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It want their faith







Bennett College "Celebrating 125 Years of Academic Excellence"



900 East Washington Street Greensboro, North Carolina 27401 Founded in 1873

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Dear Class of 1998 and Sister Bennett Belles:

Truly any account of academic year 1997-98 will be one of extreme historical significance. This volume of the Bennett Belle will serve as the beginning of a year long celebration of the College's 125th anniversary of being an institution which has produced both phenomenal men and women leaders for our society. When its pages are reflected upon in years to come, it will be a continuous reminder of the many experiences and lessons learned at Bennett as well as provide a framework for dissecting the challenges and opportunities of life.

This Bennett Belle chronicles such historic moments as:

• renovated Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel and the Little Theater reopened to the College community to resume its state as the central, stabilizing point for its consti-

ents; Carnegie Negro Library rededicated as the home of the Bennett College Community Outreach Center having previously been the only library for Negroes in Greensboro for more than 30 years;

he faculty and staff commitment of \$1,519,681 launched the Capital Campaign and the students were energized as they kicked off their \$75,000 campaign;

he College hosted the Model United Nations in conjunction with the North Carolina Consortium for International and Intercultural Exchange where a Bennett Belle served as deputy secretary-general;

he Bishop Prince Taylor Ministerial Suite was dedicated to serve as the office for the College Chaplain; he Annual Bishop Robert Elijah Jones Vesper was instituted to alumnus Robert Elijah Jones who also was the irst African American bishop in the United Methodist Church, one of the founders of Gulfside Assembly, and in active facilitator for the infusion of resources to Bennett College;

he Quality Education for Minorities Network recognized Bennett as one of the top ten producers of minority graduates in Science, Engineering and Mathematics in North Carolina;

Money Magazine recognized Bennett as the fourth "Best Buy" among historically black colleges and universities;

Bennett actively participated in the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Houston Conference for Women, at which our Belles received the ceremonial torch for women's rights and empowerment being passed by renown women's rights activist Bella Abzug and other elders; and

the Class of 2001 entered as Freshwomen.

The mission of Bennett College is that of a holistic institution producing graduates that are well-educated prossionals, informed participating citizens, enlightened parents, facilitators of social justice and wise users of techology.

It is a pleasure to provide presidential leadership to Bennett students positioned on the cusp of the new milnnium, in order to develop the women leaders that will serve the College, community, the nation and the world y utilizing the knowledge base gained for providing scholarly, focused analysis of the policies and initiatives haping our global society in order to evoke change.

incerely,

Cloria Randle Scott, Ph.D. resident

The Administrative Cabinet





Dr. LaFaye Hargrove, VP for Student Development

(seated left to right)

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Miss Bennett College 1997-98



Miss Takiyah Starks

Phenomenal

Women

Smile, We Love You! Two Queens of the College







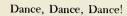


Oh, I must be dreaming! Lights, Camera, Smile — The Queen and Her Court





Bianca Williams, Miss Mass Communications





Gone but not forgotten . . . Ms. Jasmine Canady





I say now Zeta's, One, Two, Delta's, Keeping in step. Three, Click

The Royal Court



Miss Senior Miss Kanika Boneparte



Miss Royal Blue and White Miss Amber Bradshaw



Miss Junior Miss Jamila McFarlane



Miss Sophomore Miss Elizabeth Fryar



Miss Freshwoman Miss Natalie Stewart

Miss UNCF



Miss Jamila McFarlene

Watch out, cause we're red hot! The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

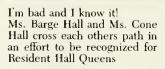
Ms. Biology, Shanika Choo-Ying, and her escort.







Little Miss Bennett College, Alysiaa Judd.

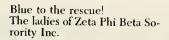


Are we Divas or what? Ms. Campus Girl scouts and Ms. Black History Awareness Club pose pretty for the camera as they represent their clubs.





Look at me now! Reneé Moore and Nicole Newsome turn and pause to let their beauty be seen as they represent their clubs.





Miss Nutrition/Dietetics is on the score along with her escort to represent the club.





Representing in their pink and green are the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

Ms. Kelley Cole and Ms. Chaquanna Cottow grace the stage with their presence.

Special Events





Senior Day



Yes, We're Singing, We Are Graduating!



Finally Seniors, We Have Plenty To Sing About.



Senior Kisha Reed and Little Sisters



Stand Tall Class of 1998



This Waiting Is Too Much.



Slow Now, Don't Get Out of Step.



Senior LaKeisha Walker and Little Sister



Tiffany Ryles getting robed from little sister.



Senior Belinda Speller and little sister

Jennifer Ajose smiles with little sisters.





Senior Day Entertainment

Welcome to the Senior Day Banquet!

Commencement 1998







M. 98



Senior Class Officers (front row) Keisha Reed, President; Michelle Leslie, Vice President (back row) Adrienne Smith, Corresponding Secretary; Kanika Bonaparte, Miss senior Jennifer Ajose, Parliamentarian; Michael Cotton, Advisor

(not pictured) Conrtney Alexander, Recording Secretary; Candice Brown, Treasurer

> "I Believe In The Impossible Because I Have Faith"



Jennifer Ajose



Courtney Alexander



LeTisha Bernard



Ragina Bias



Shauquita Blackman



Kanika Bonaparte



Erica Boney



Jennifer Boone



Amber Bradshaw



Candice Brown



Tameka Brown



Kelly Cole



LaToya Davis



Mechelle DeBerry



Tammy Dines



Kisha Dodson



Akilah Dukes



Stacey Evans



Aline Fertil



Tynika Freeman



Nadirah Goldsmith



Sanya Gray



Stephanie Harris



Stephanie Hendricks



Cisha Howard



Marnell Hughes



Nathalie Hughes



Carla Ingram



Stephanie James



Beth Jefferies



Erika Johnson



Tonya Johnson



Dyora Kinsey



Lynne Lafferty



April Langley



Melissa Lawson



Michelle Leslie



Karen Martin



Alice Mason



Ebony Massenburg



Lineica Maupin



Akhira McDonald



Sherline McKinnon



Shannon McKoy



Ingrid McMillan



Tina McMillan



Rebekah Melton



Michele Miller



Reina Mitchell



Tonya Outen



Cheryl Pitchford



Angela Prince



Keisha Raney



Keisha Reed



Tiffany Ryles



Khalilah Saleem



Jahnine Scott



Adrienne Smith



Shelonda Smith



Zulema Sockwell



Belinda Speller



Nakia Spriggs



Takiyah Starks



Shelreé Steveson



Candace Taylor



Shawn Thomas



Latasha Turner



Mia Turner-Cooper



A'Shauna Tyler



Lakeisha Walker



Kimberly Walls



Keita White



Yolanda White



Bianca Williams



Lashawn Willis



Kafi Zahra

Juniors





(left to right)
Tiffany Posey, Corresponding Secretary
Gabrielle Mallory, President
Jamila McFarlane, Recording Secretary
Miss Junior
Kenya Samuels, Parliamentarian

(not pictured) Shaneka Choo-Ying, Vice President Nicole Newsome, Treasurer

"Close To Home"

class of 1999

Kartina Agnew Naima Barbour Demetria Bell Yolanda Butler Marcella Carter Lakisha Ellington

Tonya Chambers Chaquanna Cotton Tennille Francis

Tiffany Frazier Latonia Ford Kubrat Gbajabiamila



Willacin Gholston Jamie Harris Shamilah Harris

Sametria Hart Hope Iglehart Tarin Jones

Ikisha Little Marcella Livington Morrai Merritt

Tamarian McIntyre Jamila McFarlane Kristy Moore

Reneé Moore Lakeesha Neal Nicole Newsome Natashia Privette Tasha Richardson Lawanda Riddick Kenya Samuels Tiffany Scurlock Darlene Simmons Allison Smith Camilla Smith Philippa Stuart







Dorthea Taylor Robin Tolliver Tanya Wagstaffe





Kisha Ward Mecca Wright

Sophomores





Class Officers (front row) Jennifer Gardner, Corresponding Secretary Brandy Jones, President Maia Bonaparte, Vice President Janell Catlin, Treasurer

(back row) Elizabeth Fryer, Miss Sophomo Latasha Gresham, Parliamentarian

"Not Far Now"





Kumani Adams Shae Anderson Shaunda Beauman Jobina Brown

Kameelah Brown Stephanie Cambridge Janell Catlin Shalai Davis

Carla Ford Audrey Freeman Nikki Freerson Elizabeth Fryar

Carla Gadson Jennifer Gardner Fenice Glenn Kenrisha Greene

Lashawn Hall Makeda Ham Tara Harmon Ebony Harrington

Kimberly Henderson Candie Hines Mattea Hill Pia Holland Shaneik Isaac Alexis Jamison-Dottery Brandy Jones Tebitha Kajese Chemise Lewis Chana Mackey Leneé Mann Sophia Matumba Rasheda Mitchell Erin Mixon Nichole Montgomery Chassidy Moore Priscilla Merfgepfa Olga Mutamba Takaruda Muzorewu Chantei Payne



Mayra Marie Peterson Tia Perry Charlene Richardson Andrea Taylor

Latefah Terry Shawndria Salter Andrea Shelton Nicole Smith

Delores Williams Kendra Winston Millicent White

"Counting Down

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(front row — left to right) Shantilee Otey, Corresponding Secretary Turquoise Perry, President Shanticarol Otey, Vice President Kiyona Brewster, Recording Secretary

(back row — left to right) Natalie Stewart, Miss Freshman Brandi Bradshaw, Parliamentarian Corian Smith, Treasurer





Jaime Alston Mikala Ammons Kelli Anderson Aysher Anen Shannika Bacchus

Kendra Baylor Yarnell Baker Tameka Barrentine Erika Beaman Mia Beasley

Kamilah Bennett Savella Black Katrina Boles Jamila Boozer Karen Bourne

Tamara Boynton Brandi Bradshaw Kiyona Brewster Shemeka Brisbon Katrina Briggs

Na'tasha Brooks Jondré Brown Shana Brown Marshelle Bryson Geanna Butler

Carmen Cass Nicole Champion Brandi Chenn Kendra Cochran Joy Coleman

La'Shaunda Collins Caronda Cox Crystal Cox Zenya Cleveland Dana Crawford

Jennifer Davis Celenhle Dlamini Wilvena Dove Anita Duncan Kathryn Earley Tenisha Easterly Leslie Fergruson Rana Franklin Chanel Frazier Christina Garrett Jacqulin Gillium Robin Goins Keya Faye Graham Yolanda Green Chrusty Green Meca Green Monaca Greene Bridgette Hager Cynetha Hall Tiffany Hanshaw April Hargrove Danielle Harper Chatese Harris Deanna Harris Shannel Harris Dominca Hewett Kadidja Hinds Candice Holley Darnite Howard Asjadoll Howell Nikki Hudgins Brandi Hudson Aja Hughes Brandi Hughes

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Aretha Huskey



Hope Inge Marci Ivy Martrina Jackson Shaneyqwua Jarrett Niaomi Jefferson

Meteea Jenkins LaTonya Johnson Sabrina Jones Allison Kinsler-Johnson Jerica Keeton

Courtney Kelly Lottise Kenny Gloria Kidd Toya King Elizabeth Lammons

Maya Lane Jacole Lewis Amber Lugo Kisha Martin Shana Martin

San Masey Trina Matthew Kellie Mayfield Andriá McMichael LaMekia McNeill

Obiamaka Melifonwu Lauren Melton Monique Miles Rashida Miller Courtney Moore

Michelle Moore Nicole Nation Majeedah Neale Brandice Osborne-Gwynn Shanticarol Otey

Shantilee Otey Sandy Page Shemeka Porisbon Latrice Parker Tahire Parker

> Shahera Payton Carolyn Perry Nazra Peterson Aja Pickett Jamie Price

Rakia Pugh Rian Roberts Chantia Robinson Catherine Rogers Juné Rogers

Aisha Shamsiddeen Tanasha Siena Clindel Simmons LaTarsha Simmons Caron Smith

> Tasha Smith Joan Stanley Natalie Stewart Candace Sutton Keisha Sweater

Larrita Terry Dana Thomas Songserre Tay Syntesis Tucker LaTosha Vance

Shantaya Vick Elizaheth Waddell Kalandria Waddy Catherine Walker Vonshay Watkins





Tanna Watson Shaundra Watton Kyra Webb Maché Wells Robyn Wheatley

Keya White Tyronda White Kelli Whetmore Joi Wigfall Joi Williams

Vita Wilson Tamara Woods Deanna Wynn Shahera Payton

Faculty and Staff



Yes, Dr. Hargrove



B. Moore instructs D. Daniels, no sneakers.



A ten for Ms. Johnson



Housekeeping . . . Bennett's precious gems.



Say It Ain't So Ms. McAdoo, Dr. Brown, Ms. Bakemen and Ms. Stewart.



Bennett Belles & Dr. Cotten



Hostesses - Ms. S. Johnson, Ms. Logan and Mrs. Smith



Johnson Adefila Michele Barker-Bridges Sekara Rao Basavaraju

Walter Byrd Shirley Canty Carol Cheston

Brenda Coates Bruce Clark Deborah Daniels

Wanda Davis Audrey Franklin Gary Gold

George Harris Beth Holder Kathlyn Lawson Rocky Lowe Ruth Lucier Stephanie Lynch Odessa Oglesby Tim Phifer David Pinnix

Ruth Rideout Sandra Sharpe Eugene Torbert

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS



ACCOUNTING CLUB

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.





BELLES OF HARMONY



BENNETT SCHOLARS

BETA KAPPA CHI SCIENTIFIC HONOR SOCIETY





BIOLOGY CLUB



BUSINESS CLUB

CHEMISTRY CLUB



DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.



CAMPUS GIRL SCOUTS





HISTORY AWARENESS CLUB

ISTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE





INTERNATIONA STUDENT ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE





NATIONAI COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN



NETWORK 2000

PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL





POLITICAL PACESETTERS



PRE-ALUMNI COUNCIL

PSI CHI HONOR SOCIETY





PSYCHOLOGY CLUB

EADERS HEATER





RESIDENTIAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT CLUB



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SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.

SECRETARY'S DAY BENNETT COLLEGE'S BEST





UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH
WOMEN
UNITED

BENNETT SPORTS

No stopping the Belles



Warming Up!!









Make that shot! 1997-98 Basketball Team





Poised for a Super Volleyball Season



Get Set-Ready-Go! 1997-98 Track Team



If we pay attention, we can win

We both called FOUL







Let's Go BC

Let's Start This Game





Ready to serve the ball

Basketball trophies and awards
What a collection!





Dunk that ball, girl!

Ready for a great softball season

UNCF GOLF TOURNAMENT

96 Golfers Participated in the Fifth Annual Tournament

Tournament Prize sign listing one of four prizes

Alum Patricia Henry prepares a cup of coffee to warm up before leading the Miller Team to victory







Trustee Gerald Williams discusses strategies with other golfers as they wait to tee-off

Members of the Ericsson Team share a moment with President Gloria Scott



SMILE! THERE'S JOY IN EVERY EVENT



Attorney Joel Bowden and Paquita Herring share a light moment during the unveiling of the 1998 Telephone Book featuring Bennett College



Bianca Williams — Ms. Mass Communications



Catherine Rogers models tee shirt "We Are Family"



Heritage Day Program
Participants
Alum Roberta Judd,
Provost Charlotte Alston
and President Gloria Scott

1997 National Miss UNCF Kelly Cole





Patiently waiting the formal presentation of new students during Convocatum Est

Jones Hall sisters enjoy a moment of relaxation

LaKeisha and Michelle are hanging out in Player Hall







Ms. Theressa Hoover shares a moment with twins, Shantilee and Shanticarol, at a United Methodist Church reception

Members of Delta Sigma Theta share information on their organization with other students



Two of Bennett's finest — Janice Burkes and Charles Roberts





In a rare moment, Dr. David Pinnix away from his piano



"Cigar" without his cigar at the President's Ball. Can you believe it?

Dr. Linda Brown receives a bouquet of flowers from members of the Reader's Theatre





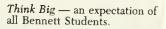


Two of God's Ambassadors — Professor Robert Griffin and Campus Minister, Rev. Shirley Canty.

The ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. participate in Campus Organization Day

Patricia Stewart, a volunteer with Communities in Schools, shares the excitement of her mentee with the award she received Preparing to meet the Challenges and Opportunities of the Twenty-First Century.

Live & Learn



Girl, I don't believe these questions. Where was I when it was discussed?







I'd rather be watching The Young and The Restless!

Learning equipment usage in video production and mass communications laboratory.



Oh my, I hope this will soon be over!

Why in the world did I sign up for this computer class?





Okay, nails don't fail me now!







I made a good choice this time. I am truly enjoying the video production class.

What does Bennett Belle mean — read the screen print!!

CAREER FAIR '97























College-A-Rama "Experience The Bennett Difference"











NUBIAN NUANCE

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

Bennett Belles come together and share a time for friends, fun and laughter!

Okay, where is the basketball and the rest of my team?







Get'em girls. Nothing can stop the Belles.

This tug-of-war is a losing battle for us.





"ECCENTRIQUE" FASHION SHOW



THE CAST



LOOK OUT! WHEN I POP MY FINGERS . . .



CAN WE HELP IT IF WE ARE COOL.



That's American Runway!!!

The men of "Cotour" add spice to the show.



Don't I look ravishing?





Yeah girl, what time should I be there?

We've been working out, can't you tell!

STUDENT ACTIVISM



Our struggles continue



The students and faculty come together to reflect the trials and tribulations of past generations



The great Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said "We Shall Overcome" and that statement is still true today



We can smile today because of the hardships we know our cestors endured for us



Students stand real!!



Free Kwame Cannon!!!!



Mayor Carolyn Allen knows the power of prayer









































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Trustees Tolliver, Tasco and Boykin strike a pose with Congressman Mel Watt



 $\label{thm:congratulations} \textbf{Trustee Gerald Williams congratulations Dr. Benita Bell for receiving the Ph.D. degree in Chemistry}$



A prospective Bennett Belle is greeted by Trustee Chair Glendora Putnam



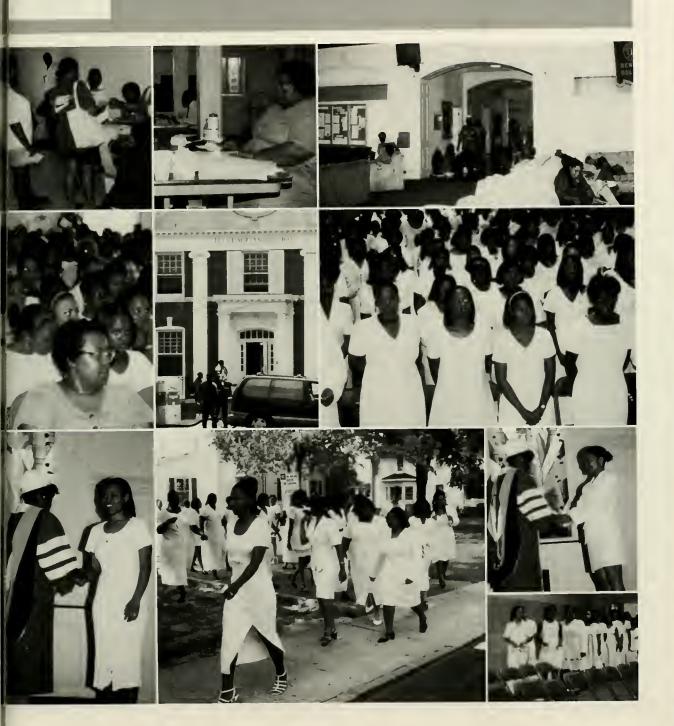
Always ready to serve — Trustees Kennedy and Kearns



Trustee Erlich shares a light moment with honorary degree recipient, Gail Thomas

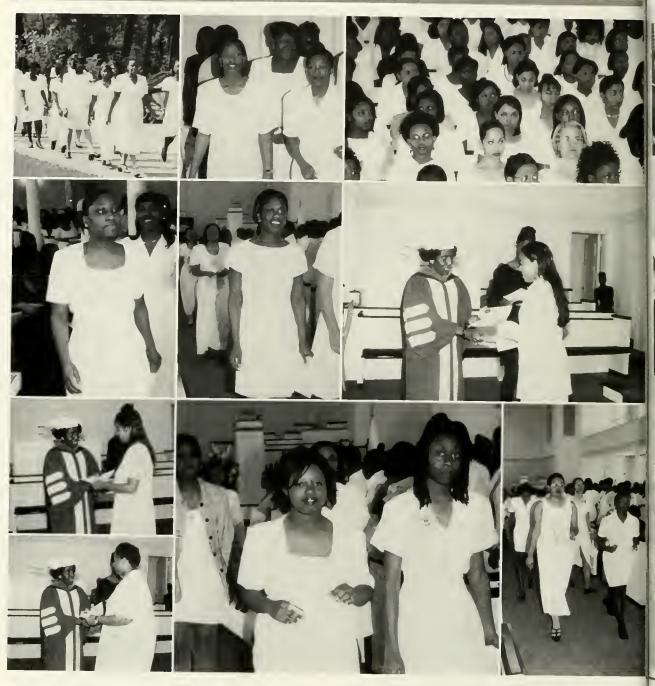
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WELCOME STUDENTS AND PARENTS



HONOR'S CONVOCATION





FOUNDERS CONVOCATION



Is everyone ready?



Are we late?



Keep up Brandi and Dr. Adams.



Dr. Scott enters the Chapel with Convocation speaker, Bishop Emilio de Carvalho.

Two Sisters Presidents Dr. Scott presents the Belle Ringer Image Role Model Award to Dr. Marie McDemmond of Norfolk State University.





Phenomenal Women received the Belle Ringer Image Role Model Award.

CARNEGIE NEGRO LIBRARY REDEDICATION





CAMPUS MINISTERIAL SUITE DEDICATION



Dr. Brogdon-Wyatt leads the processional.



Dr. Treadway seems to like this job.



Bennett Belle Yvonne Johnson



After the dedication of the Ministerial Suite in his honor, Bishop Prince A. Taylor stands tall with his daughter.

Dr. Scott congratulates Bishop Taylor and presents him with an Honorary Degree





Maxine Bakeman, VP for Constituency Development, shares a moment with Bishop Taylor.

RECOGNITION DAY

April 30, 1998

Honoring students who have taken advantage of the opportunities that are available at the College. These students have distinguished themselves in the areas of academics, leadership and service.











MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Model UN conference attendees.



Model UN conference attendees.



Model UN students, faculty and administration.



Attendees busy studying notes.



Discussing strategies



We are Phenomenal Women in the Model UN!

What is the Model United Nations?

The Model UN is a sophisticated game of "let's pretend" in which students assume the roles of ambassadors to the United Nations and debate the current issues on the UN's agenda. Through diplomacy and negotiation, Model UN students seek ways that the world community can deal with complex global concerns such as war and peace, human rights, economic development, the environment, disarmament, and conflict resolution.

EDIA DAY AT BENNETT



WNAA Radio represented by Cherie Lofton.



Even Mr. Clark listens attentively.



Future media professionals.



02 JAMZ represented.



Paquita wants to know more.



From one Belle to another.



I want to be a Belle.



1998 Bryant Gumbel UNCF Scholarship Recipients Tennille Francis and A'Shana Tyler

Bryant Gumbel Walt Disney World Celebrity Golf Tounament to benefit the United Negro College Fund

February 26 - March 1, 1998 Orlando, Florida

Smile for Mickey.

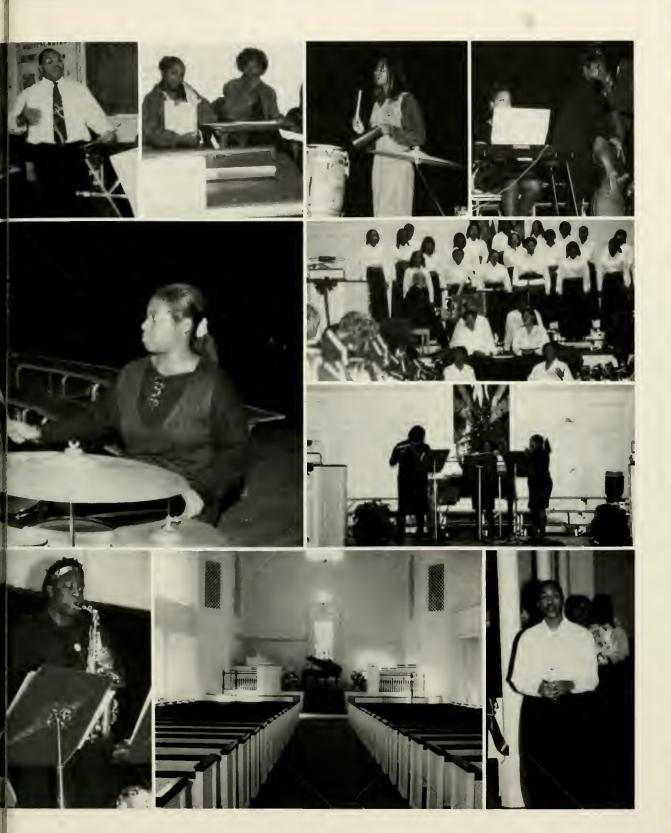






Music at Bennett College







At Bennett... Everything is Special



Dr. Scott presents Belle Ringer Image Role Model Award to poet Nikki Giovanni.

CHARTER DAY



Guest speaker, Dr. Barbara Reynolds and Dr. T. Mosby.



Tennille Francis



Faculty and Staff wait for signal.



Charter Day speaker.



Dr. Scott and Dr. Reynolds.



Dr. Collins and Dr. Adeyiga enter Chapel.



President looks on as speaker autographs book.





Bennett Played an Active Role at the "Governor's Summit on America's Promise & Volunteerism Summit"











Bennett Remains on the Cutting Edge of Technology.



Our presence is known at the Ribbon Cutting for "North Carolina Live"





In Recognition of the College's 125th Birthday, BellSouth featured the College on the cover of the 1998-99 Greensboro Telephone Directory







Over 350,000 covers were printed for the 1998 telephone directory.

Dr. Scott poses with one of the covers.



"OPENING DOORS TO A PHENOMENAL FUTURE" The Campaign for Bennett Women Leaders







Based on the need to accommodate advancing information technology, compete for the best and brightest students and faculty and to address the demands of academia in an increasingly complex world, Bennett College is challenged to provide a safe, secure, state-of-the-art learning environment. THE CAMPAIGN FOR BENNETT WOMEN LEADERS will address those challenges.

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. GLORIA R. SCOTT"





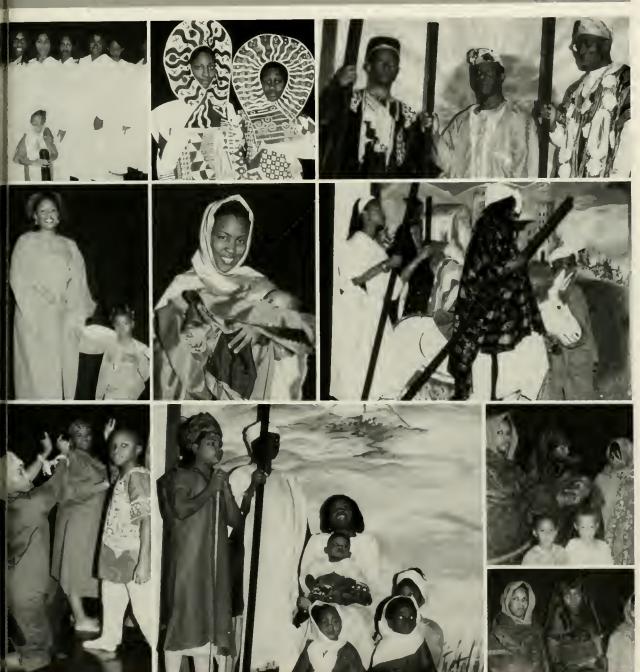








LIVING MADONNAS



CHRISTMAS DINNER





BENNETT COLLEGE... MORE THAN JUST BUILDINGS!









Staff and students enjoying the fellowship at the Board of Trustees Community Reception Founders Weekend

THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE



The Administration explaining,



Parents taking it all in.



This little piggy . . .



Can we help you read, Dr. Scott?



No, No, No. We are dressed for Trick a Treating.



We know our numbers and lots of things.



I am Mrs. Bibbs. Can you say Mrs. Bibbs?

CAMPUS SCENES



The ceremonial Bearden Gate



What a warm campus!



Looking from the outside in.



Going to class.



The inside of the newly renovated Chapel.



Wave to the camera.



After a hard day.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Putting The pie Ces TOGETHER



ALUMNAE WEEKEND & COMMENCEMENT '98















ZDB

Congratulations to Sorors

Regina Bias

Jan Edwards

&

Belinda Speller Class of 1998

"Signifying the Epitome of Finer Womanhood"

With Sisterly Love, Millie, Candle & Tara

The Chi Gamma Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Bennett B's



BE A GOOD CONVERSATIONALIST - A good conversationalist is sympathetic and talks about matters which interest others. Above all, she does not monopolize the table talk or the room "causerie."

Conversation B's
Be thoughtful
Be courteous
Be sincere
Be considerate

BE COURTEOUS - It is a cherished tradition that Bennett girls are kind and hospitable to guests and strangers on the campus. They go out of their way to help them find places or locate their friends.

Courtesy B's

Be appreciative of the beauty of your dormitory home. Be considerate of girls who are resting when you may be busy. Be prompt to acknowledge services rendered you.

BE NEAT - Neatness is the basis of all beauty. Being neat suggests cleanliness, simplicity, order and refinement in every phase of every day life.

Neat B's

Be sure to form good habits in personal appearance. Be mindful of the importance of a good 'hair-do". Be discriminating in your nail polish and your attire.

BE FRIENDLY - It is said that great friendships result from an aristocratic conception of humanity. It is an evidence of culture to show ourselves friendly without affectation.

Friendly B's

Be sincere in forming friendships with others. Be tolerant of the differences which exist in people. Be reserved in your friendship with the opposite sex.

BE SOCIALLY APPROPRIATE - Gracious manners are the basis of charm. A quiet voice, graceful posture and a pleasant expression give flavor to personality.

Social B's

Be restrained in your behavior in public.
Be careful to introduce yourself to guest with whom you tour the campus.
Be sensitive to the appropriateness of shaking hands.

Bennett College Songs

PREFERENCE SONG

There are many, many schools in the East and in the West; sometimes you may be questioned as to which one is the best; If you really want to know There is one that will stand out; It's dear old Bennett College. That's the school you hear about.

CHORUS

Some prefer to go to Spelman, Others A&T some say here's to Talladega; Others Johnson C. But Bennett College is the best, girls; Lift high your colors bright Raise your voice in a cheer, girls For the Dear old Blue and White! Rah! - Rah! - Rah!



TELL ME WHY

Tell me why the stars do shine Tell me why the ivy twines. Tell me why the sky's so blue Tell me Old Bennett Just why I love you.

Because God made the stars to shine Because God made the ivy twine Because God made the sky so blue God made old Bennett That's why I love you.



ALMA MATER

Words by Carol Cotton Music by Edith Player Brown

1. Bennett now our voices raise.
Harmonies of grateful praise;
We thy daughters find thee fair
Loyalty thy colors bear.
Truth and honor in thy halls.
Faith and love within thy walls;
Ever dear to us thou art
Firm within each loyal heart.

CHORUS

Alma Mater, now we sing Hail the light that thou dost bring; True we've been throughout the past, True to thee while life shall last.

2. May we never smirch the good
Gendered here in sisterhood;
May we ever choose a-right
Guided but by honor bright;
Ever lovelier shalt thou live
As thy daughters freely give
Ever glorious a-bove.
Testimonies of our love.

(Sing verse 3 Prayerfully)
3. 'Till the evening
shad-ows fall
'Till we heed our last
clear call
Mother, may we offer thee
Lives of worth and pur-i-ty?
Go with us through-out
the years
Smile on us in doubts
and fears;
Bless us with thy tender care
Mother fair-est of the fair!

THE BENNETT IDEAL

Words by Carrie Robinson '33 Tune "Peggy O'Neil"

Bennett's Ideal
Is the girl who is real,
She's a friend ever loyal and true;
By her simple way,
She makes herself known to you.

CHORUS

If she greets you with a smile, She's the Bennett Ideal; Always doing things worthwhile, That's the Bennett Ideal. If she places her cares on the shelf, Thinks of others far more than herself If from the start She has love in her heart, Then, she's the Bennett Ideal.

You've heard it said
She's the girl who's well bred,
For her college she'll stand any
test;
Her motto is skill,
Her creed is good will,
And here's how you know her best;

CHORUS

If she smiles through thick and thin She's the Bennett Ideal; If she strives wholehearted to win, She's the Bennett Ideal; If she's honest and willing to share, If she's eager to do and to dare, Pep and vitality; Sweet personality; She's the Bennett Ideal.



SENIOR SUPERLATIVES FOR THE CLASS OF 1998

Most popular: CLASS OF 1998

Most Spirited: CARLA INGRAM

Best Dressed: ANGELA PRINCE

Bennett Ideal: JUANITA WILLIAMS

Nicest Smile: KANIKA BONAPARTE

Shortest: SHAWN WILLIS, SHELREE STEVENSON, LATAYA DAVIS

Tallest: ZULEMA SOCKWELL

Most Talented: JENNIFER BOONE, MARNELL HUGHES

Most Talkative: REGINA BIAS, AMBER BRADSHAW

Most Dedicated to Senior Class: KEISHA REED

Most Controversial: KISHA DODSON

Loudest: REGINA BIAS

Most Quiet: ALICE MASON, JUANITA WILLIAMS

Most Friendly: APRIL LANGLEY

Best Roommates: COURTNEY ALEXANDER AND MELISSA LAWSON

Most Studiest: AKILAH DUKES

Most Likely to Appear on Jerry Springer: KALILAH SALEEM

Best Tracks: MARNELL HUGHES

Best Braids: MICHELLE LESLIE

Most Curious: EBONY MASSENBURG, DENISE WADE, REBEKAH MELTON

Best Lawyer, Journalist, Teacher, Doctor, Chemist, Engineer, etc: CLASS OF 1998

My, My, My Time Sure Flys CAN YOU QUESS WHO IS WHO?











(1 - Jennifer Ajose; 2 - Belinda Speller; 3 - Ingrid McMillan 4 - A'Shauna

Tyler; 5 - Candace Taylor)

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT Class of 1998

- I, **Jennifer Ajose**, hereby leave my determination and willingness to succeed always under pressure. To all undergraduates, have fun and study hard. It will pay off when you graduate. Much prayer for my enemies and love to DST. Good luck Kadijia and Latoya on the fall show for Ecentrique, Inc. Finally to Tiffany S., I thank you for being there. So hard to be a TIGER! So easy to be a BELLE!
- l, **Belinda Speller**, leave to my Bennett sisters the encouragement to keep moving on and never give up. To the faculty and staff, I thank you for your continued support and encouragement. To my sorors of the Chi Gamma Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., I leave you much sisterly love and the continued support to strive for the best.
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- l, $Ingrid\ McMillan$, leave my Bennett sisters the will to endure life's obstacles as they unfold.
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l, **Kelly T. Cole**, hereby leave Sydney Brown room 225 (my side of the room); wack list (all my wack homeboys); bottle of champagne (times get hard); all my jokes, trips and falls; all my talent (raise the roof); I leave Kim Reid a key to 225 (my microwave); free oodles and noodles, snickers (may they satisfy you) and pepsi; A&T strip; pre-paid gas card for a Lexus; Long Islands (all you can drink; and Y & R. To my Sorors, Spring 98, I leave sisterhood, my stories, and my dance skills. Precious and Shannon, stay sweet and thanx for everything. To Nicole Newsome, I leave all my smiley faces. To Stacie Evans, I leave a big hug and a one way ticket up North. To Candice Brown, I leave a free subscription to the Wall Street Journal and to Courtney and Melissa, I leave freguent flyer miles to Atlanta. To Bennett, I leave all my love, school spirit and leadership. Thanx for 4 great years. I'll give back. "A mind is a terrible thing to waste".

I, **Keisha Reed**, leave to all my Bennett Sisters the strength and determination to achieve your goals. To the NO LIMIT Soldiers, have fun!









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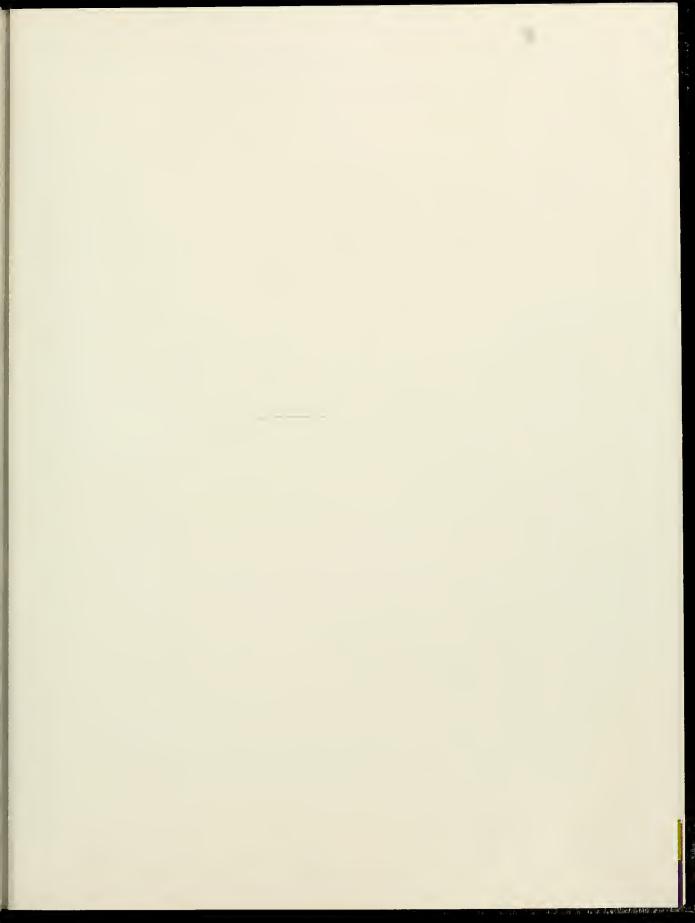
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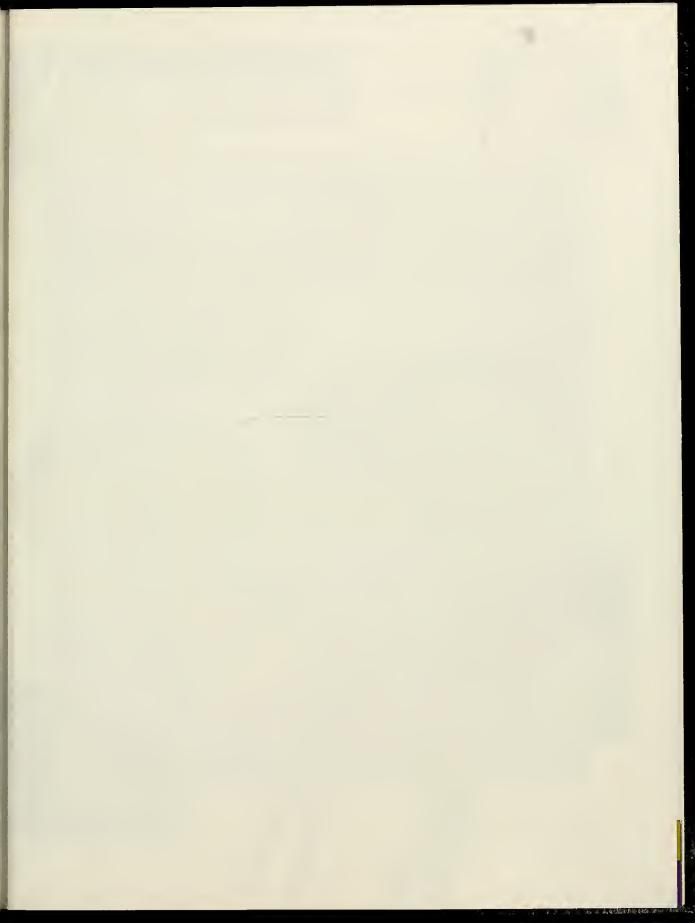
Thank you for your constant support in putting the 1997-98 Bennett Belle Yearbook together.

I will always be grateful for your companionship.

Wanda Davis, Yearbook Advisor









A 15-day school strike in Ontario, Canada, affects 2.1 million students. Late in October, 128,000 teachers walk out to protest a controversial bill that would alter educational funding and centralize government control of education.

Jan 1, 2000

Governments and businesses

key computer systems are

worldwide race to remedy the

"Year 2000" problem. Unless

reprogrammed to recognize dates

in the new century the world faces

the threat of catastrophic failure

in critical areas like banking, air safety, public utilities and defense. Asian economic turmoil triggers global unrest. In October, Hong Kong's stock market crashes. Asian countries receive billions in bailout dollars from the International Monetary Fund.



Hong Kong reverts to China at 12:01 a.m., July 1, after 156 years of British colonial rule. China says Hong Kong will continue its Western way of life and free-market economy.









Powerful earthquakes in central Italy kill 11 people and damage art treasures, including centuries-old frescoes by Italian Renaissance painters, in the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.

flash

Change sweeps Great Britain as Labor Party leader Tony Blair's landslide election in May 1997 ousts the Conservatives and makes Blair, at 44, Britain's youngest prime minister in 185 years.

Hurricane Pauline slams into Mexico's Pacific coast in October. causing flash floods, landslides and at least 200 fatalities. The resort city of Acapulco is heavily damaged.



The remains of Ernesto "Che" Guevara, martyred Marxist revolutionary, are laid to rest in Cuba in October, 30 years after his execution in Bolivia, where his bones recently had been found.



After 32 years of autocratic rule, President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire is deposed in May 1997 and later dies in exile. His successor, Laurent Kabila, changes Zaire's name to Democratic Republic of the Congo.



Halloween fever seizes France. At the base of the Eiffel Tower in Paris 8,000 pumpkins are displayed, and French children participate in an American-style Halloween celebration.

President Jiang Zemin of China meets for summit talks with President Bill Clinton in October, the first visit in 12 years of a Chinese leader to the U.S. During his stay, demonstrators protest China's treatment of Tibet.





The death of "the people's princess" generates an emotional outpouring of love and grief, evidenced by floral tributes heaped at Diana's Kensington Palace home.

Diana, Princess of Wales, one of the world's most famous and admired women, dies at 36 in a violent car crash in Paris on August 31.



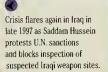
At the funeral, Elton John performs "Candle in the Wind 1997," rewritten in tribute to Diana. The recording quickly sells more than 35 million copies, becoming the best-selling single of all time. Sales proceeds benefit the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.





One of the most poignant images of Diana's funeral: her young sons following her coffin into Westminster Abbey.





mismanagement in North Korea create a severe familie. As many as a million North Koreans de of starvation.

Pope John Paul II visits Communist Cuba in lanuary 1998, the first time a pope has done so. During his five day vist the pope elebrates public masses and meets privately with President



In June, shortly before Diana's death, an auction of 79 of her evening gowns raises \$3.26 million for AIDS and cancer charities. Top price paid for a single gown: \$222,500.

National



Once-mighty Apple Computer is close to failure when arch-rival Bill Gates of Microsoft "rescues" it with a \$150 million bail-out in August. The event opens a new era of cooperation between formerly fierce competitors.

On July 23 suspected murderer Andrew Cunanan, 27, commits suicide in Miami Beach. Cunanan was the prime suspect in a cross-country killing spree that left five dead, including fashion designer Gianni Versace.



In April 1997, floods ravage the entire Red River Valley between Minnesota and the Dakotas. Ninety percent of downtown Grand Forks, North Dakota, is under water.





Americans join "Stop the Violence" campaigns nationwide in an attempt to generate awareness of and solutions to the problem of violence in America.



Jonathan Elderfield, Gamma Losson

Joe Camel is snuffed out as the Federal Trade Commission bans tobacco advertising aimed at minors and institutes sweeping tobacco advertising restrictions.





British nanny Louise Woodward, 19, is convicted in Massachusetts of murdering a child in her care. The judge later reduces the charge to impluntary manslaughter and releases her.



Timothy McVeigh is convicted of murder and conspiracy in June for the April 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City: McVeigh is later sentenced to death.

Theodore Kanzynski admits he is the Unaborsher responsible for killing 3 people and injuring 29 ers in an 18-year bombing raign. His lanuary 1998 guilty plea spares Karzynski the death pecally but condemns him to life in prison with no possibility

UPS workers take to the picket lines in an August strike lasting 15 days. The eventual settlement is seen as a major labor victory.



First Lt. Kelly Flinn accepts a general discharge from the Air Force, avoiding court-martial for lying about an affair and disobeving orders. Flinn had been the first and only female B-52 pilot in the service.

A rare urban tornado prowls through Miami on May 12, uprooting trees, shattering windows and snapping power lines. Fortunately, the storm inflicts only minor injuries.



Attorney General Janet Reno refuses to name an independent prosecutor to investigate Clinton administration fundraising, causing friction with FBI Director Louis Freeh.



Bobbi McCaughey, Carlisle, Iowa, gives birth November 19 to seven babies, the U.S.'s first living septuplets. McCaughey and her husband Kenny now have eight children.



Terry Nichols is found guilty of conspiracy and manslaughter in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. Nichols is spared a federal death sentence in January 1998, but still faces Oklahoma state charges.





UFO enthusiasts gather in Roswell, New Mexico, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the alleged UFO crash there in July 1947.





At the Internet/Online Summit in December, Vice President Al Gore announces government initiatives to protect young Internet users from online pornography.



Fast-food giant Burger King is forced to stop serving burgers when supplier Hudson Foods recalls 25 million pounds of hamburger suspected of contamination with E. coli bacteria. It is the biggest beef recall in U.S. history.

flash

The all-male Promise Keepers movement inspires praise and controversy for its message of spiritual revival and personal responsibility for men. In October, the group holds a giant rally in Washington, D.C.

Once-secret tape recordings of former presidents Kennedy and Nixon are released publicly. The tapes provide an unvamished, and sometimes unflattering, glimpse into the two presidents' actions and conversations in the White House.



On October 25, at least 300,000 African-American women gather in Philadelphia for the Million Woman March. Winnie Madikizela-Mandela is one of the speakers.



Science



Russia's aging Mir space station collides with an unmanned supply vehicle in June and is seriously damaged. This is only one in a series of crises casting doubt on the viability of the station.

Viewers worldwide see the first-ever high-resolution color pictures of Mars when the Pathfinder spacecraft lands July 4. The lander and its rover, Sojourner, collect and transmit extraordinary data for three months.







Research produces medical breakthroughs, including a genetically engineered "bullet" molecule being tested to fight cancer and new drugs to control or prevent Parkinson's disease, osteoporosis and congestive heart failure.

The popular diet regimen fen-phen is pulled off the market in September. The combination of fenfluramine and phentermine is shown to cause heart valve disorders, as is the diet drug Redux, also recalled.



For \$8.36 million, Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History buys "Sue," the most complete Tyrannosaurus rex fossil yet discovered. The sale occurs October 4 at Sotheby's in New York.



Scottish scientists in February 1997 announce the world's first cloning of an adult mammal. The sheep, named Dolly, fuels controversy over possible misuse of the technology.

flash

In September, CAT scans of petrified dinosaur eggs found in China reveal a dinosaur embryo.

Fuel cells that convert a fuel's energy directly into electricity are being developed for use in cars, making possible an efficient, low-emission car of the future.

The first prescription pill for male-pattern baldness is approved by the Food and Drug Administration in December. The drug Propecia is made by Merck and Company.



Aided by the Hubble Space Telescope, astronomers discover the Pistol Star-the brightest star yet observed in the Milky Way. The Pistol Star is 25,000 light years from Earth.

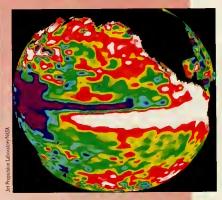
Comet Hale-Bopp captures imaginations worldwide as it streaks past Earth for the first time in 4,200 years—or, since 2203 B.C. Hale-Bopp next returns in 4397.

> In December, 159 nations gather in Kyoto, Japan, and negotiate a climate treaty to combat global warming by

reducing greenhouse gases.



On October 13, the British jet car Thrust SSC becomes the first vehicle to break the sound barrier on land, traveling 766.6 miles per hour in the Nevada desert.



El Niño stirs up global weather patterns. Caused by warmer-thannormal water temperatures in the equatorial Pacific, the '97 El Niño is blamed for storms and weather problems worldwide.



The Food and Drug Administration approves a dental laser for treating cavities. Unlike traditional dental drills, the laser in most cases causes virtually no discomfort.



flash

Premier Laser Systems, Inc



Protesters unsuccessfully attempt to prevent the October launch of NASA's Cassini spacecraft to Saturn, fearing an accident could shower the Earth with the rocket's radioactive plutonium.



Riven, the long-awaited computer adventure game sequel to Myst, proves to be just as popular and even more sophisticated visually than its

Hong Kong authorities in December order the slaughter of more than a million chickens in an

effort to halt the spread of a bird flu virus that killed six people.

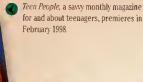
The space shuttle Columbia releases the errant Sportan satellite in November. U.S. astronaut Winston Scott and Takao Doi, the first Japanese astronaut to do a space walk, retrieve the satullite for return to Earth.



French oceanographer and award-winning filmmaker Jacques Cousteau dies in June at 87. His work gained renown through the popular television series "The Undersea World

of Jacques Cousteau."

Lifestyle





Fashion advertising and clothing trends inspire the popularity of the color orange, which replaces neon green as the fad color of the year.



In October, a cyberfashion show at the M.I.T. Media Lab Wearable Symposium features fashions with built-in computer devices and electronic hardware. M.I.T. students designed the high-tech fashions.



Princess Diana tribute merchandise abounds, including a double CD set and a new Beanie Baby named Princess, a royal purple bear adorned with a rose. Profits benefit the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.



Fashion looks to the Far East. The stick-on bindi, a tiny decorative accent worn in the middle of the forehead, is popularized by Gwen Stefani, lead singer of the band No Doubt.



flash



This year's look in cosmetics is glimmering, sparkling and colorful. Riding this wave, cosmetics giant Christian Dior introduces Mascara Flash, temporary hair color in a variety of outrageous tints.



Platform shoes, a fashion statement during the disco '70s, make a style comeback in a big way in 1997, inspiring even platform sneakers. Nike introduces a new "I Can" advertising campaign on New Year's Day. The company does not plan to abandon its "Just Do It" slogan, introduced in 1985, which will continue to appear on F-shirts and postars.

Diet Scent Patches are introduced in June by Slimline, a British company. Designed to help people diet successfully, the small arm stickers produce an unpleasant odor to discourage the wearer from eating sweets.



"Two Fat Ladies" becomes the Food Network's hottest new cooking show in the U.S., attracting fans with its unconventional British stars, two overweight, middle-aged women. The Chevrolet Corvette is named Motor Trend magazine's 1998 Car of the Year.



A new \$50 bill featuring a larger, off-center portrait of President Ulysses S. Grant is unveiled in October. Design details make the bill more difficult to forge.



Mattel introduces Share a Smile Becky in May 1997. Seated in a bright pink wheelchair, the doll is marketed as a friend to the traditional Barbie.



Mehndi, intricate designs painted on the body with henna dye, is a popular expression of the fashion trend toward Eastern themes and patterns.



Softer Hairstyle

Smaller Chest

Larger Waist
Smaller Hips —

After nearly 40 years, Mattel's Barbie doll

takes on a more realistic face and body shape than the Barbie of the '60s. The new doll will begin to appear in stores in early 1998.

Digital "pets" are a 1997 toy craze. These virtual critters keep their owners busy by beeping when they need care or feeding. If ignored, they "die."



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and Boggle.



As many as 700 school districts unformide teach "emoboual indefinience," atming to develop children's values and people skirts as well as their minds.

Beepers are a status symbol and a blestyle must have for many tecus jug-ding school activities. More than 40 million becopers are carried in the U.S., an estimated 25 percent of them by people between the axes of 12 and 24. In some schools, brepers are forbidden as disruptive.



Canada issues a Superhero postage stamp series that includes a 45-cent stamp featuring the colorful, comic-book image of Superman.

Lifestyle

Entertainment



The Lost World, Steven Spielberg's Jurassic Park sequel, breaks summer box-office records everwhere. It earns \$229 million in the U.S.

ABC's gritty police drama "NYPD Blue" remains one of the most popular one-hour dramas on television in 1997, capturing four Emmy Awards.





Jerry Seinfeld, creator and star of the NBC hit "Seinfeld," announces in December that the 1997-1998 season is the show's last. The final episode airs in May, ending the popular show's nine-year run.



Comedian Chris Farley dies at 33 of a drug overdose on December 18. He starred in NBC's "Saturday Night Live" and movies including Tommy Boy and Beverty Hills Ninja.



Horror films draw teenagers to the box office. I Know What You Did Last Summer, starring Jennifer Love Hewitt and Sarah Michelle Gellar, is one of the year's biggest attractions.



In its second season, the WB's campy sitcom "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" blossoms into a huge favorite with many viewers.

Jenny McCarthy stars in a new fall NBC comedy "Jenny" that, in January 1998, goes into hiatus only a few months into its first season. McCartfry had been an MTV personality before moving to the network.



Fox network launches "King of the Hill," an animated show that focuses on the lives of a propane dealer from Texas and his family, The show goes on to become a smash hit.



Scream 2, the chilling hit sequel to Scream, is a wildly successful mix of carnage and comedy starring Neve Campbell, Jerry O'Connell, Tori Spelling, Jada Pinkett and a host of other stars.



Critically acclaimed Amistad. directed by Steven Spielberg, tells the story of an 1839 slave ship mutiny. The film culminates years of effort by producer Debbie Allen to bring the story to life.

Sacred" and "Teen Angel."



Titanic is a huge critical and box-office success. The movie event of the year, this \$200 million picture is the most costly in history. After 45 days in the theaters, Titanic had earned \$308 million.



Star Wars captures a new generation of fans when George Lucas re-releases the film trilogy 20 years after the first film was shown. In Washington, D.C., the National Air and Space Museum mounts a huge exhibition of now-historic Star Wars artifacts.



Michael Flatley's pulsating show "Lord of the Dance" fuels the extraordinary popularity of Irish dance. The show tours 15 cities in the U.S. through October.

In the fall, Fox debuts "Ally McBeal," a comedy/drama starring Calista Flockhart as a young Boston attorney. The show captures a Golden Globe Award in January 1998 for best series/musical or comedy.





Matt Damon stars as an attorney in The Rainmaker, a movie based on the John Grisham novel. Damon's successes also include the film Good Will Hunting.



flash

The Wonderful World of Disney presents its adaptation of "Nodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella" on ABC, starring Brandy as Cinderella and Whitney Houston as the Fairy Godmother.

Tomorrow Never Dies, starring Pierce Brosman as 007, is a holiday hox office hit and confirms the enduring popularity of James Board movies.



The 1997 season premiere episode of "ER" is broadcast live and draws 42.7 million viewers for NBC, including those who watch it on a giant screen in Times Square.

Entertainment



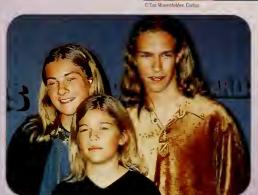
Fiona Apple. 20, one of rock's female superstars, is named MTV's Best New Artist in a Video. Her single "Criminal" soars to the top of the charts.

Chumbawamba's hit single "Tubthumping" brings long-awaited success to this British band. The song becomes popular at pro sports events, kicking off games for several teams.



Rap artist the Notorious B.I.G. is killed in a March 1997 drive-by shooting in Los Angeles. He is posthumously awarded MTV's 1997 Best Rap Video Award for "Hypnotize" and is named Spin magazine's Artist of the Year.





With their hit single "MMMBop," three young brothers from Tulsa become one of the biggest breakthrough acts of 1997 as the band Hanson.



Lilith Fair, an all-female summer rock concert, draws large crowds on its 37-stop tour. Canadian singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan masterminds the festival and releases a hit album, Surfacing.





Country music superstar Garth Brooks releases Sevens, his first album in two years. The album sells 800,000 copies the first week.



Walk This Way: The Autobiography of Aerosmith chronicles the long career of the band notorious for its excesses in the '70s and '80s. The group's new album Nine Lives is nominated for a 1998 Grammy.

Drummer Bill Berry leaves R.E.M. after 17 years with the popular rock group. R.E.M. plans to continue as a trio.

Kenny G enters the Gumness Book of World Records for hold in the longest musical note—45 minut 47 seconds—on his savophone.



Smash Mouth popularizes a genre of alternative rock known as neo-ska with its hit single "Walkin" on the Sun" and debut album Fush Yu Mang.

British pop phenomenon, the Spice Girls, makes millions with mega-hits such as "Wannabe" and sells 14 million albums and 10 million singles.



Adam Yauch of the Beastie Boys engineers the second Tibetan Freedom Concert, held in June in New York, offering 27 music acts and a free-Tibet political message.



Third Eye Blind, after several years in San Francisco's underground music scene, goes by time in 1997. Their song "Semi-Charmed Life" is listed as the top-selling modern rock single for 1997 in Billboard magazine.



OSteve Jennings, Corbis

The album No Way Out by Puff Daddy & the Family goes multiplatinum. Puffy's single "I'll Be Missing You," an elegy to his friend the Notorious B.I.G.,

also tops the charts.

Sixteen-year-old R&B phenom Jonny Lang opens for the Rolling Stones' fall tour and spends 16 weeks at No. 1 on Billboard's blues chart with his album Lie to Me.

producer songwriter singer, receives more 1998 Grammy nominations than any other artist, including one for his album *The Day*. Edmonds and wife Tracey also produce the film *Soul Food* in 1997.



ODavid Corio, Retna



At 15, country music sensation LeAnn Rimes sells more than 12.5 million recordings in the U.S. in 1997 and is named *Billboard* Music Awards Artist of the Year. Her single "How Do I Live" is one of the year's best sellers.



Radiohead is Spin magazino's Band of the Year. Oritics praise Radiohead's album ON Computer, variously described as haunting, revolting, inscrutalée, stunning and gorpeous. The album receives a 1996 Grammy nomination for Rock/Pop Album of the Year.

Metallica releases a seventh album, Re-Load, that confirms its position as the premier heavy-metal band in

the music world.

Music

Sports



Quarterback John Elway leads the Denver Broncos to a 31-24 victory over the Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl XXXII in San Diego, January 25, 1998. It is Elway's first Super Bowl win in four appearances. In July, 16-year-old Swiss tennis star Martina Hingis becomes the youngest Wimbledon champion since 1887. Hingis wins three of the four 1997 Grand Slam events.



GE

The Florida Marlins are baseball's 1997 World Series champs and the first team ever to win the Series without winning its league pennant. The Marlins defeat the Cleveland Indians in seven games.



Mike Tyson bites off part of Evander Holyfield's ear and is disqualified in the WBA Heavyweight rematch in June 1997. Tyson is fined nearly \$3 million and his boxing license is revoked.



Reuters/Archive Photos

Tiger Woods, 21, becomes the youngest golfer ever to win the Masters Tournament. His 18-under-par score sets a Masters record. Woods wins 3 other tournaments and sets a PGA Tour earnings record of \$2.1 million for the season.



Pittsburgh Penguins' Mario Lemneux retures in April 1997 after a spectacular comeback from Hodgkin's disease and injury. Lemieux is elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in September.



In April 1997, the premier issue of Sports Illustrated Women hits the newsstands. The magazine reflects the explosive growth of female participation in sports. flash

Swedish golfing phenomenon Annika Sorenstam, 26, tops the LPGA earnings list in 1997 with a record \$1,236,789.

Professional sports salaries keep skyrocketing. One of the most publicized of 1997 is Kevin Garnett's \$126 million contract to play basketball for the Minnesota Timbe rwolves.



 Charles Woodson, Michigan's versatile junior cornerback, becomes the first primarily defensive player to win the Heisman Trophy, awarded in December.





The Chicago Bulls beat the Utah Jazz in June 1997 for their fifth NBA championship in seven years. Michael Jordan is chosen Finals MVP a record fifth time.



When the college football season ends, two teams share the national championship. Michigan (12-0) is named No. 1 by the sports writers' poll, and Nebraska (13-0) by the coaches' poll.

Nagano, Japan, hosts the 1998 Winter Olympic Games during February. Three new medal sports make their Olympic debut: curling, snowboarding and women's ice hockey.

Detroit Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman powers his team to the 1997 Stanley Cup championship, its first in 42 years, by sweeping the Philadelphia Flyers in four games.





championship win over the New York Liberty caps the 1997 season.

Women officiate in an all-male professional sports league for the first time. The pioneers, Dee Kanter and Violet Palmer, are referees in the NBA.

Mark McGwire, of the St. Louis Cardinals, slams 52 homers in 1996 and 58 in 1997. McGwire becomes only the second player in basehall history with back-to-back, 50-home-run scasons, the other being Babe Ruth.



Dean Smith, winningest coach in college basketball history, retires in October after 36 seasons at North Carolina. Sports Illustrated names him 1997 Sportsman of the Year.

Faces

Chelsea Clinton begins her freshman year at Stanford

University in Palo Alto, California. Despite security measures, she reportedly will lead as normal a college life as possible. Miss Illinois, Katherine Shindle, is crowned Miss America 1998. For the first time in its 77-year history the pageant allows contestants to wear two-piece swimsuits in competition.



Beloved actor Jimmy Stewart dies in July at 89. Stewart's enduring nice-guy popularity is exemplified by It's a Wonderful Life, his 1946 movie that is now an American cultural icon.



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. T. MacMillan, Satt Diego L'mon-Tribune

Roman Catholic nun Mother Teresa of Calcutta dies September 5 at the age of 87. Revered for a lifetime of helping the poorest of the poor, her many honors include the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize.



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Russian Garry Kasparov in a six-game match in May 1997.

Former leader of the Soniet Umon Mikhail Gorbachev films a TV commercial for Pizza Hut. He reportedly earns \$1 million for the appearance, money he plans to use to benefit his Gorbachev Foundation.

Singer John Deriver dies in October at 53 when the experimental plane be is piloting crashes into California's Monterey Bay.



American Jory Williams and the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines are awarded the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize in October. The U.S. and China refuse to sign an international treaty that would ban land mines.



Ted Turner, vice chairman of the Time Warner media empire, pledges \$1 billion to United Nations programs. It is the largest single gift in philanthropic history.



Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, appears in ads as a spokesperson for Weight Watchers International. She is the former wife of England's Prince Andrew.





