

Bennett Honors Greensboro Authors

By DARWIN PRIOLEAU

The staff of Holgate Library recently honored 51 Greensboro area college writers to a program in chapel. Included was an autograph session for Rev. Peter E. A. Addo's, new book, Ghana Folk Tales. These stories are brief, humorous, and highly imaginative, using animals and insects of the field and forest as their main characters.

Rev. Addo, inspired by his wife, had these stories published because he felt that his friends had forgotten the old stories told in this book. The world of TV and modern entertainment has almost completely replaced the entertainment of storytelling in the home. He felt that this was one means by which our black heritage could be shown and appreciated. He went on to say, "Like every other race, black people do have stories about their heroes, but our stories are more philosophi-



REV. P.E.A. ADDO

cal, usually telling about nature and humans."

Rev. Addo is currently working on a new manuscript, African Di-

plomat. He explained that in Africa today, modern technology is slowly breaking up families. His new book will be a satire on some of these problems.

He hopes that his novel will encourage meeting the modern but keeping some of the past. Rev. Addo is also working on an anthology of African poetry illustrated by Mr. James McMillian. He is tentatively calling it Talking Drums.

In reference to Ghana Folk Tales, he says: "It is a good book for all black mothers and fathers to read and give to their children because it shows our strong black heritage."

Harry Golden of Charlotte, former editor of the Carolina Israelite and one of America's best known authors was speaker for the occasion honoring the authors. Mr. Golden was making his second appearance at Bennett in as many years.



Harry Golden, visiting author, discusses his works with Bennett librarian, Mrs. Barbara Bryan, following his General Assembly address.

Ike-Bennett's Roving Photographer

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You've probably noticed a young man taking pictures on campus this year. If so, it was probably Dwight Davis, known to many as "Ike." Dwight, a junior at A&T

State University, is working out of the Public Relations Department as a photographer here.

Dwight, a native of Winston-Salem, first became interested in photography in high school, where he was encouraged by a teacher who used him as an apprentice. He is the chief photographer for the A&T Register, but his job at Bennett is his first paid job in this regard. Ike is majoring in engineering physics at A&T. He plans to go to graduate school and obtain a Ph.D. in theoretical physics and teach at a college or university. However, he does admit that there is a chance that he may go into photography as a semi-professional. He often thinks about opening a small studio and doing portrait work.

However, if he does it will just be a part time job while he works on his masters degree and his Ph.D. Though photography is important to him, a good education is even more important.

It can be seen by most of his pictures that Ike prefers people as his subjects and is obviously the type of guy that works well with others. He hopes that next year he will be able to instruct a course in photography for interested students here at Bennett. If you talk to him once you will probably become interested, because his love of photography seems to "rub off" on anyone who talks to him.

What does he do in his spare time? "Photography, the school paper and studying takes up 85-90 per cent of my time," he said, but I do find time for tennis, swimming and, of course, girl watching." By the way girls, presently Dwight doesn't have a steady girlfriend.



Foreign students, who are studying at Western College, Oxford Ohio, visited Bennett College recently. Shown above modeling their native costumes are (standing, left to right) Chanda Chanyapate from

Thailand, Janny Hadinata from Indonesia, Taposhi Lee from India, and Ruth Mbelle from South Africa and (seated) Maria Maldonado from Peru and Saeeda Nasser from Kenya.

Foreign Students Feel At Home In The South

The foreign students who graced our campus with their warm, friendly personalities April 14, 15, and 16, were feted at the President's Reception held at his house Tuesday evening. The eight girls are students at Western College in Oxford, Ohio, our sister all girl school.

At the reception, the visitors had a chance to meet with the Bennett faculty and some students. What follows is a conglomeration (for lack of a better word) of some of the comments and ideas expressed by the girls.

Maria Bustillo of Columbia finds the U.S. very hard to generalize geographically or population wise. She commented that after taking a cross-country trip, "Here in the United States you

have so many different things; I find it hard to generalize--you have mountains, you have water and you have the dry land." And the people! She finds them even more diversified. "They are all so different," she added expressing her sincerity through her voice, facial expression and hand gestures. "In my country of Columbia, when you meet one Columbian you have met all Columbia. Columbia is small, it's just not like here. Maria found it hard to just say what she thought of the U.S. since it varied so much. She, in her friendly smiling way expressed her amazement at this first meeting with the Southern Negro. As a school, she finds Bennett much like Western; but the people are so different. She

explained that if she were back at school at a similar reception "everybody would be whispering like somebody was dead," but "here--all the noise; people really enjoying themselves. It is like at home, we are lively, like you here. We keep lots of noise." Maria explained how she felt out of place and uncomfortable when she first got to Western. "I like to play my music loud, but nobody liked it. I had to turn it down. I felt like I was "dying" on the inside. Here, it's like at home. Today, on stage I forgot some of my yells because I hadn't done them in so long."

When told that the Bennett students were glad they made her feel at home, she grimaced and said, "I'm not, it just makes it

harder to go back."

"During holidays, I have lived in different homes for the day or the weekend, but each time it's an upper or middle class family. I have always wanted to live with a low income family. But I guess it's only those that can afford an extra person. With this Maria's expression was one of hopelessness.

Chanda Chonyapate from Thailand had this to say about America: "With all the different people in Thailand, we can always tell an American from the others. We like Americans better than the British; they are friendlier."

When asked about the comparison she would draw between the American GI and the American in

general that she has had the chance to observe since she has been in the U.S. she laughed and sincerely said that she finds Americans are really "conscious of the image we have of them that is given by the American tourist. We like Americans."

When asked why she chose Western, Lorna Ribinson of Jamaica explained that each year the school gives one girl from her country a scholarship and she received it. She laughed and said, "it was luck, that's all."

The girls concluded the night with hardy words of appreciation.

These are a few of the comments that were heard by the "little birdie" and passed on to you.