed the interaction with the artists."

"Did you hear the moans and groans during the English Comprehensive Exam?"





## An Evening of Public Speaking

We attended the "Evening of Public Speaking in September and hardly made it in time to get a seat. Banner reporter Myra George concluded, "It was graced by excellent speakers, logical preparations and thought-provoking presentations."

"I think it takes a great deal of guts to address an audience of Bennett Belles," said Bernedette Hamilton.

The contestants competed in three categories of presentations — dramatic interpretation, original interpretation, and original oratory.

The winner of the dramatic interpretation was freshman Stephanie Durham who recited Nikki Giovanni's poetry. Said George, "Her two selections, "Nikki Rosa" and "Ego Tripping — There May Be A Reason Why," contrasted with each other, one showing Giovanni at her lowest and the second, at the peak of her career."

Rosalyn Scott's original oratory won top honors. "Positivity — The Key To Success" stimulated much audience response. "If it's possible to drive a Mercedes Benz, why drive a Toyota?"

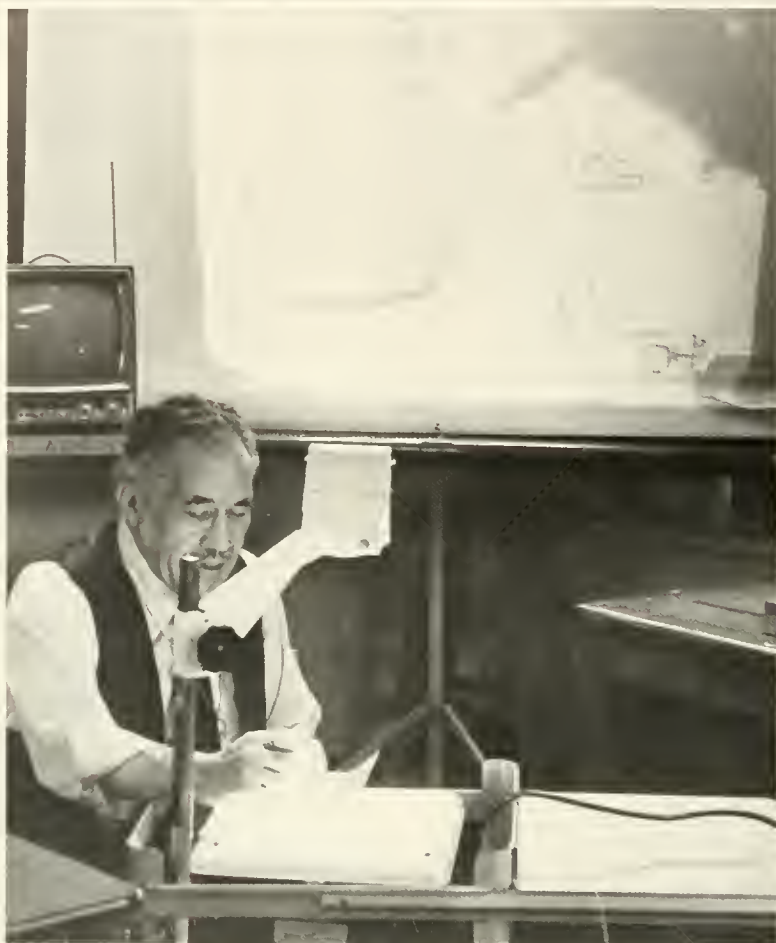
Linda Anderson, taking a serene approach, won the original interpretation category. She presented a selection of poems, "Hope Chest."

Says George, "The program was excellent."









In his first year as director of the Education Division, Dr. John T. McDonald had to brave the winds of reaccreditation of the Teacher Education Program by the State Department of Public Instruction.

"We passed. I can say that I am quite impressed at the teamwork of the faculty and students who made this period of orientation a meaningful one."

Pam Griffin enjoyed watching Kathy Crosby collapse each day after student teaching in an "open class" situation.

Said Kathy, "I certainly hope I qualify for an administrative position soon."

We were casually strolling to the dining hall one morning for breakfast when a breeze suddenly hit, almost knocking the curlers from my hair. "What was that?"

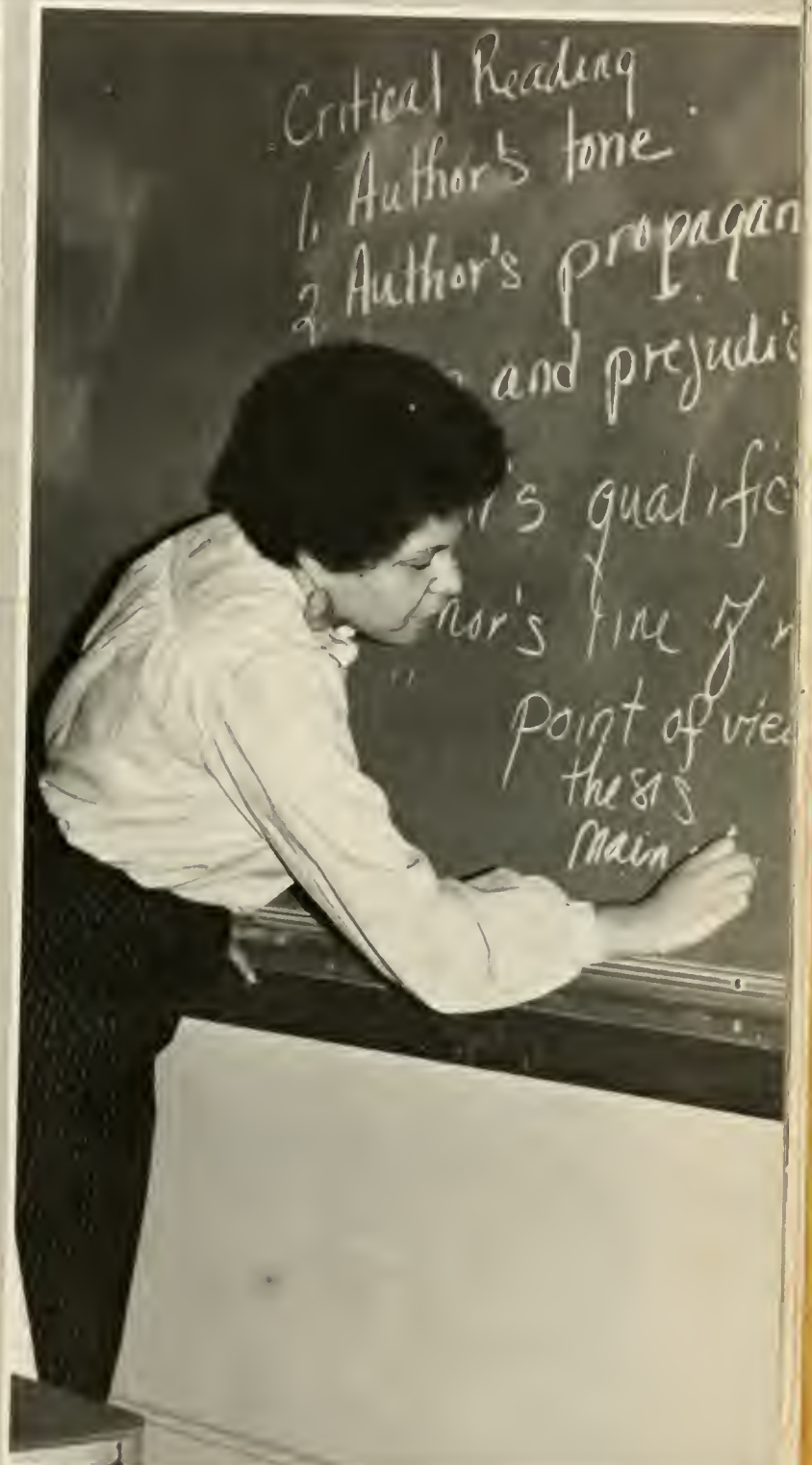
"That was a student teacher trying to get to breakfast and to meet her ride in ten minutes."



Miss Betty Sherrard addresses Child Development Class



# Education





Dr. Fiemme Kilirell during "Week of the Child"











# Sciences



Dr. J. Henry Sayles continues to aggressively pursue those activities that will propel more black women into the scientific fields. The latest development is the implementation of the Guided Initiative Competencies Based Systems Approach.

"I asked my roommate about that and she looked at me like I was crazy."

She said, "It actually means more work, more time in the lab, more research, and more tutoring for me."

"Edwina Johnson will be entering dental school back home in Oklahoma."

"She and Edwina Wilson spent more time in the labs than they did in the dorm."

The Home Economics Department celebrated its 50th anniversary.

"By the time I had finished those drapes for Mrs. Bell's class, I was seeing doubles."

"If you want to know about a "trying" experience, ask anyone about diving in the deep end of the pool for the first time."





## 50 Years of Home Economics

"A friend of mine had a nightmare the day before the Home Economics Fashion Show."

"What about?" I asked Chick.

"She thought Mrs. Streat was standing over her as she hemmed her gold dress at the last minute."

The Home Ec. majors put in some long hours preparing for the celebration of the department's anniversary.

"If Shelia Drayton can't find a job in clothing, she can fix small appliances while job hunting."









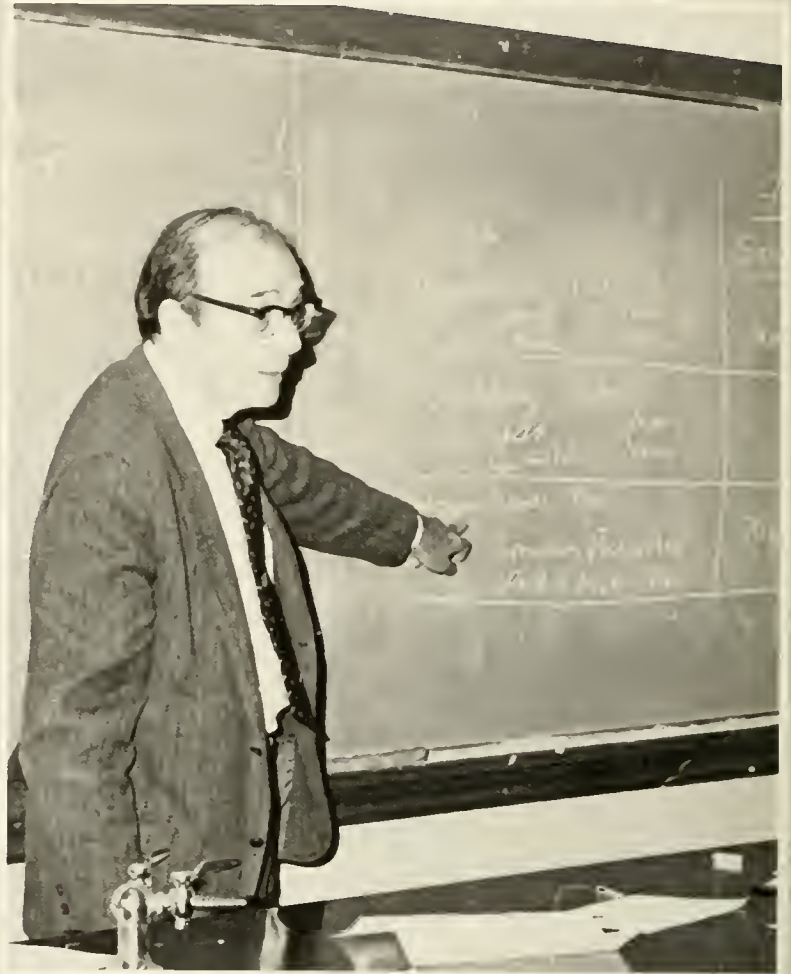
Things were quiet in the Social Science Division this year. "Things were routine and I don't know if that's good or bad." "Mrs. Addo was so involved in that section on Germany that I found myself dreaming that Hitler came to power in Black Hall." "Professors have feelings — good days and bad days — which accounts for their delivery on certain days." "I went into business administration, not expecting any miracles and I didn't get any." "Once the lecture is over, Dr. Trader has a beautiful sense of humor." "Somewhere at the end of the economics rainbow, I will find some answers and hopefully, before the next exam."



### Coping with the Times

"Each day that we spend on this earth represents a precious moment. Plan each day to the fullest. Live each day so that your life will be remembered in the best possible way."

—Mrs. Vereda King  
Economics Instructor



# Social Sciences









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## The Administration

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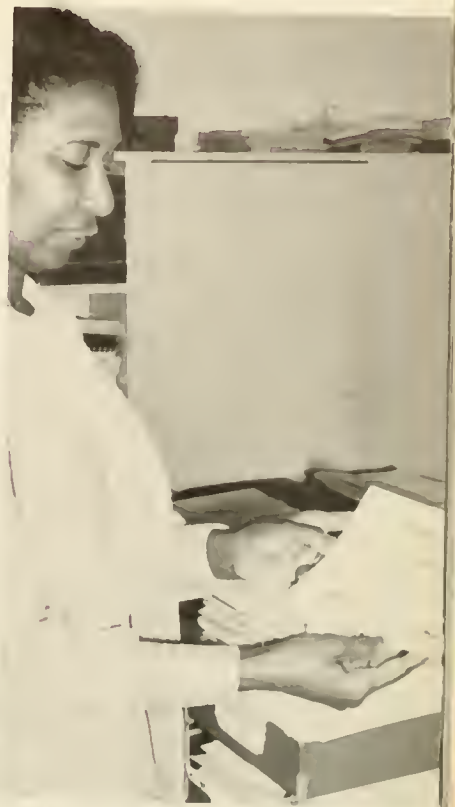




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## Coping in Strife

Enforce self discipline or experience self annihilation. The control of self determines the direction in which you will go.

—Gillespie

Take full advantage of the opportunities a college education affords you. Don't be afraid of diligent work. It will give you the stamina to survive the future.

—Griffin



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# STUDENT LIFE











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# President's Pre-Freshman Institute

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Someone finally admitted that we don't always enter college with the sophistication and skills expected of us. At least that's what they tell us.

"When I received an invitation to attend the President's Pre-Freshman Advancement Institute, I thought it would be like regular summer school."

"In a way it was. My parents were more excited about it than me."

Students attending the one week sessions got a headstart on other freshmen. They were introduced to college personnel; attended seminars designed to make college adjustment easier; were introduced to young men in the city; and spent time evaluating their communications skills.



# Unraveling the Tangles

The opening of Bennett each year doesn't really change. "Of course not!" It's always exhilarating to see Union Drive come alive again . . . harried parents and anxious daughters unloading and unpacking. "I saw one freshman with enough clothes to fill Ivey's first floor." "But you never know just what to bring that first year, Chick."

It's fun to watch freshmen scurrying to and from, not accomplishing much, but covering a lot of ground. "I'd rather watch the sophomores returning with their airs of accomplishment or juniors who make it known that they are bored with this whole routine."

We stood around watching the new students get their first dose of Bennett . . . you are not completely oriented until you face Mr. Scarlette or Dean Bragg. "Lord knows, to have to hear Dean Bragg tell us about Bennett tradition."

I had dreamed that over the summer, Mrs. Jones would greet us with a new weekly menu. "Come on, Chick, don't ask for miracles!"

We watched the freshmen as they attended their sessions and usually, on time. "I gave them a month to change those good habits."

"Did you notice the expressions on their faces when they got a taste of registration mix-ups?"

















A Race With  
the Clouds on  
Labor Day . . .











Miss Bennett, Kathy Crosby '80



# Between Times



## October Highlights

### Speakers

Speakers for the Founders' Convocation included Dr. Matthew Carter and the keynote speaker, Dr. Fred E. Harris, president of West Virginia Wesleyan College. (October 7)

Authors Norma Jean and Carole Darden presented a workshop and addressed an assembly about their book, *Spoonbread and Strawberry Wine*. (October 18-19)





The Coronation



# Living Madonnas,





# A Living Tableaux



# Parents' Weekend





# Founders' Celebration



# Halloween Fun



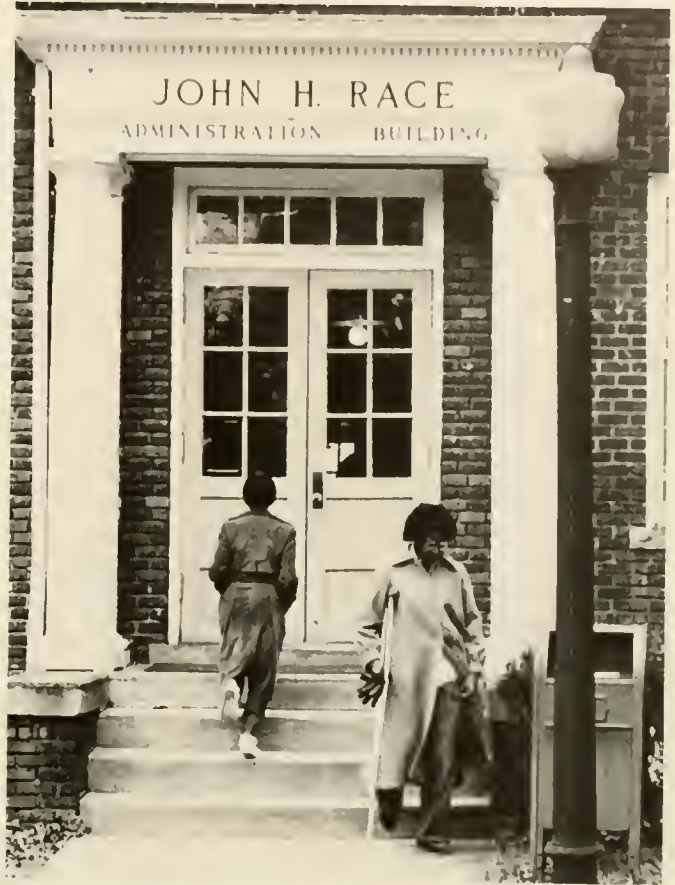




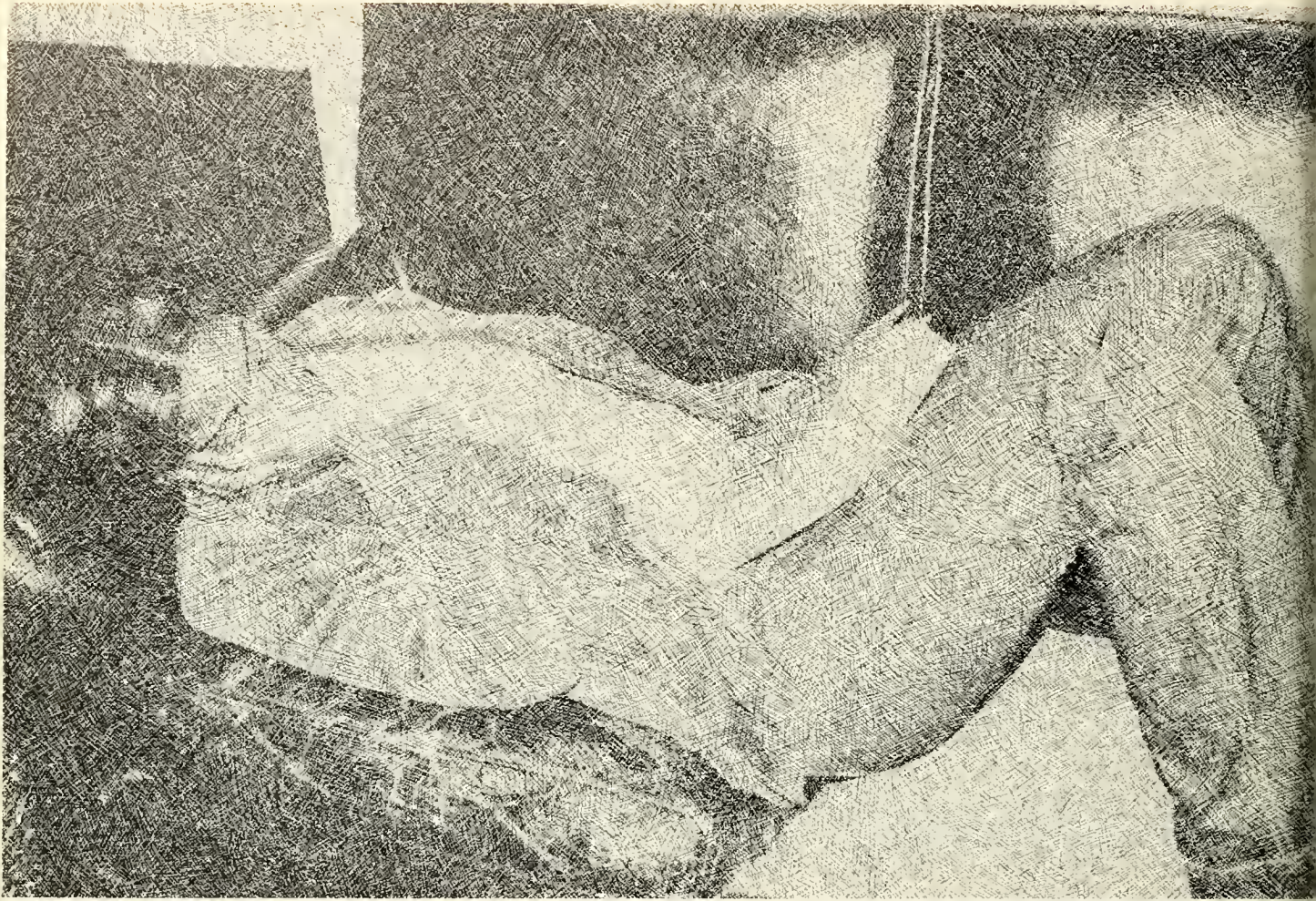




# The Other Side of Daylight . . .

















# RESIDENCE HALLS WEEK

DATES: March 31 - April 7, 1980

THEME: "The Bee Cees"

Monday: Game Night - Colfax

Tuesday: Communion Services,  
10:00 am, Chapel; Residence  
Halls Seminars

Wednesday: Fashion Show  
(tentative)

Thursday: Interfaith Center,  
10:00 am; Residence Halls Seminars  
(repeats)

Friday: Talent Review, 7:30 pm,  
Science Hall Assembly

Saturday: Dinner Dance, Terrace

Sunday: Open House, 2:00-5:00 pm

Sunday: (Easter Monday), Field  
Day Activities, Food Booths, Egg  
Roll, Campus Sing.





WELCOME  
TO  
GONES  
HALL



# Drama Department Phased Out?



## Excerpt From "Purlie"

Farewell, my deep and Afrincan brothers.  
Be brave.  
Keep freedom in the family  
Do what you can for the white folks  
And write me in care of the Post Office.

Now, may the Constitution of the United States  
go with you.  
The Declaration of Independence stand by you  
The Bill of Rights protect you.  
And your own dreams be your only boundaries.  
Amen



# The End of an Era of Creativity . . .



The excitement of the Drama Department's rejuvenation was short lived. The success of its three productions fail to survive college retrenchment. No drama courses will be offered next year. The drama experience will be dependent upon the voluntary interest of the Bennett Players next year.

The vision and creativity of first year drama instructor Elliott Moffitt inspired a number of amateur actors from Bennett and surrounding campuses. Overlooked by the "academic powers," this was indeed a great contribution. He successfully presented "The Sirens," "The Owl Killer," and the musical, "Purlie."

The short drama, "The Owl Killer," was one of two plays presented November 14-18. Highly praised by the local press, it was an emotional story about a family whose members could



not relate to each other. Actors were Cynthia Mitchell, Avery Verdell (A&T), and Aretha Tharrington.

The second production, "The Sirens," did not fare as well with the reviews, but boasted a talented group of actors: Josie Hudley, Ramona Rousseau, Monica Motley, Stephen Lipscomb (A&T), and Anthony Johnson (A&T). It was the story of a single parent's attempt to raise a daughter in the ghetto by "working the streets."

The musical "Purlie," was a project most said could not be done at Bennett. It was a humorous satire of one man's dream to free his people from the old plantation system. Heading the cast were Arnold Pinnix (A&T), LaSandra Muldrow, Kimberly Merritt, Ricky Crank, Jim Pyecha, Ellen Graves and Calvin Bradley.

# Abbyssinian Performance Highlights Choir Tour







After hours of practicing, members of the college choir engaged in an exhausting tour of the east coast. Under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Charlotte Alston, the group performed in Washington, D.C.; Harrisburg, Pa.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Montclair, N.J.; Newark, N.J.; and New York, N.Y.

No tour is without its "little" people and travel problems — of course, the bus can get lost. And boy, did it tour the area. Eating, riding, sleeping and singing was the theme of the experience. Yes, we had our share of fried chicken, baked chicken, and broiled chicken with string beans.

The highlight of the week tour was the performance at Harlem's grand Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York City.



# One of Whitest Winters, One of the Best . . .







# Service and Community Action

Bennett students continued to give of their time and talents to the community and the campus.

Students coordinated and implemented a blood drive, health fair, registration drive, benefits for the United Negro College Fund and NAACP, and service to the Girl Scouts. They participated in tutorial programs for area high school youth. Some worked to make campus special events a success by serving as hostesses and guides.







# Computer Card Bingo

As the battle over control of the computerized A.C.E.S. cards was waged, we waited for the outcome. Our hope was that in the confusion, they would be cancelled. No such luck.

"But once I made it to some of the programs, I discovered that these people had something to offer."

"Yes, but it's hard to admit that."

Among those lyceum presentations and special programs we really enjoyed was the Martin Luther King Birthday speaker, Rev. Cardes Brown; our own Gloria Brown Wise, the first woman to participate in the Greensboro Sit-ins; authors Carole and Norma Jean Darden; Ben Ruffin, special assistant to the governor; and the Morehouse Glee Club.



Mary Easter  
Dance Recital



Trio Pro Viva



Carole and Norma Jean Darden





Joyce Anderson Workshop



## Speaking of Wisdom

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Plummer Professor of Christian Morals  
Harvard University

Executive Secretary, Women's  
Department, Methodist Church,  
Southern Asia

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Mrs. Agnes Loyall

# Everyone Has a Role to Assume





# Staff Talent Show, A Feat of Courage



# Candid Camera Games







# VOLLEYBALL



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Vicki Walker  
LaTonya Reeves  
Andre Dixon  
Gewn Walker  
Len Milton

Dawn Wilson  
Vonnie McFadden  
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Record: 6-11





# BASKETBALL



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Annie Jones	Elwanda Blue
Pontheola Simmons	Rhonda Bradley
Valerie Callendar	Andre Dixon
Portia Dixon	Denise Wilder
Conference Record	12-5
Overall Record	12-11





# Bennett College's Athlete of the Decade

Once in every life someone comes along who makes a lasting impact on the experiences of others around her. Andre Dixon completed four outstanding years of athletic involvement in basketball and volleyball. She began her season on a team that had lackluster appeal and more losses than wins year after year.

Andre dominated team play with her showy defensive and offensive plays. Her jumping ability made her a leading team rebounder and her sharp shooting skills, a top scorer in basketball. Her hot serves and returns made her a volleyball player to be taken seriously.

She was named to both the NCAA Division III All Tournament Team and the All Conference Team in 1980.









# SENIORS







# Enter to Learn . . .

## Dr. Miller's Words . . .

" . . . As far as being a student of Bennett, most of your record is history. You have but a few additional days . . . to write any more."

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"Bennett College is first and foremost for all, part of a process — a process of leading, guiding, nudging, shaping, and helping you to become a new different person than you were when you came here just a few years ago."

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"The question each of you must ask today is 'has College made a difference in me.' Has Bennett helped me to walk the pathways of life, equipped with wisdom, compassion, patience, and tolerance? These are questions you must ask and answer yourself."

## Senior Day '80







## Our Special Day

Ah yes, Senior Day!

Waiting patiently (with knees shaking slightly) for one's name to be called . . . Dealing with snaps or hooks which won't fasten . . . Trying to find arm openings in sleeves that were there last night . . . Dropping caps . . . Stumbling down steps that appear from nowhere . . . Frozen smiles and entangling hugs . . . Loving symbols from sorority sisters.

Senior Day, surviving movements and wars, is one of those "trying times" which will later provide many moments of laughter. It symbolizes for some, a new beginning and for others, time to get it together. It remains one of those few times when we all had our place in the spotlight.

What did Dr. Miller say? "If you don't put something into life, you really don't get much out of it!" It suddenly hits each of us that there are a few academic items to be taken care of before May.



## Depart to Serve.



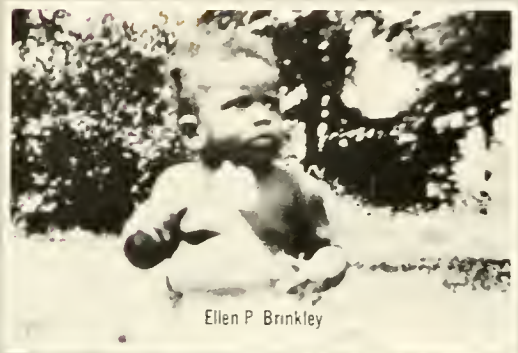
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Dorothy Nelson



Ellen P. Brinkley



Elfrida Williamson



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Celia Ross



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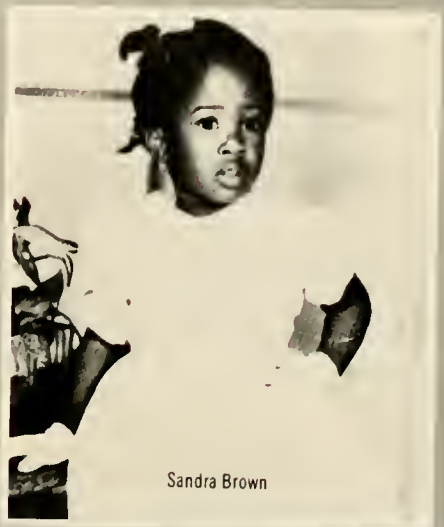
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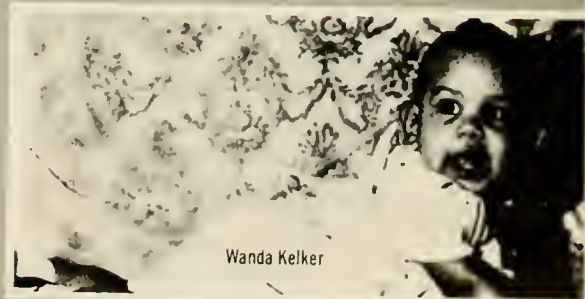
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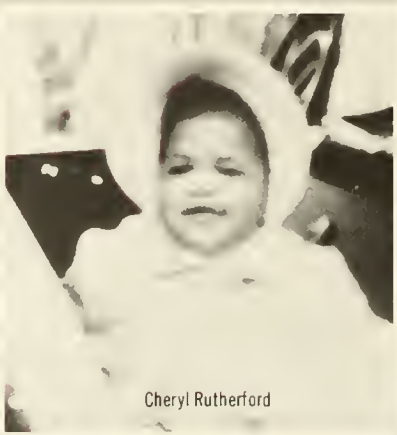
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Randye Jones



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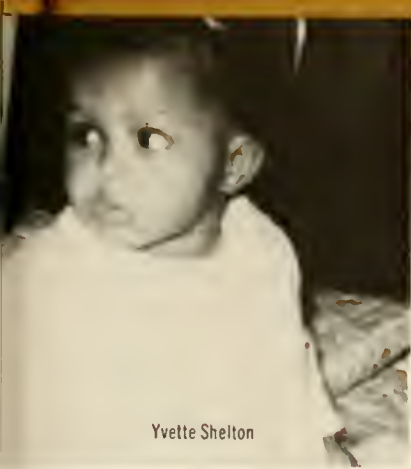


Gwen Speight



Joann Harper





Yvette Shelton



Edwina



Debbi Wingo



Valerie Littlejohn



Les Kay



Willy Ryan



Margaret McDowell



Lynn Horne



Sheila Pulley



Celeste Holmes

A Tribute To  
**Seniors**

Gwendolyn I. Allen  
Seattle, WA  
Business Administration  
Highlights: College Choir 2; Delta Sigma  
Theta Sorority 2-4; NAACP 1-3.



Pamela Allen  
Burlington, NC  
Social Welfare  
Highlights: Social Welfare Club 1-4.



Robin C. Arnold  
Washington, DC  
Pre-Medicine  
Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 3-  
4.



Belinda G. Bailey  
Winston Salem, NC  
Business Administration  
Highlights: Business Club.



Doris A. Barbour  
Monroe, NC  
Art

Highlights: Art Club.



Rhoda W. Blair  
Norfolk, VA  
Special Education

Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 3-4; Education Club 2-4; NAACP 2-3.



Debra E. Benbow  
Wilmington, NC  
Psychology

Highlights: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 3-4; Bennett College Choir 1-2; Pi Gamma Mu Social, Social Honor Society.



Dino M. Bradley  
Cincinnati, OH  
Biology

Highlights: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 2-4; Bennett Scholars 1-4; Honors Convocation 1-4; Dean's List 1-4; Beta Kappa Chi 3-4; Alpha Kappa Mu 3-4; Senior Honor Society 4; College Choir 1; Who's Who among Colleges and Universities Students 4; Fisk UNCF Pre-Med Program 2; Graduation With Honors.



Michelle Bratton  
Winston, Salem, NC  
Student Personnel Services

Highlights: Student Union Board 2-3.



Angela V. Briley  
Lumberton, NC  
Biology

Highlights: Alpha Kappa Mu 3-4; Beta Kappa Chi 3-4; Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities 4; Honor's Convocation 1-3; Dean's list 1-3; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 2-4; Student Union Board 1-3; Vice-President Sophomore Class 2; Senior Honor Society 4; President Senior Class 4.



Ellen P. Brinkley  
Trenton, NC  
Social Welfare

Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4; Freshman Dorm Secretary 1; Judicial Council 3; Interdormitory Council 4; President Junior Class; President Student Government 4; Residence Hall Assistant 2-4; Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities 4; Sophomore Dorm Vice-President

Cynthia D. Brown  
Eden, NC  
Political Science

Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 3-4; NAACP 2-4; President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 4; Social Science Tutor 4; Pi Gamma Mu Social Science Honor Society 3-4.



Sandra M. Brown  
Charleston, SC  
Professional English

Highlights: Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society; Dean's List 1-4; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4; Banner 2-4; Honors Convocation 1-3; Sigma Tau Delta Honor Society 3; Senior Honor Society 3-4; Student Union Board 4; Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities 4; Graduation With Honors.

Jennifer D. Bryan  
Greenwich, CT  
Home Economics

Highlights: NAACP 2-4; Pre-Alumni Council 2-4; Student Union Board 2-4; Photography Club 4; Art Club 4; Omicron Eta Chi 2-4; Recreational Council 4.



Felita Claybrooks  
I S P/Home Economics  
Martinsville, VA

Highlights: Home Manager of the Year 3; National Register of Outstanding College Graduates 3; Omicron Eta Chi 3.

Teresa Campbell  
Albany, GA  
Business Administration

Highlights: Business Club 1-4; Assistant Dormitory Director 4; Special Activities Chairperson 2.





Cynthia Cody  
Columbus, OH  
Pre-Medicine

Highlights: Biology Club 1-4.



Kathy Colbert  
Long Island, NY  
ISP/Commercial Art

Highlights: Miss Senior 4; Vice President Student Union Board 2; Sophomore Class Treasurer 2; Honor Convocation 1; Dean's List 1-4; and Senior Planning Committee 4.

Kathy M. Crosby  
Charlotte, NC  
Early Childhood Education

Highlights: Miss Bennett 4, Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities Students 4; Dance Group 2; NAACP 1; Pre-Alumni 4; Judicial Council 2-3; Honor's Convocation 1; Dean's List 1-3; and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4.



Bebe D. Davis  
Concord, NC  
Clothing and Textiles

Highlights: Kappa Omicron Phi National Home Economics Honor Society 4; American Home Economics Association 1-4; North Carolina Home Economics Association 1-4; Omicron Eta Chi National Home Economics Society 1-4; Honors Convocation 1-3; Dean's List 1-4; and Photography Club 4.

Andre Dixon  
Greensboro, NC  
Physical Education

Highlights: Basketball Team 1-4, Co-Captain 3, and Captain 4; Volleyball Team 1-4, Captain 4; Physical Education Majors Club 2-4; and NCAA Division III All Tournament Team 4.



Katie Dodson  
Greensboro, NC  
Music

Highlights: Music Educators National Conference 3-4.



Suzette E. Edmonds  
Brooklyn, NY

Highlights: Business Club 1-4; Senior Class Treasurer.

Lynn L. Faison  
Baltimore, MD  
Special Education  
Highlights: Resident Assistant 4.



Kathleen Fears  
Decatur, GA  
Sociology

Jennifer D. Fennell  
Wilmington, NC  
Intermediate Education Reading  
Highlights: NAACP 3; Senior Class Secretary 4; SNEA (President) 4; and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.



Sharon E. Gist  
Wilmington, DE  
Business Administration  
Highlights: Business Club 1-4.

Pamela E. Griffin  
Laurens, SC  
Business Administration  
Highlights: Business Club 1-4; Junior Class Treasurer 3; NAACP 3; Editor, Bennett Belle 4; President, Interdormitory Council 4; Dean's List 2; and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4.





Karen Hargraves  
Chapel Hill, NC  
Biology

Highlights: Biology Club.



Mary F. Harris  
Charlotte, NC  
Special Education

Highlights: Pre-Alumnae Council 1-3.



Joann Harper  
Blackstone, VA  
Special Education

Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4; College Choir 2-3; Dean's List 2-3; Pre-Alumnae Council 1; and Special Education Club 2-4.



Janice Harvey  
Green-Level, NC  
Social Welfare

Highlights: Pre-Alumnae Council 1-3.

Kimberlee Haynes  
Woodbury Hights, NJ  
Political Science

Highlights: Political Science Club 1-4; Judiciary Council 3; Student Union Board 4; Newspaper Staff 3-4; Player Hall House Council 4.



Debra A. Hodges  
ISP/Communications Media  
Mount Holly, NJ

Highlights: Treasurer Student Senate 2-4; Assistant Editor Bennett Banner 3 and Editor 4; College Choir 1-3; Gospel Choir 1-3; Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society 3-4 and Secretary 3-4; Honors Convocation 1-4; Dean's List 1-4; Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities Students 4; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4; President's Excellence Award 4; and Graduation With High Honors. 91



Celeste Holmes  
Windsor, CT  
Health Sciences

Highlights: Honors Convocation 2; Dean's List 2; Pre-Alumnae Council 2-4; NAACP 3-4; Bennett College Choir 4; Vice-President, Cone Hall 3.

Lorna Horton  
Morehead City, NC  
Special Education

Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4; Council for Exceptional Children 2-3; Bennett College Concert Choir 1-4; Bennett College Ensemble 1-4; Parliamentarian, Player Hall 4.



Julia Y. Hosch  
Winston-Salem, NC  
Early Childhood Education

Highlights: Student National Teacher Association 4; Pre-Alumnae Council 4; Volleyball Team 1-4.

Annie M. Howell  
Bayside-Queens, NY  
Health Therapeutic Recreation

Highlights: Dance Club 1-3; Gymnastics Club 2-3; Physical Education Majors Club 1-4; Women's Athletic Association 1-3; Pre-Alumnae Council 4.



Dorothy L. Ingram  
Greensboro, NC  
Student Personnel Services-Psychology

Highlights: Secretary, Student Personnel Club 2; Pre-Alumnae Council 4; Student Union Board 4.

Patricia Hudgins  
Philadelphia, PA  
Special Education

Highlights: Special Education Club, Girl Scout Leader, Drama Club, Student Union Board, and Children's House Aide.





Rose M. Irby  
Blackstone, VA  
Home Economics Education

Highlights: Dance Group 1; Omicron Eta Chi 1-4; American Home Economics Association 1-4; Kappa Omicron Phi National Home Economics Society 4; Dean's List 1; and Treasurer Player Hall 4.



Valerie Jefferys  
Raleigh, NC  
Pre-Medicine

Highlights: Dean's List 2; National Register of Outstanding College Graduates 4; Resident Assistant 2-4; and Biology Club.

Mondrell Jester  
Atlanta, GA  
Physical Education

Highlights: Bennett College Dance Group 1-4 and President 3; Physical Education Club 1-4; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 3-4.



Randye Jones  
Greensboro, NC  
Music Education

Highlights: Bennett Scholars 1; Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities Students 4; Concert Choir 1-4; Gospel Choir 1-4; Music Educators National Conference 1-4; Honors Convocation 1; Dean's List 1-3; Band Ensemble 1-4 and Student National Educators Association 4.



Edwina V. Johnson  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Pre-Dentistry

Highlights: Vice-President Freshman Class 1; National Register for Outstanding College Graduates 4; Honors Convocation 1; Dean's List 1-3; Beta Kappa Chi 3-4; and Resident Assistant 2.



Ursula J. Joyner  
Washington, DC  
English

Highlights: Bennett College Choir 1-4; Student Union Board 1-4; Banner Staff 2-4; Secretary Student Government 4.



Roberta C. Judd  
Greensboro, NC  
Home Economics Education  
Highlights: Omicron Eta Chi Home Economics Society; Kappa Phi National Home Economics Honor Society.

Wanda K. Kelker  
Tuskegee Institute, AL  
ISP — Biology and Chemistry  
Highlights: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.



France P. Kay  
Charlotte, NC  
Special Education  
Highlights: 1980 Edition of Register for Outstanding College Seniors; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4; NAACP 1-3; Miss NAACP 2; Dean's List 2; Drama Guild 1-2; and Dance Group 1-2.

Valerie E. Littlejohn  
Spartanburg, SC  
Clothing/Textiles and Related Art  
Highlights: Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society 3-4; Omicron Eta Chi Home Economics Assoc. 3-4; Senior Honor Society 3-4; Bennett College Scholars 2-4; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4; Honors Convocation 1-4; Dean's List 1-4; Photography Club 4; and National Dean's List 3; and Graduation With High Honors.



Christine Lloyd  
Greensboro, NC  
Social Welfare  
Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 3-4; Dean's List 2-3; NAACP 1-2; Marshall Board 1; Pep Squad 1.

Loretta Brewington Kelly  
Hamlet, NC  
Social Welfare  
Highlights: NAACP 2-3; Miss NAACP 3; College Choir 3.





Robyn M. McCollum  
Philadelphia, PA  
Music Education

Highlights: Music Educators National Conference 1-4, President 3-4; College Choir 1-4; College Band 2; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4; and NAACP 2.



Natalie McLean  
Greensboro, NC  
Pre-Medicine

Highlights: Honors Convocation 1 and Dean's List 1.

Margaret S. McDowell  
Mt. Vernon, NY  
Clothing/Textiles

Highlights: Omicron Eta Chi Homes Economics Society 4; American Home Economics Assoc.; North Carolina Home Economics Assoc. 4; NAACP 2-4; Pep Squad 1; Outstanding Designer in Costume Design 4; and Photography Club 4.



Libby Malloy  
Fairmont, NC  
Political Science

Highlights: Debate 2-4; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 3-4; Drama Guild 1-3; NAACP 2-3; Pi Gamma Mu Social Science Honor Society.

Palmico Miller  
Greensboro, NC  
Clothing/Textiles

Highlights: Omicron Eta Chi Home Economics Society.



Barbara G. Murphy  
Pollockville, NC  
History Education

Highlights: Honors Convocation 1-4; Dean's List 1-4; Pi Gamma Mu Social Science Honor Society 3-4; Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society 3-4; Graduation With Honors.



Joyce Murphy  
Greensboro, NC  
Art

Highlights: Art Club 1-4.

Debbie Nelson  
Lynchburg, SC  
Home Economics Education  
Highlights: Omicron Eta Chi 1-4.



Linda Pittman  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
ISP—Accounting

Highlights: Dance Group 1-3; Business Club 1-4; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 3-4.

Sheila D. Pulley  
Rocky Mount, NC  
Spanish Education

Highlights: Cone Hall House Council 3; Honors Convocation 1; Junior Class Parliamentarian 3; Dean's List 1-4; Recreational Council 2; SNEA Vice-President 2; Player Hall House Council 4; Vice-President Senior Class 4.



Shelia Purnell  
Berlin, MD  
ISP—English

Highlights: Bennett Banner 1-4; Student Union Board 3; Photography Club 4; Dean's List 1; Sigma Tau Delta National English Honor Society 4; NAACP 3.

Lorie D. Raikes  
Jacksonville, NC  
Clothing and Textiles

Highlights: Student Union Board 3; Photography Club 4; Omicron Eta Chi 1-3; NAACP 3.





Patrice M. Rainey  
Bridgeton, NJ  
Psychology

Highlights: Psychology Club.



Jacqueline A. Ransom  
Washington, DC  
Pre-Medicine

Highlights: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 3-4; Assistant Concert Mistress A&T State Univ. 1-4; Dean's List 2; Interdormitory Council Vice-President 4; NAACP 2-3; and Secretary, Sophomore class 2.

Sandra C. Ratliff  
Morven, NC  
Political Science

Highlights: Dean's List 1-3; Honors Convocation 1; Interdormitory Council 4; Pi Gamma Mu 3-4; Player Hall House Council 4; Pre-Alumnae Council 4; and President of Player Hall.



Yvonne Reese  
Greensboro, NC  
Special Education

Highlights: Marshall Board 3-4.

Cherisse R. Robinson  
Greensboro, NC  
Art

Highlights: Art Club 1-4; Coronation Ball Committee 4; Dance Group 1-2; First Attendant Miss Bennett 3; and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4.



Celia A. Ross  
Burkesville, VA  
Home Economics

Highlights: College Concert Choir 1-3; Most Outstanding Nutrition Educator 3; Omicron Eta Chi 1-4.



Cheryl A. Rutherford  
Charlotte, NC  
Special Education

Highlights: Pre-Alumnae Council 1-4 and Student Union Board 1-4.

Cora Shaw  
Greensboro, NC  
Social Welfare  
Highlights: Omicron Eta Chi 1 and Marshall Board 1-3.



Yvette I. Shelton  
Salisbury, NC  
Pre-Medicine

Highlights: Beta Kappa Chi 3-4; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4; Student Government Association 3; Peer Advisor 2-4; Bennett Scholars 1-3; Bennett Banner 2; Honors Convocation 2-3; Dean's List 1-2; and Student Union Board 2.

Darriane Sills  
Richmond, VA  
Special Education

Highlights: Senior Class Parliamentarian 4; Basketball Team 1-2; Women's Athletic Association 1; and Student National Education Association 1.



Donna L. Simmons  
Atlanta, GA  
Health, Physical Education and Recreation  
Highlights: Physical Education Club 1-4 and Dance Group 1-4.

Ollie R. Sims  
Winston-Salem, NC  
Business Administration

Highlights: College Choir 2-4; Business Club 4; Student Union Board 4; and Bennett Banner 4.





Angela Smallwood  
Jamaica Plain, MA  
Biology

Highlights: President of Pre-Alumnae Council 4 and Member Student Union Board 3-4.



Evangeline Smith  
Raleigh, NC  
Pre-Medicine

Highlights: Sophomore Class Secretary 2 and Biology Lab Assistant 3-4.

Jacqueline Smith  
Charleston, SC  
Pre-Medicine

Highlights: Biology Club 3-4; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4; and Dormitory Counselor 2-4.



Gwendolyn D. Speight  
Wilson, NC  
Intermediate Education

Highlights: Bennett's Christian Fellowship 2-4, Dean's List 1-3, Debate Society 4, Drama Club 1-4, Honors Convocation 1-2, National Student Educators Association 4; and Secretary Freshman Class.

Regina Louise Taylor  
Cincinnati, OH  
Social Welfare

Highlights: Social Welfare Club 3-4 and Dormitory Residence Assistant 4.



Benay C. Warren  
Winston Salem, NC  
Social Welfare

Highlights: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 3-4 and Student Union Board 1-4.



Renée E. Wells  
Wilmington, DE  
Business Administration  
Highlights: Business Club 1-4; NAACP 2;  
Dance Group 2-3; and Students For Christian  
Social Concern 2.

Barbara J. Williams  
Chester, PA  
ISP — Political Science  
Highlights: Student Union Board 3-4 and  
Senior Class Planning Committee.



Elfrida Williams  
Albany, GA  
Business Administration  
Highlights: Business Club 1-4.

Deborah Wilson  
Sumter, SC  
Biology  
Highlights: Science Club 2 and Pre-  
Alumnae Council 3-4.



Edwina Wilson  
Blackstone, VA  
Pre-Medicine  
Highlights: Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society  
3-4; Beta Kappa Chi Science Honor Society  
3-4; Senior Honor Society 3-4, President 4;  
Who's Who 4; Honors Convocation 1-4;  
Dean's List 1-4; Peer Advisor 1-4; Physical  
Education Club 2; Science Seminar Club 3;  
Graduation With High Honors.

Debra M. Wingo  
Amelia, VA  
Business Administration  
Highlights: Business Club 1-4; President,  
Sophomore Class; Honors Convocation 2;  
and Dean's List 2.





Wendy R. Woods  
Indianapolis, IN  
Mass Communications

Highlights: Dance Group 1; Bennett Banner Sports Editor 2; Volley Ball Team 1-2; S.O.B.O.S.S. 2; NAACP 2-4; N. O. B. U. C. S. 4; O.B.S. 4; Dean's List 1-2; Speech Club 1; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. 3-4.



Natalie D. Young  
East Spencer, NC  
Medical Technology and Chemistry

Highlights: Science Club 2-3; Beta Kappa Chi National Honor Society 3-4; Dean's List 1-2; Honors Convocation 1; College Band 1-2.



Debbie S. Wright  
Dalzell, SC  
Art

Highlights: Art Club.



## PASSING THOUGHTS

"I think the big problem with being a junior is that too many of us are content to sit around and wait for the senior year."

— Betty Brown

"I don't consider myself smart because I have to study very hard in order to fulfill my goals and to be what I want to be — the best in everything I do."

— Pauline Nzeribe

"Many people may call this sisterhood "a lot of rubbish," but as far as I'm concerned it is anything but. Bennett College is truly a unique experience because of the sisterhood that, for me, really does exist."

— Kimberly J. Merritt





# UNDERCLASSES



# JUNIORS

Anthony, Darion  
Ashe, Lydia Delphine  
Benjamin, Belinda  
Blakney, Teresa



Blue, Elwanda Felita  
Brandon, Jane Martha  
Broadnax, Deborah  
Brockman, Addie  
Brooks, Darleen



Brown, Windy Yvette  
Brown, Yvonne  
Chambers, Lydia  
Cobb, Rita Paulette  
Coleman, Kathy Renee



Covert, Veta J  
Davis, Billye  
Davis, Janet Elaine  
Dotson, Veronica  
Drayton, Sheila



Dulin, Precious Mae  
Echols, Shaun  
Edwards, Linda  
Fallen, Venus  
Gatson, Felicia



Hamilton, Pamela  
Hayes, Regina Yvonne  
Heck, Karen Michelle  
Hopkins, Audrey Leal  
Johnson, Lisa Ann



Jones, Tina Ruth  
King, Audrey Jean  
Kiser, Regenia Ann  
Lake, Bonita  
Lampkin, Lisa





# A CONE HALL



Martin, Tonya



McKinney, Vanessa



Mills, Eva Denise



Moyer, Jacqueline



Muldrow, LaSandra



Offley, Sonia Marie



Paige, Denese  
 Paige, Jo Ellen  
 Pegram, Regina  
 Phillips, Lynn  
 Phillips, Tracy

Pinnix, Marilyn Monia  
Pittman, Lisa  
Raimer, Brenda Faye  
Raimer, Linda Kaye  
Reeves, Lakertha Kay



## Profiles Plus

There has always been something strange about the Junior Year. No one seems to be able to describe what it is, but general comments range from "dull" to "ho hum." In spite of the lackluster, some continued to achieve recognition . . . La Sandra Muldrow won another talent contest . . . Ola Sims and her drums received great applause throughout the choir tour . . . Elwanda Blue continued to score double figures on the basketball court . . . Veta Covert dominated volleyball play . . . Venus Fallen was an outstanding SGA leader in Union affairs . . . Edwina Mitchell demonstrated creative leadership . . . Katherine Winston was a proven scholar.



Roberts, Harriett  
Robinson, Joan  
Scott, Rosalyn  
Sealy, Doris Mae  
Simpkins, Mary Jane



Sims, Ola Rebecca  
Spruill, Leighnette  
Spruill, Marvette  
Sturgis, Sabrina  
Sullivan, Tonni



Thomas, Venetia  
Townsend, Cheryl  
Wade, Terri Ann  
Wells, Jennifer Gaye  
West, Angela Marie







White, Yolanda M  
 Wiley, Gail V  
 Wilkins, Pamela J  
 Winston, Katherine



Bendolph, Valarie  
 Brown, Windy  
 Leak, Landas  
 Thompkins, Patricia



## Reflecting

The junior year is . . . well, it's . . . it's simply the third year in college experience. The truth of the matter is, says Betty Brown, that there is no way to describe it. Having lost the freshness of the freshman year and the excitement of the veteran sophomore, the junior finds herself on the thresh hold of completion, but not having made it.

"The best thing about the junior year is that one becomes a senior when it ends," says one student. "It's that point when we finally began to see our dreams reach fruition."

But while there were no cannons exploded by the class as a whole, some of us still had our special moments and some of us made our voices heard in a number of leadership positions. Each will someday reflect on this junior year and laugh at the little things that somehow just didn't seem important in 1979-80.

"The true meaning of the Big Sister relationship became more meaningful," said Karen Heck. Tonya Martin cherishes the experience of being a Big Sister to 26 Ivies. Billye Davis got a new boyfriend and began to travel. Regina Pegram "finally" hooked that special young man. Venus Fallen enjoyed dressing up to impress her date for the Cabaret and the R.O.T.C. Ball. Doris Sealy will always remember the glamour of the R.O.T.C. Ball. Jackie Robinson thinks long hours of studying finally paid off when she made the Dean's List. Linda Anderson, Shari Williams, and Rhonda Wade tried a new sport, skiing. Darleen Brooks cherishes the memory of attending a party given by Congressman Ron Dellums in Washington.

You see, we did have our moments.

# SOPHOMORES

Asbury, Cynthia



Barbour, Yvette Carol  
Barnes, Cassandra



Bell, Joyce Ann  
Bernard, Beverly



Bowden, Judy Carolyn  
Boyette, Brenda Faye  
Brown, Robin  
Burley, Carla Arlene  
Burnette, Thomasina



Cardwell, Nina Fern  
Carter, Leslie LaMel  
Chaffin, Carolyn  
Chambers, Qundal  
Clack, Michelle



Clapp, Michelle  
Coleman, Anita Lynne  
Coleman, Kimberli  
Cook, Mary Louise  
Cooper, Mamie



Coston, Shelly  
Crowder, Julie Elaine  
Crump, Fachal LaRue  
Cutter, Victoria  
Daye, Pamela Renee







Dillehay, Cynthia  
 Dixon, Karen Ann  
 Edwards, Constance  
 Edwards, Rennett  
 Fox, Selina D



Gibson, Terri Ann  
 Glenn, Patrice  
 Green, Eileen  
 Griffin, Beverly  
 Groce, Renee



## Memories

We arrived at Bennett for the second year with a bit more sophistication and experience. Although, some faces were missing and some of the leadership talents were less obvious, some personalities stood out. Josie Hudley continued to demonstrate her theatrical abilities. Carolyn Davis was selected Miss Black Greensboro. Portia Dixon led the basketball team in scoring. Terri Phillips continued to prove that brains and beauty go together as she represented the class in the Coronation Events. Sylvia Wilder received recognition for being an outstanding Banner writer. Lisa Manley continued to direct the Gospel Choir with great vigor. Monica Motley proved to be a great actress in such diverse roles as a "woman of the street" to a madonna in the "Living Madonnas." Lisa Harris was on hand to lend a helping hand when needed. Karen Dixon, a three-year R.O.T.C. student became the first Belle to receive a R.O.T.C. Scholarship.

Terri Lynne Phillips returned to the campus after a busy, but exciting experience at Meharry Medical College's summer program. She received recognition for her outstanding academic ability at the end of the session.

Harris, Lisa Joanne  
 Hayes, Jacquelyn  
 Hicks, Margaret Ann  
 Hickson, Anita Joyce  
 Hinton, Rosa Marie



Horton, Sharon Anita  
 Hudley, Josie  
 James Rosa Maria  
 Jeffries, Paula Anita  
 Johnson, Cynthia Dee



Johnson, Deborah  
 Johnson, Phyllis  
 Jones, Elizabeth Ann  
 Kenlay, Brenda Elaine  
 Kennedy, Deidre Ann



Lee, Lynnette  
 LeSane, Wanda Sue  
 Lowe, Arlisa  
 Manley, Lisa Anne  
 Matthews, Debora



## Memoirs

For each of us the sophomore year had its highlights . . . Venus McDowell will cherish memories of the Greensboro Sit-in Commemoration because she became aware of the role Belles played in the civil rights movements . . . Robing her Big Sister was an honor for Yolanda Moore . . . Carolyn Davis got a chance to express herself on — and off — stage in the Miss Black Greensboro Pageant . . . Artreatha Tharrington's participation in the Little Theatre productions allowed her to develop her talents . . . Sandra Baker saw her first, second and third snow.

Cynthia Johnson will probably remember quiet moments shared with special friends on warm winter days





McCray, Aundry  
 McDougald, Teresa  
 McDowell, Venus  
 Merritt, Kimberly  
 Moore, Debra Jean



Motley, Monica  
 Patterson, Sheryl  
 Peoples, Brenda  
 Phillips, Angela  
 Porter, Cynthia



Powell, Carole  
 Privette, Nellie  
 Ramsey, Colleen  
 Reeves, LaTonya  
 Richmond, India



Riley, Karen



Rogers, Gladys Deone



Rouse, Lisa Maria



Salaam, Sherry



## Pop Culture

Pop culture had its impact on each of us through the media and the market place. As relevance was the key issue of the decade of the 70's, we, too, enjoyed "60 Minutes," "Good Morning America," "All in the Family," "The Young and the Restless," "Ryan's Hope," "Saturday Night Live," and the numerous TV movies. Sometimes, we turned to comedies to get away from the gloomy realities such as "Mork and Mindy," "Alice," "Mash," "Three's Company," "Taxi," and "Laverne & Shirley." Even "The Muppets" had its share of BC viewing power. We spent our dollars seeing "Kramer Versus Kramer," "The Electric Horseman," "The Muppet Movie," "1941," "China Syndrome," and "The Jerk."

Fashion met our terms with accent on status. It was seen in status jeans, blouses, gold chains, ski jackets, and shoes. Slinky dresses, splits, the western look, and blazers were in.

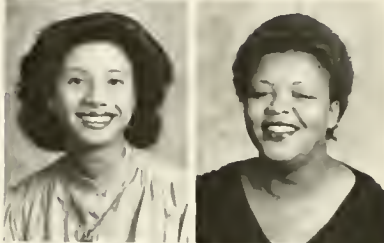
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Siler, Donna Lynn



Smith, Donna Marie  
Spencer, Lupino



Staley, Elisa  
Stewart, Carolyn



Stewart, Charlotte  
Taylor, Valeria







Tharrington, Artreatha V  
 Thomas, Karen Lee  
 Thomas, Valerie Jean  
 Thorne, Zephalee Lynn



Thornton, Leisha  
 Tshole, Elizabeth  
 Tue, Rhonda Pearl  
 Turner, Pargie  
 Vanstory, Louna



Walker, Joan Adele  
 White, Regina  
 Wilburn, Rebecca  
 Wilder, Sylvia  
 Williamson, Bonita



Wills, Valerie  
 Wynn, Angela Denise  
 Bynum, Angela  
 Callender, Valerie  
 Johnson, Cherylyne



McNeil, Arlene  
 Moore, Yolanda LeNee  
 Phillips, Terri  
 Phillips-Wilson, Toni  
 Thompson, Teresa



# FRESHMEN

Alaman, Sharon Y  
Anderson, Brenda



Anderson, Kimberly  
Baker, Annette



Barnes, Gwendolyn  
Baughman, Adriane



Beatty, Tommie R  
Bell, Beverly Y.  
Bendolph, Jacqueline  
Bennett, Marian  
Bradley, Rhonda



Brodie, Garnetta  
Brown, Jeneane  
Brown, Linda G  
Bryant, Miriam E  
Byrd, Terry Y



Campbell, Princess  
Carr, Trena D.  
Chavers, Wanda  
Clark, Felicia  
Dessaure, Robyn



Mozetta Williams was one of many freshmen who discovered the best form of adjustment, involvement. She participated in the "Evening Of Public Speaking."

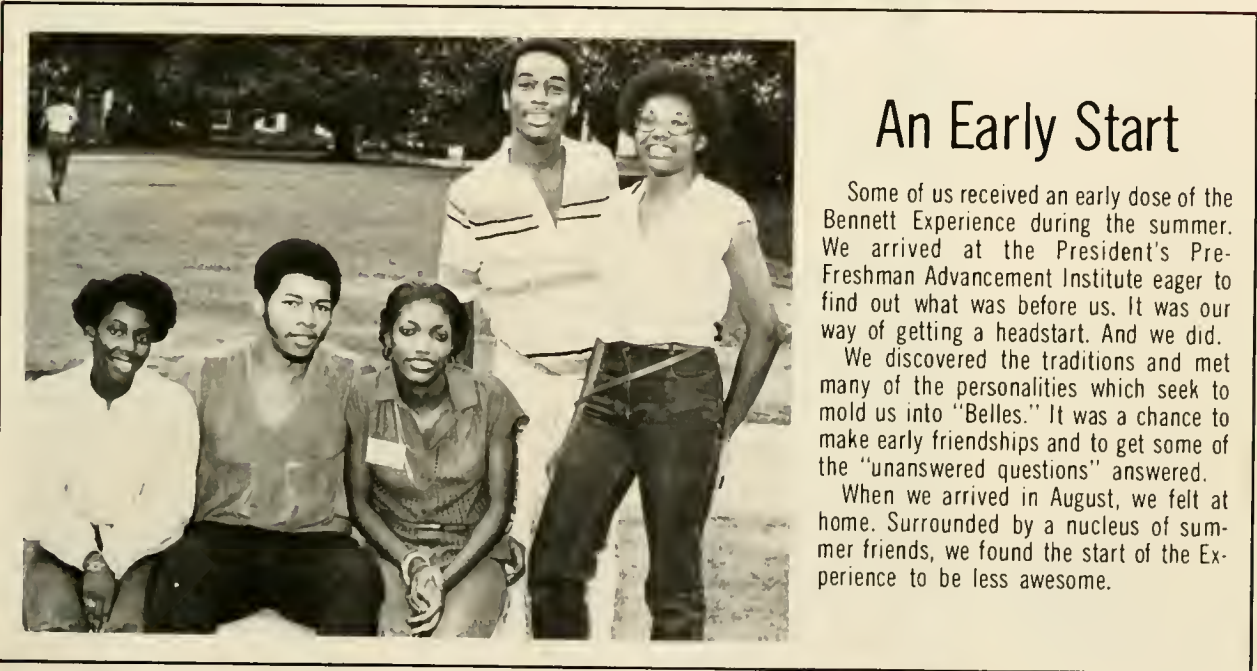




DeVaughn, Janice  
DeWitt, Cathy  
Dooley, Wendy  
Dunston, Edith  
Durham, Stephanie



Edwards, Wanda  
Ferguson, Sharon  
Free, Dotty Maria  
Gabriel, Orrian  
George, Myra Jewel



## An Early Start

Some of us received an early dose of the Bennett Experience during the summer. We arrived at the President's Pre-Freshman Advancement Institute eager to find out what was before us. It was our way of getting a headstart. And we did.

We discovered the traditions and met many of the personalities which seek to mold us into "Belles." It was a chance to make early friendships and to get some of the "unanswered questions" answered.

When we arrived in August, we felt at home. Surrounded by a nucleus of summer friends, we found the start of the Experience to be less awesome.



Goodrich, Vikki  
Graham, Anita  
Gravee, Ellen  
Griffin, Portia  
Griffin, Rosalind

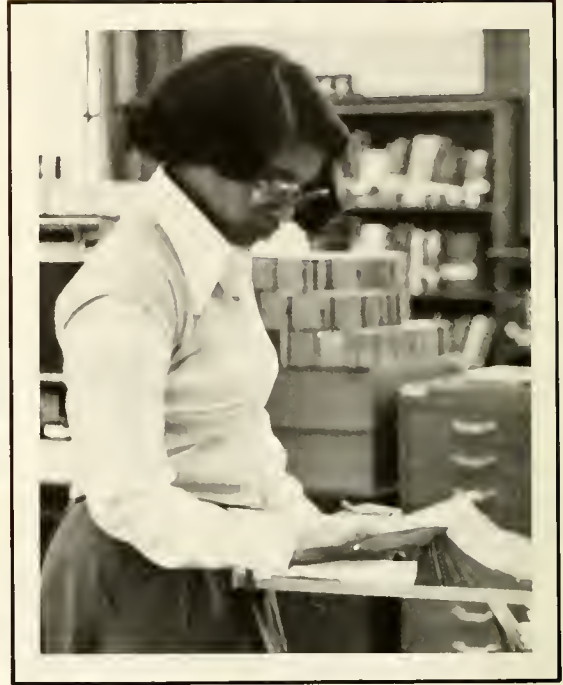


Harbison, Betty  
Hayes, Effie  
Hayes, LaMona A.  
Hingleton, Regina  
Holmes, Lisha

Holt, Carolyn Tracy  
 Hunter, Benita  
 Ingram, Gwendolyn  
 Jefferies, Janice  
 Jenkins, Sylvia Ann



Jessup, Donna Lajoie  
 Johnson, Yolande



Kennedy, Jacqueline  
 Lacy, Marchetta



Lang, Duwan Lynette  
 Lassiter, Patricia



Lenoir, Sandra  
 Mack, Karen Lavita  
 Marsh, Sheila Ann  
 Mason, Myra Denise  
 McClain, Bonita



McCrary, LaVoris Ann  
 McFadden, Nanette  
 McKinney, Veronica  
 McMickens, Sabrina  
 McMillion, Meta



McQuillar, Merry  
 Miller, Shawn Marie  
 Mitchell, Cynthia  
 Mosley, Alvera  
 Murray, Tara Coren







## Adjustments . . .

The freshman year is generally a time to deal with new personalities in a new environment. Most freshmen share the anxieties of adjusting to a new roommate, residing with a dorm full of women, classes and faculty, new found independence, and life away from "Mom and Dad."

Many ingredients go into the formula for positive adjustment. Some members of the class attributed it to: "Mr. Gaspary's personal appeal for hard work," "BC's idea of academic achievement," "emphasis on the Bennett Ideal," "Moral support from home," "Lisa Manley's genuine concern," "Dr. Harris's lectures on studying," "The sisterhood of the choir," "The Special Services Program and Miss Gravelly's support," and "This general concept of sisterhood."



Neal, Lisa Dawn  
Nelson, Rose Lynn  
Nesbitt, Deborah  
Nunnally, Gloria  
Offer, Alva Danita



Oliver, Tonya Leona  
Owens, Darlene  
Palmer, Janice  
Parker, Sharon Rena  
Parker, Wanda Gayle



Penick, Delphine  
Perkins, Paula  
Perry, Vicki  
Pickard, Amelia  
Pillmon, Janice

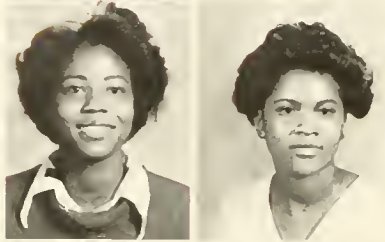


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Pruitt, Valarie  
Ratliff, Elizabeth  
Richardson, Patrice  
Ricks, Gail Lynn

Rousseau, Ramona  
Scales, Lillie



Schumpert, Jacquelin  
Shepard, Tracy Lynn



Short, Jeannette Jean  
Snelling, Theresa



Sumpter, Theresa  
Swan, Mary Jane



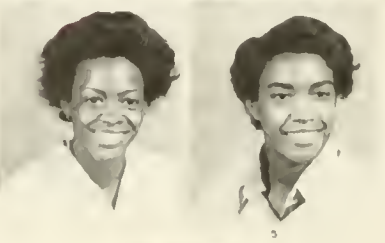
Taylor, Alice Faye  
Thorpe, Yelta Patrice



Tillery, Phyllis Ann  
Tipton, Cheryl



Ussery, Mary Alice  
Walker, Gwendolyn







Walker, Patricia Ann  
 Waller, Jacqueline Eulalia  
 Watson, Valeshia Bonnette  
 White, Jennifer Lenore



Widemon, Debra Ann  
 Williams, Brenda  
 Williams, Kimberley  
 Williams, Mozetta  
 Williams, Venessa



Williamson, Kimberly  
 Wilson, Cynthia  
 Wilson, Dawn  
 Wilson, Robbin  
 Wilson, Thomasina



Yarboro, Michelle  
 Youmans, Jadon  
 Capel, Yvonne Viola  
 Jones, Felecia Lynn  
 Spearman, Robin



# ORGANIZATIONS

Bennett

College

Let the Grove Master Funk you right on up!





# Student Senate



Ellen

Sharonlyn



President, Ellen P. Brinkley; Vice president, Sharonlyn Jones; Secretary, Joann Joyner; Parliamentarian, Shaun Echols; Treasurer, Debra Hodges

"The biggest problem any SGA leader has is asserting the role of SGA in a situation which does not trust student authority. We didn't get the advisorship we needed when we needed it. While some administrators agree a problem exists, they gave no advice how to eliminate it. WE must eliminate the credibility gap or it will kill SGA."

Debby and Joanne





# Student Union



The Student Union Board under the presidency of Edwina Mitchell, had a busy year. Among the creative persons working with her were Venus Fallen, vice president; Sherrel Larry, secretary;

Ollie Sims, treasurer; and Veronica Dotson, parliamentarian.

Some of the activities sponsored were Labor Day Happenings, a campus drycleaning service, movies, Fun Night,

Kite Flying Contest, the Haunted House, a scavenger hunt, and Christmas decorations in the Union.

# Interdormitory Council



President,  
Pamela Griffin



Vice president,  
Jacqueline Ransom



Secretary,  
Deborah Little



Parliamentarian,  
Arlisa Lowe

# Class Officers

## Freshmen

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Secretary, Brenda Anderson

Treasurer, Janice DeVaughn

Parliamentarian, Rose Nelson



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Vice President, Bonita McClaine

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and Anita Coleman

Advisors, Leander Canady and  
Bobbi Smith







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Parliamentarian, Leila Mickens



## Seniors

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Secretary, Jennifer Fennell  
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Parliamentarian, Darianne Sills  
Advisors, Donald Martin and  
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CONE HALL. Veta Covert, president, Venetia Thomas, vice president, Betty Brown, secretary; and Beverly Rumley, treasurer

PLAYER HALL. Sandra Ratliff, president, Kim Haynes, vice president, Shelia Pulley, secretary, Rose Irby, treasurer; and Lynn Horton, parliamentarian



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REYNOLDS HALL. Regina Scott, president; Wynetta Scott, vice president, Toni Phillips, secretary; Sharon Horton, treasurer, and Artreatha Tharrington, parliamentarian





## House Councils

**MERNER HALL** Rebecca Wilburn, president, Monica Motley, vice president, Wanda Hawkins, secretary, and Mary Cooke, parliamentarian

**BARGE HALL** Sherri Williams, president, Robi Dessaure, vice president, Cassandra Barnes, secretary, Gwen Barnes, treasurer, and Tara Murray, parliamentarian



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# BENNETT BANNER

1979-80

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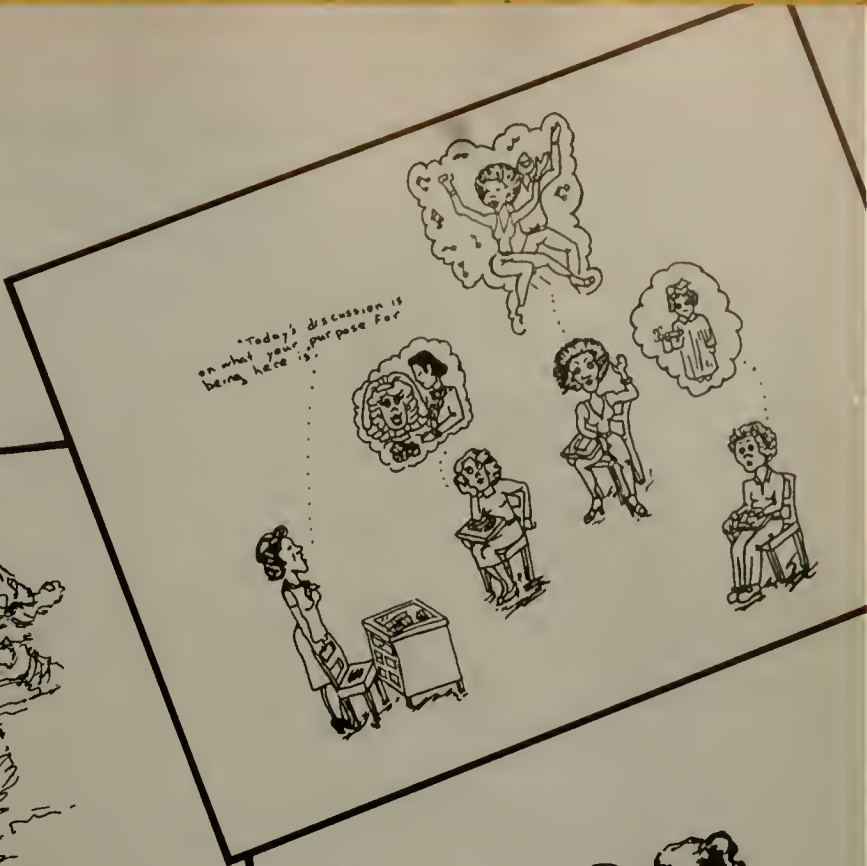
# Banner Cartoonists

## Touch on Issues

### 1979-80



"WE HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL BECAUSE THEY'RE STILL CRAWLING OUT FROM UNDER THE ROCKS!"



Who are you?



General: In your opinion, do you and I are here to find out a something?



Are you CRAZY? I'm rather an idiot. I put the lies on my own and myself in the names of some private and public organizations.



YOU HEARD THE MAN, GIRLS.

LET'S MOVE IT OUT!

Humor: A man can't even have a war to himself (isn't it?)





## Dance Company

India Richmond  
Joan Walker  
Sherry Salaam

Regina Hayes  
Sharon Horton  
Donna Jessup  
Venetia Thomas

Anita Coleman  
Cynthia Wilson  
Jackie Walleron  
Sherry Williams





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Wanda Crouch  
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Bernita Hunter  
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Mozetta Williams  
Jacenta Lorick  
Elfrida Williams  
Saunda Baker  
Beverly Bell  
Gwen Barnes  
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Allyson Ford  
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Marchelle Boatwright  
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Jacqueline Ransom  
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Cora Shaw  
Mary Jane Simpkins  
Elna C. Staley  
Tonni Sullivan  
Theresa Sumpter  
Valerie Taylor  
Gwendolyn Walker



## NAACP

The Officers are,  
Jane Brandon, President  
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Valerie Willis, Treasurer  
Carolyn Dixon, Executive Chairperson

# College Choir



Sharon Alaman  
Annette Baker  
Emily Baurnet  
Beverly Bell  
Angel Bynum  
Terry Byrd  
Princess Campbell  
Carolyn Chaffin  
Carolyn Davis  
Betty Harbison  
Cassandra Harvey  
Celeste Holmes

Lynn Horton  
Gwen Ingram  
Debra Johnson  
Jackie Johnson  
Phyllis Johnson  
Randy Jones  
Joanne Joyner  
Sherrell Larry  
Robyn McCollum  
Lisa Manley  
Myra Mason  
Shawn Miller

LaSandra Muldrow  
Amelia Pickard  
Monia Pinnix  
LaTonya Reeves  
Rosalyn Scott  
Ola Sims  
Ollie Sims (President)  
Vastine Staley  
Brenda White  
Kim Williamson  
Dawn Wilson  
Katherine Winston



## Business Club

Renee Wells  
 Mary Ashe  
 Marchelle Boatwright  
 Melissa Graves  
 Ollie Sims, President  
 Lamona Hayes  
 Teresa Sumpter  
 Wanda Parker



## MENC Student Chapter

Robyn McCollum (President)  
 LaSandra Muldrow  
 Phyllis Jones  
 Katie Dodson  
 Gwen Ingram  
 Sharon Alaman  
 Shawn Miller  
 Phyllis Tillery  
 Rosalyn Scott  
 Duwan Lang

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Valerie Littlejohn  
 (President)  
 Billye D. Davis  
 Regina Pegram  
 Bebe D. Davis  
 Shelia Drayton  
 Darleen Brooks  
 Robin Thorton  
 Brenda Boyette  
 Margaret McDowell  
 Jennifer Bryant  
 Pamlico Miller  
 Patrice Vailes  
 Eileen Green  
 Wynetta Scott  
 Sherry Slaam  
 Leila Mickens

Carolyn Joyner  
 Roberta Judd  
 Anna Darling  
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 Felita Claybrook  
 Celia Ross  
 Rose Irby  
 Cora Shaw  
 Sabrina Sturgis  
 Joan Walker  
 Lauralyn Peoples  
 Swanda McCormick  
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 Hallie Glascoe  
 Leisha Thorton  
 Valerie Bendolph



# National Greek Sororities









President, Cynthia Brown  
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Gwen Allen	Mondrell Jester
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Sandra Brown	Sandra Jones
Qundal Chambers	Frances Kay
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Alisia Coachman	Valerie Littlejohn
Kimberli Coleman	Christine Lloyd
Olivia Dabney	Lisa Manley
Billye Davis	Robyn McCollum
Carolyn Davis	LaSandra Muldrow
Karen Dixon	Regina Pegram
Terrilyn Ellis	Lisa Pittman
Venus Fallien	Phyllis Price
Rosa Faulk	Lakeitha Reeves
Jennifer Fennell	Renee Robinson
Wanda Green	Lisa Rouse
Bernadette Hamilton	Beverly Rumley
Janice Hargrove	Loretta Shaw
Joanne Harper	Yvette Shelton
Anita Hickson	Jackie Smith
Rosa Hinton	Elisa Staley
Debra Hodges	Linda Stanley
Miranda Holmes	Artreatha Tharrington
Lynn Horton	Leisha Thornton
Sharon Horton	Ellen Warren
Josie Hudley	Valerie Wills

PROJECTS

Blood Drive, Dating Game, Fashion Show, Benefit Cabaret, Benefit Car Wash, Sickle Cell Drive, Clothes Drive, and UNCF Fundraisers.





# Delta Sigma Theta Sorority







# Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority



President, Dino Bradley  
 Vice President, Lisa Johnson  
 Secretary, Angela West  
 Asst. Secretary, Debra Benbow  
 Treasurer, Lenora Dowe  
 Dean of Pledges, Tonya Martin  
 Asst. D.P., Angela Briley  
 Parliamentarian, Lynn Phillips

## MEMBERS

Linda Anderson	Libby Malloy
Sandra Baker	Kimberly Merritt
Cassandra Barnes	Leila Mickens
Beverly Bernard	Michelle Murphy
Jane Brandon	Sonia Ottley
Windy Brown	Terri Phillips
Carla Burley	Tracey Phillips
Veta Covert	Laurelyn Peoples
Sheila Dawkins	Indra Richmond
Pamela Daye	Harriet Scott
Shaun Echols	Regina Scott
Wanda Hawkins	Tonni Sullivan
Regina Hayes	Venetia Thomas
Sharonlyn Jones	Cheryl Townsend
Wanda Kelker	Rhonda Wade
Sherrel Larry	Benay Warren
Landas Leak	Rebecca Wilburn
Victoria Lockett	

## PROJECTS

Health Fair, Fashion Show, Faculty Follies, Christmas Carolling, Reading Project for Public School Children, and support to United Negro College Fund

# Zeta Phi Beta Sorority



Bennett students Terri Wade and Doris Sealy pledged at North Carolina A & T State University





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# HONORS & RECOGNITION

## Fall Dean's List

### Sophomores 3.20 or above

Cynthia Annette Asbury  
 Valarie Dawn Callender  
 Qundal Yvette Chambers  
 Olivia Lois Dabney  
 Carolyn Parniest Davis  
 Wanda Yvette Dick  
 Selina Denise Fox  
 Bernadette Hortensia Hamilton  
 Juanita Harris  
 Wanda Lee Hawkins  
 Sharon Anita Horton  
 Sandra Maureen Jones  
 Debra Jean Moore  
 Pauline Ntiyanu Nzeribe  
 Pamela Lou Phifer  
 Terri Lynne Phillips

### Juniors 3.30 or above

Linda Faye Anderson  
 Lydia Delphine Ashe  
 Marchelle Kay Boatwright  
 Betty Louise Brown  
 Lisa Ann Johnson  
 Sharonlyn Maureen Jones  
 Nichola Martin Lane  
 Mary Jane Simpkins  
 Katherine Winston

### Seniors 3.40 or above

Angela Vernet Briley  
 Carolyn Halls  
 Edwina Virginia Johnson  
 Randye LaVonne Jones  
 Roberta Causer Judd  
 Valerie Eileen Littlejohn  
 Libby Malloy  
 Barbara Gail Murphy  
 Joyce Burleson Evelyn Murphy  
 Sheila DeNise Pulley  
 Donna Louise Simmons  
 Edwina Christine Wilson

## Spring Dean's List

### Freshmen 3.00 or above

Adriane Elizabeth Baughman  
 Emily Baunet  
 Beverly Youtha Bell  
 Kimberli JoAnne Coleman  
 Robyn Dessaure  
 Janice Nanette DeVaughn  
 Wendy Beatrice Dooley  
 Drian Yvonne Gabriel

Myra Jewel George  
 Betty Alexandra Harbison  
 Lisha Marie Holmes  
 Sylvia Ann Jenkins  
 Donna Lajoie Jessup  
 Jacqueline Elaine Johnson  
 Sandra Ramona Lenoir  
 Karen Lavita Mack  
 LaVoris Ann McCrary  
 Rose Lynn Nelson  
 Gloria Cecila Nunnally  
 Alva Danita Dffer  
 Wanda Gayle Parker  
 Teresa Mae Pratt  
 Tonia Ann Royal  
 Jacqueline E. Schumpert  
 Carmen Marcia Smith  
 Nscobong Grace Usoro  
 Gwendolyn Carol Walker  
 Jacqueline Eulalia Waller  
 Sherri Lynn Williams  
 Cynthia Darlene Wilson  
 Dawn Ruth Wilson

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Cynthia Annette Asbury  
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 Valarie Dawn Callender  
 Olivia Lois Dabney  
 Carolyn Parniest Davis  
 Wanda Yvette Dick  
 Juanita Harris  
 Wanda Hawkins  
 Carla Rae Jackson  
 Sandra Maureen Jones  
 Sherrel Larry  
 Lynnette Lee  
 Arlisa Cheryl Lowe  
 Debra Jean Moore  
 Jacqueline Tonoa Moyer  
 Pauline Mtiyaau Mzeribe  
 Pamela Lou Phifer  
 Terri Lynne Phillips  
 Nellie Faye Privette

Iris Willette Settle  
 Donna Lynn Siler  
 Pantheola Simmons  
 Artreatha V. Tharrington  
 Vicki Lynn Walker

### Juniors 3.30 or above

Adenike Asabiokin Adejunmobi  
 Marchelle Kay Boatwright  
 Alisia Dionne Coachman  
 Regina Yvonne Hayes  
 Nichola Martin Lane  
 Leila Markeld Mickens  
 Harriett Jacqueline Roberts  
 Wynetta Scott  
 Katherine Winston

### Seniors 3.40 or above

Gwendolyn Irva Allen  
 Laurie Melvania Asbury  
 Doris Ann Barbour  
 Debra Elaine Benbow  
 Sandra Marie Brown  
 Kathryn Diane Colbert  
 Bebe Denise Davis  
 Katie Lou Dodson  
 Melissa Lee Graves  
 Carolyn Halls  
 Joann Michael Harper  
 Debra Ann Hodges  
 Edwina Virginia Johnson  
 Valerie Eileen Littlejohn  
 Loye Lockett  
 Barbara Gail Murphy  
 Sheila DeNise Pulley  
 Sheila Verna Purnell  
 Barbara Jane William  
 Edwina Christine Wilson  
 Deborah Carlton Witchey  
 Debbie Sandra Wright

\* Each Semester G.P.A.



## Fall Honors Convocation

### Sophomores, 3.20 or above

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 Valerie Dawn Callender  
 Qundal Yvette Chambers  
 Olivia Lois Dabney  
 Wanda Yvette Dick  
 Selina Denise Fox  
 Bernadette Hortensia Hamilton  
 Juanita Harris  
 Wanda Lee Hawkins  
 Sharon Anita Horton  
 Phyllis Elaine Johnson  
 Sandra Maureen Jones  
 Debra Jean Moore  
 Pauline Ntiyanu Nzeribe  
 Pamela Lou Phifer  
 Terri Lynn Phillips  
 Regina Scott  
 Donna Lynn Siler

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 Linda Faye Anderson  
 Lisa Ann Johnson  
 Sharonlyn Jones  
 Mary Jane Simpkins

### Seniors, 3.40 or above

Dino Michele Bradley  
 Melissa Lee Graves  
 Debra Ann Hodges  
 Valerie Eileen Littlejohn  
 Barbara Gail Murphy  
 Edwina Wilson

\*Cumulative G.P.A.

## Spring Honors Convocation

### Freshmen 3.00 or above

Adriane Elizabeth Baughman  
 Emily Baurnet  
 Beverly Youtha Bell  
 Kimberli JoAnne Coleman  
 Janice Nanette DeVaughn  
 Wendy Beatrice Dooley  
 Wanda Denise Edwards  
 Oriana Yvonne Gabriel  
 Myra Jewell George  
 (4.00 average)

Betty Alexandra Harbison  
 Lisha Marie Holmes  
 Sylvia Ann Jenkins  
 Donna Lajoie Jessup  
 Jacqueline Elaine Johnson  
 Sandra Remona Lenoir  
 LaVoris Ann McCrary  
 Rose Lynn Nelson  
 Gloria Cecilia Nunnally  
 Alva Danita Otter  
 Wanda Gayle Parker  
 Teresa Mae Pratt  
 Tonia Ann Royal  
 Jacqueline E. Schumpert  
 Carmen Marcia Smith  
 Grace Mseonong Usoro  
 Gwendolyn Carol Walker  
 Jacqueline Eulalia Waller  
 Sherri Lynn Williams  
 Cynthia Darlene Wilson  
 Dawn Ruth Wilson

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 Carla Rae Jackson

Sandra Maureen Jones  
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 Iris Willette Settle  
 Donna Lynn Siler  
 Artreatha V. Tharrington  
 Vickie Lynn Walker

### Juniors 3.30 or above

Adenike Asabiokin Adejunmobi  
 Linda Faye Anderson  
 Marshelle Kay Boatwright  
 Lisa Ann Johnson  
 Sharonlyn Jones  
 Mary Jane Simpkins  
 Katherine Winson

### Seniors 3.40 or above

Dino Michelle Bradley  
 Veronica Siler Emerson  
 Melissa Lee Graves  
 Debra Ann Hodges  
 Valerie Eileen Littlejohn  
 Barbara Gail Murphy  
 Linda Beatrice Smith  
 Edwina Christine Wilson

## WHO'S WHO 1979-80

In spite of the confusion of the selection process, Who's Who is certainly one of the highest honors a college student can receive. It recognizes the well-rounded student — one who is active in college affairs, demonstrates leadership ability, and achieves on the scholarly level.

### Angela



Affiliated with several honor societies, Angela Briley hopes to continue professional study in the medical field. Described by her roommate, Kathy Colbert, as "a bubbling personality," she ended her Bennett studies as president of the senior class, truly a "tryin' experience." She was the assistant dean of pledges of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

### Kathy



Kathy Crosby represented Bennett well this year as Miss Bennett College. Beauty and brains, sophistication and charm, and hard work characterized Kathy, an elementary education major from Charlotte, N.C. She also served as an assistant residence hall director. "She's a good role model for first year college students," says one staff member. "She is what I perceive this notion of the Bennett Ideal to be."



## Randye



When she's not caught up in the imaginary world of Star Trek, Randye Jones is off to herself in her world of music. A music major from Greensboro, she not only sings, but plays a variety of musical instruments. Her acquaintances view her as an assertive individual, but if she desires can be a very supportive companion.

## Debra



Debra Hodges, soft and ultra feminine, demonstrated outstanding academic and service abilities. Her academic talents were boosted as she was named a recipient of the President's Excellence Award and graduated with high honors. Not only was she affiliated with several honor societies, she was editor of the Banner and treasurer of the S.G.A.

## Sharonlyn



The first junior recipient of the President's Excellence Award, Sharonlyn Jones has consistently mixed good scholarship and active involvement. An elementary education major from Montgomery, Ala., she proved to be a creative leader as vice president of the S.G.A. and as a peer advisor. The last of three sisters to attend Bennett, she is also the second to be elected president of S.G.A.

## Ellen



Ellen Brinkley attempted to turn the student government association around with her brand of creative leadership. A social welfare student, she has become quite adept at working through "red tape" and administrative smoke screens. As president of S.G.A., she established the Presidential Council which met periodically with Dr. Miller. Ellen was also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

## Dino



"Three times a lady" best describes Dino Bradley, a biology major from Cincinnati. She's intelligent, active, and feminine. A well-rounded young lady, she was president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, a peer advisor, a Bennett Scholar, and a member of several honor societies.

## Linda



Linda B. Smith is just what the engineering world needs, a feminine personality who knows her area. An honor student, she is pursuing dual degrees in mathematics and electrical engineering. A resident of Greensboro, she is embedded in Bennett tradition through her family. Described as a quiet, beautiful personality, Linda spent most of the year on an IBM cooperative education assignment.



## Gail



Gail Wiley's presence is felt in a number of college activities. To her credits, this junior from Madison, N.C. lists vice president of the NAACP, dean of pledgees of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and assistant teacher of a freshman orientation class. Says a friend, "Gail is definitely a leader. She is articulate, compassionate, responsible, and independent."

## Regina



"Politeness captures the total essence of Regina Pegram," concludes a peer. "She certainly carries herself with self confidence which makes it easy for her to maintain good human relations with others." a junior clothing student from Durham, N.C., she served as vice president of Omicron Eta Chi, a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and member of the Interdormitory Council.

## Roberta



Mrs. Roberta Judd was a practicing nurse when she decided to return to college for a new career. As a home economics student, the Greensboro resident and mother of one college-age son proved to be a good student who was consistently honored at Honors Convocation and on the Dean's List. She was involved in all aspects of student life and enjoyed her second time around.

## Sandra



"Neat as a pin and smart as a whip," says one friend of sweet Sandra M. Brown, a Charleston, S.C. Belle. Majoring in the communications media area, she has been quite active on the Banner staff and involved in student activities. Sandra has been an honor student throughout her college years and is affiliated with several honor societies.

## Carolyn



Carolyn Hall, a product of Cross, S.C., is another symbol of the Bennett Ideal. "She's neat, intelligent, and responsible," says a peer. Carolyn is a goal-oriented individual who has chartered a course characterized by success.

## Edwina



Edwina Wilson is a quiet personality who has made her impact on the Bennett Experience through her academic achievement and multi-faceted involvement. She was a very positive role model for the underclassmen. Pursuing a career in the medical field, she spent many extra hours in the labs, but found time to be involved in campus student affairs. Edwina resides in Blackstone, Va.



## WHO'S WHO

### Mary Jane

Mary Jane Simpkins wants to become a certified medical technologist. A junior from Waynesboro, Ga., she is well liked by her peers and very much involved in the peer advising program. She is affiliated with the Bennett Scholars, the Marshall Board and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

### Marchelle

Marchelle Boatwright, a studious Belle from Cincinnati, Ohio, believes in prioritizing. Her beautiful smile and soft spoken ways have won her the respect of her classmates. She is a Bennett Scholar and a member of Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society.

### Melissa

Melissa Graves, a Burlington, N.C. resident, is known for her beautiful sense of humor and academic achievement. She is affiliated with several honor societies.

# Recognition Day Highlights

## ALPHA KAPPA MU DEPARTMENTAL RECOGNITION

Accounting . . . . .	Linda Pittman
Biology . . . . .	Edwina Wilson Edwina Johnson Natalie Young
Business . . . . .	Adenike Adejunmobi Debra M. Wingo
Clothing . . . . .	Valerie Littlejohn
Educational Media . . . . .	Karen Thomas
Elementary Ed . . . . .	Sharolyn Jones Iris Settle
Special Ed . . . . .	Grace Usoro Kathryn Winston
English . . . . .	Sandra M. Brown Ursula J. Joyner
Home Ec Ed . . . . .	Roberta C. Judd
Mathematics . . . . .	Linda B. Smith Loye Lockett
Music . . . . .	Shawn Miller Katie Dodson Randy Jones
Physical Ed . . . . .	Donna Simmons Cynthia Johnson
Political Science . . . . .	Sandra Ratliff
Psychology . . . . .	Debra Benbow
Secondary & Professional Studies . . . . .	Katie Dodson Betty Harbison
Social Welfare . . . . .	Ellen P. Brinkley
Sociology . . . . .	Melissa Graves
Spanish . . . . .	Sheila Pulley
Student Personnel . . . . .	Dorothy Ingram

## ACADEMIC AWARDS

### Faculty Scholarships

Education . . . . .	Debra Moore
Humanities . . . . .	Rosalyn Scott
Science . . . . .	Valerie Callender
Social Science . . . . .	Wanda Dick

Lula Donnell Award  
Cheryl Tipton

George M. Bell Scholarship  
Mary J. Simpkins  
Linda Anderson

Cressie T. Haven Scholarship  
Pauline Nzeribe

Belle Tobias Scholarship  
Myra George

Catherine H. Waddell Scholarship  
Sharonlyn Jones

Rose Karfiol Award  
Libby Malloy

L.G. Streat Scholarship  
Wynnetta Scott

Home Ec Faculty Award  
Valerie Littlejohn

Goode Prize  
Valerie Bendolph  
Sheila Drayton

Marie C. Moffitt Scholarship  
Leila Mickens  
Regina Pegram

Torrance Scholarships  
Vicki Goodrich  
Lisa Neal  
Cheryl Tipton

President's Excellence Awards  
Myra J. George, Freshman  
Pauline Nzeribe, Sophomore  
Sharonlyn Jones, Junior  
Debra Hodges, Senior

BFA Achievement Award  
Joyce B. Murphy

Honeywell Scholarships  
Loye Lockett  
Arlissa Lowe  
Linda Smith

Scholarly Achievement in Business  
Adenike Adejunmobi

Business/Economics Awards  
Linda Pittman  
Debra Wingo  
Gladys Rogers

# Honor Societies

## Senior Honor Society and Alpha Kappa Mu General

Michelle Bradley  
Valerie Littlejohn  
Edwina Wilson  
Debra Hodges  
Angela Briley  
Barbara Murphy  
Sandra Brown



## Beta Kappa Chi Science

Dino M. Bradley  
Angela Briley  
Edwina Johnson  
Pauline Nzeribe  
Laura Perry  
Yvette Shelton  
Lisa Johnson  
Edwina Wilson  
Mary J. Simpkins  
Pamela Morris  
Natalie Young

## Sigma Tau Delta English

Linda Anderson  
Sandra M. Brown  
Marchelle Boatwright  
Sherla Purnell  
Terri Wade





# and Scholarly Organizations



## Bennett Scholars

Pamela Morris (President)  
 Valerie Littlejohn  
 Toni Sullivan  
 Mary Jane Simpkins  
 Lisa Johnson  
 Terri Phillips  
 Tina Jones  
 Vicki Walker  
 Juanita Harris  
 Wanda Dick  
 Marchelle Boatwright  
 Sharon Horton  
 Wanda Hawkins  
 Linda Anderson  
 Dino Bradley  
 Olivia Dabney  
 Selina Fox  
 Sandra Jones  
 Debra Moore  
 LaSandra Muldrow  
 Pauline Nzeribe



## Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society Social Science

Libby Malloy  
 Barbara Murphy  
 Sandra Ratliff  
 Jacqueline Moyer



# COMMENCEMENT







# Address Delivered By Dr. Willa Player

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Willa B. Player  
May 4, 1980

President Miller, Faculty and Staff, Graduates, Parents and Relatives, Students, Friends and Graduating Seniors, let us rejoice and be thankful that we have yet another opportunity to celebrate both yesterday and tomorrow as we greet the returning graduates of Bennett College and salute the graduating seniors on this day. It is always a moving experience to be on the Bennett campus. Although I am increasingly reluctant to speak to collegiate audiences of this size and stature, I am incapable of saying no to Bennett College where I spent 35 years of my life. So, Dr. Miller, I appreciate the invitation to come again. Thank you.

"To be warm is to have first of all a good inner sense of self."

Mona Lisa, as you know, is considered the most famous painting of Leonardi da Vinci. The portrait hangs imposingly in the Louvre in Paris, France. And here I quote: "An uncanny, haunting quality seizes the imagination of every beholder, however prejudiced. The Mona Lisa simply won't leave us alone. This is its real mystery."

Perhaps this is in part the reason why the late Nat King Cole made Mona Lisa one of the finest vocal performances of his brief musical career.

Do you recall the words of the song?

Mona Lisa, Mona Lisa men have named you  
You're so like the lady with the mystic smile  
Is it only 'cause you're lonely they have blamed you  
For that Mona Lisa strangeness in your smile?

Do you smile to tempt a lover,  
Mona Lisa  
Or is this your way to hide a broken heart  
Many dreams have been brought to your doorstep  
They just lie there and they die there  
Are you warm, are you real  
Mona Lisa  
Or just a cold and lonely lovely work of art?

Are you warm, are you real  
Mona Lisa or just a cold and lonely, lovely work of art?

What does it mean to be warm and real? That is the question we would like to consider with you for a few moments. **To be warm is to have first of all**



Dr. Willa B. Player served in a number of administrative and faculty capacities at Bennett over a 35-year period. She is the only woman to serve as president (1955-1966).

**a good inner sense of self.** Have you sometimes stood before the mirror and asked yourself, "Who am I?" What do I feel within me which validates my personhood — which gives authenticity to my own being? Each of us has to go through a kind of self-examination which enables us to establish our own identity. Before we can lead any kind of purposeful existence, we have to love ourselves enough to believe that there is nobody else in the world exactly like us. Our self-esteem is enhanced in proportion to our ability to sense the very essence of our personality and to come out saying, "I'm O.K."

Of course it is too much to expect us to arrive at this conclusion all by ourselves. This is why our quest for knowledge is so important; not just knowledge per se, not knowledge as a solution to our frustrations, not knowledge as a display of superiority, but knowledge which provides a sense of personal adequacy.

We take what we come to know from our study of the sciences, the humanities and the social sciences and by a restrained and disciplined application of it to daily experience we come to understand the intellectual and spiritual realities which contribute so richly to the development of our individual selfhood. Education is the key to self-fulfillment. It helps us to es-







establish our autonomy while at the same time it defines the reach of our individual minds and spirits.

I like to think of the campus queens of Ebony Magazine as an attractive sampling of young black women in our colleges and universities across the land whose collegiate aspirations have helped them to come to terms with themselves so that their identity has been firmly established through degree preparation in a wide variety of fields and anticipated careers.

**To be warm is to feel deep within our being the capacity to care.** I believe it was the Overstreets who said, and I quote, "There are many directions the human mind can take, but the most exciting and the most rewarding is toward another human being."

Caring exists whenever we can include within ourselves, the self of

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another. Caring exists whenever man affirms his fellow man. Martin Luther King challenged the Bennett students on this very campus some years ago, and I quote, "To rise above the narrow confines of individual concerns to enter the new age with a love which embraces the broader concerns of all humanity."

To feel the capacity to care is to recognize a new dimension within the self which impels us to respond in love one for another. "A new commandment I give unto you, says the Biblical text, that ye love one another." I suppose the modern version would be to "reach out and touch someone's hand". To be warm in this relationship thus becomes an act of unpretentious self — fulfillment where each person seeks to relate to another in love and faith. It follows then, that to be real is to live on two levels of experience — **true to ourselves and genuine concern for all mankind.** Harry Emerson Fosdick in his volume, **On Being a Real Person**, defines the real person as one who has achieved a high degree of unity within the self. "A real



person, says he, is integrated. A mature and genuine person is a supreme work of art — a symphony whose constituent factors are noises that by themselves can be raucous and dissonant, and whose glory lies in the way they are put together."

Genuine concern for others implies a commitment so strong that it releases an incredible burst of human energy, driving us to accept responsibility for something beyond the self which translates into community responsibility. When this happens we find ourselves working voluntarily to wipe out hunger, to eliminate poverty, to care for the elderly, to overcome disease and to work for peace and justice. This is why the sit-in demonstrations of the sixties were so noble and so rewarding. Or else why after 20 years would Greensboro celebrate this thrust toward gaining

civil rights in which Bennett faculty and students were so triumphantly involved? And you who are graduating today will be genuine representatives of the Bennett tradition if you sense your responsibility to walk in your integrity whenever situations arise in our culture which demand that you take a stand for the common good. **This is to be real.**

Are you warm, are you real,  
Mona Lisa or just a cold  
and lonely, lovely work of art?

If our sense of self is nothing other than a nameless blob of protoplasm —

If our minds are filled with so much clatter and disharmony that we cannot hear the sound of the genuine in another —

If our concern for others is uninspiring —





**We are cold!**

If we continue to cling to the withering concept of the "me" generation —

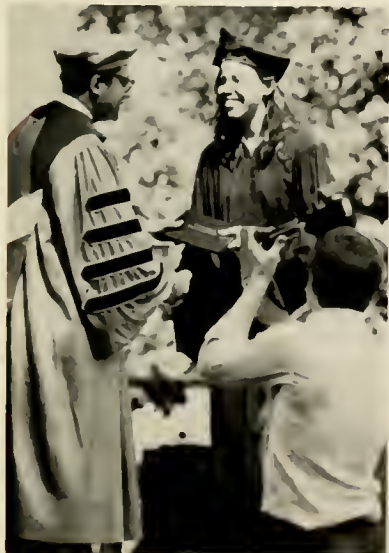
If we choose to remain closeted within ourselves —

If our purposes are frail —

If we stand in elegant isolation from the problems of daily living —

We will in truth be lonely!

Today you are gracefully clothed in caps and gowns — you are soon to bear



the title — Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science. Take care lest your loveliness becomes something to be observed, perhaps admired but never fully appreciated.

We are living in a time of crisis when every aspect of life which we have regarded as permanent has acquired a tentative status.

We are living in a time of turmoil when men refuse to accept the rationale which admits that all men are made in the image of God.

We are moving into a turbulent decade where we experience acute deviations and conflicts in ideas and practices at home and abroad.

But we need not despair! We may not be able to solve the hostage crisis in

"Take care lest your loveliness becomes something to be observed, perhaps admired but never fully appreciated."

Iran; but we can love our enemies and do good to those who spitefully use us.

We may not be able to do much of anything about the problem of inflation; but we can practice economy in every aspect of our daily living!

We may not be able to wipe out corruption in government; but we can vote for the candidates who will champion the cause of justice and fair play.

We may not be able to prevent the devastating use and effect of drugs by the youth of America, but we can refrain from using drugs ourselves.

And so, like the portrait of Leonardo da Vinci, the Mona Lisa by Nat King Cole "simply won't leave us alone". The song would have merited a golden record had this been the practice of that time. There are other golden records whose meaning shines through perhaps even more vividly.

Today we honor four young women who 50 years ago gave this institution



its reason for being an accredited four year college. They are the first graduates of Bennett who are celebrating their golden anniversary. Their records of love and service to their families, their communities and their college embody the meaning of all we have been attempting to say in this message of warmth and realness. We salute them even as we congratulate you on this day.

Are you warm, are you real Mona Lisa or just a cold and lonely lovely work of art. Thank you for your gracious attention.



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## FINALE?

Sure, it was a trying period in the lives of most Americans as we realistically began to face the problems of escalating fuel costs, embittered racial strife, clashing ideological radicalism, recession and inflation, and international disasters. But somehow, we managed to survive one more year.

We pause to pay tribute to three pillars of the Bennett Experience . . . Mrs. Willie Mae McCallum, Mrs. Carrie Shute and Miss Alsie Trammell. They retired this year, but their selflessness, humility, commitment, integrity and sense of community will long be a part of us. They have certainly been the role models for hundreds of black women.

Reflect on the good times and the bad. But look forward and strive to achieve. Take your cue from Ossie Davis's "Purlie Victorious."

## A BEGINNING

I find in being black, a  
thing of beauty,  
A joy, a strength . . . a  
secret cup of gladness.  
A native land in neither  
time nor place —  
A native land in every  
Negro face!

Be loyal to yourself;  
your skin, your hair,  
your lips, your Southern  
speech, your laughing  
kindness —  
Are Negro kingdoms, vast  
as any other?

Accept in full the sweet-  
ness of your blackness —  
Not wishing to be white,  
nor red, nor yellow, Nor  
any other race, or face,  
but this . . .





