

## Eady Plans Absurd Theatre Presentation to Begin Year

by Katie Gailles

Attention all ye lovers of "fine art" and choice entertainment. "Fredeady" has meticulously prepared a terrific, tantalizing, tasty morsel of theatre art, written by Harold Pinter.

The chef and phantom of the theatre, Mr. Fred Eady, Bennett drama instructor and producer, describes his first treasure of the fall semester as an "Absurd drama" about how people take their experiences and let them give meaning to their lives. The play violates the rules of realistic drama in that it has no distinctive plot. It captures the lives of three people, two of whom married each other, who meet again after 20 years and talk about "old times."

"Old Times" is Eady's official Absurd play of the year. It is one among a variety of stage perspectives that he will conjure up just to "tickle your fancy."

Eady has never before done anything by Harold Pinter, but according to Clive Barnes of the New York Times "This is a vintage Pinter, delicate and musical. It will enchant, stimulate and delight all."

It is written, "Good things come in small packages." The cast of "Old Times" is a perfect example of this. The role of Kate is portrayed by Norma Jeffries, a sophomore drama major from Athens, Georgia. Norma was very active in her high school drama club and would like to make acting a career. The character Kate particularly appealed to her. Kate is a very discreet jet-setter, a "behind closed doors" lady. Watch out Norma!

It's a family affair! From Montgomery, Alabama, freshman ISP student and sister of senior, Bobbetta Jones, Cassandra fulfills the part of the mysterious, rich, jet-setter, Anna. Cassandra was also

active in her high school drama club and says Anna appealed to her because she is different from anything else she's done, yet possesses some of her own characteristics. They share the trait of a "very changeable personality."

Despite her stage talent and Poise, Cassandra's primary interest currently points toward law. I am quite sure her acting experience will come in handy.

Last but certainly not least, I present the male member of the cast, Donald Earl Webster, "Bennett maintenance technician, actor, musician, and poet," originally from Detroit, Michigan.

Donald appeared in the 1973 fall production, the smash hit "Black Girl," as Earl and liked the character so much that he adopted the name permanently. He also rehearsed for "The Old Maid and the Thief," the opera miniature presented on October 4th and 5th.

In "Old Times" Donald portrays Deeley, Kate's husband. Deeley is a big-time movie producer and a seasoned man-of-the-world.

Donald, eagerly volunteering information, explained, "Why do I like Deeley? He is a challenge. I like a challenge because I have an ego to satisfy. Y'see, I want to be a star. I've always wanted to be an actor. I believe a person should find his talent and use it to its fullest, regardless of his age; but I don't want to go to Hollywood. I dig doing my thing right here, trying to contribute to the happiness of the school as a whole. My first love is my job... it brings the bacon home."

What more can I say?! You've read the menu. If you dig the nicer, spicier things in life, you'll savor every minute of:

"Old Times"

October 17, 18, & 19  
at 8:00 p.m.

## Opera Workshop Presented by Music Students

This fall, the Music Department has been working to develop an Opera Workshop, and now after three weeks of work, the members of the workshop are ready. The first production of the season was October 4-5, at 8 p.m. in the Little Theatre.

The Workshop, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Jane Crawford, performed excerpts from the following operas: "The Marriage of Figaro," by Mozart; "The Old Maid and the Thief," by Menotti; "Porgy and Bess," by Gershwin and "Down in the Valley," by Weill.

Most of the performers are from the Bennett community: Bonita Chavis, Joyce Bass, Deborah Tolls, Diane Lively, Denise Richardson, Sandra Johnson, Priscilla Lemons, Shelia Sammons and Sherrie Hill. There are also members of the cast who are not from Bennett. They are: Michael Washington, tenor from UNC-Greensboro; Derk Thomas, Baritone from A&T.

Mrs. Crawford says, "This is just the beginning of many musical performances. We here at the Bennett College Music Department are aiming for a campus musical in the near future, with campus wide participation. A large scale production involving the Dance Group, the Speech Department and the Music Department is our goal."

The members of the workshop are hoping for cooperation from their fellow students and from the faculty.

## Home Economics Had Open House Oct. 3

Home economics majors, minors, faculty and guests gathered to get acquainted in the Home Economics Department on Thursday, October 3, at an open house.

The highlight of the gathering was a video tape of a program involving Bennett home economics majors which had been seen on WFMY-TV (Channel 2) last July 4. The program, Sandra and Friends, featured interviews with six majors who graduated in 1974. The six students had co-authored a book, "Time for Design," about undergraduate experiences in their major.

The six were Marilyn Gore Duanne Hoffler, Valerie Moore, Gwendolyn Hill, Carol Hughes, and Sharon Neal.

Mrs. Louise Streat, department chairman, also announced that fliers advertising the book written by the students had been sent to 200 colleges and universities with large home economics departments. The department hopes to sell a substantial number of copies of the book, which sells for \$5.50. Proceeds from the sales will be used for the physical improvement of the Home Economics Department.

## Student Sees America From European View

"The most important fact I gathered from my European trip was that I learned about America and saw myself in a new light," stated Gwendolyn McLean.

"I discovered that Americans are actually unaware of each other and know so little about their neighbors."

Gwendolyn, a senior from Wilson, North Carolina, participated in the Association of Colleges and Universities for Intercultural, International Studies Program at Graz Institute in Austria. Bennett College is one of the twenty-four participating institutions.

"Most people experience cultural shock when in a new environment. It's necessary to accept the environment for what it is," the political science major explained.

"Though the European life styles and customs are different, if one enters with an open mind, the experience becomes more meaningful."

She added that most Americans view things in a western frame of mind.

"I constantly heard Americans questioning why the money system could not be changed to make it easier or why they could not adopt our lifestyle for the comfort."

While in Europe, Gwendolyn visited Yugoslavia, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and studied in Austria.

"My courses of study included Eastern European Contributions to Clinical Psychology, and Comparative Austrian and American Law."

"The scarcity of blacks in these countries of Eastern Europe was interesting. I experienced gaping stares, and outright stroking and caressing," Gwendolyn said.

"But that was more amusing than offensive."

Gwendolyn McLean enjoyed her summer experience.

"I saw what I'd been reading about or hearing of first hand in the historical monuments, the people and their culture."

## Swiss Student Has Little Time for the Extra Curricular

by Dawn Holder

Beatrice Stork of Winterthur, Switzerland, has very little time to enjoy life at Bennett to its fullest because she carries nineteen hours. She is majoring in Spanish, even though she has never studied Spanish. She speaks three languages — German, French, and English. German is her native language.

She would like to have joined the Dance Club. She enjoys such dances as the tango, and rhumba. She thinks that young people would enjoy these kind of dances if they only would try it. She has



Beatrice enjoys fall day at her new home.

never seen "the bump." Her other hobbies include swimming, skiing, horseback riding, reading, music and walking. She also likes to travel.

Beatrice was traveling when she received her scholarship. She and a girl friend had been working as waitresses in the western part of Switzerland. They decided last summer to spend their whole summer traveling. Before they left on their vacation, she applied for a scholarship to Bennett. They had intended to travel to Great Britain first and then to Greece. She received her scholarship before she reached Greece. Her girl friend went on alone and she came here to Bennett.

When Beatrice was asked about her future plans, she replied, "I plan to see as much of America as I can and work with the Red Cross after graduating." In fact she plans to go to Washington, D. C. for Thanksgiving, New York for Christmas, and California for the summer.

What Beatrice likes most about Bennett is the chapel, the scenery, and the people. She doesn't like the way food, electricity, and petrol (gasoline) are wasted. She said, "When food is wasted, we should think of the people who don't have food. We should think of the people who don't have electricity or petrol."

She would like to verify the fact that it is not always cold in Switzerland; actually it is very hot in the summer.

## Some Bennett Faculty Members Discuss Their Life Styles

The Bennett College Debate Club sponsored an informal "Rap Session" on Thursday, Sept. 19, 1974, at 7:00 p.m. in the Black Hall Assembly concerning life styles for women.

The panel was compiled of Mrs. Effie Miller, the College President's wife, and Mrs. Alma Adams who is head of the Art Department.

The discussion began with the introduction of panelists by The Debate Club's President, Paula Peterson, and then with each panelist expressing their life styles as women.

Mrs. Miller, the mother of five children, said, "her life isn't as hectic, it's a very good life but yet demanding." Due to activities on campus, Mrs. Miller mentioned that in many instances she must forfeit her duties as a parent. She has a social and cultural schedule which include thirty-six various clubs and organizations. She said that she must play the supportive role in her family and that includes her husband. She also expressed that she "must maintain a strong arm in the family" because her husband's obligation takes him from home quite frequently.

Mrs. Adams who considers herself as being a liberated woman of today has been married for 9 yrs. and is the mother of two children. Mrs. Adams said, that she enjoys working at her job, and that she has never had a job that she didn't like. According to Mrs. Adams she is a very determined individual, because in high school she was advised by her counselor not to attend college. Mrs. Adams told the audience that she could not just settle at being a housewife. Two of her best sports are skating and tennis.

## Phys. Ed. Majors Attend Conference

Eighteen physical education majors from Bennett attended the State Physical Education Student Majors convention on October 4 and 5 at High Point College and presented a program on "Value Clarification in Physical Education: An Approach to Humanistic Education."

Wanda Cobb, a senior physical education major at Bennett, is presently the secretary to the state organization. Ms. Cobb directed the session on values at the student conference and will represent Bennett College and the student majors' organization at the North Carolina Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation convention in November.

Major highlights of the Student Majors Convention included workshops and lecture sessions on instructional media, on methods of teaching large groups with limited facilities and on techniques of dance, gymnastics, golf and archery. Representatives from thirteen colleges from North Carolina presented parts of the program. Extra-recreational highlights included a banquet and dance for all participants.

Those students who attended from Bennett College were as follows: Freddy Harding, Pamela Jones, Freddy Spencer, Bernie Sisco, Terri Morris, Sheryl Brooks, Patsy Harper, Delores Scott, Sylvia Miller, Denise Cooke, Gayla Kelly, Kathy Mussington, Aggie Jackson, Vanessa Curry, Athavia Jackson, Kris Dennard.

The major's convention is completely student operated and organized. The only assistance is from the faculty advisers from the different institutions. This provides an opportunity for undergraduate students to enter the professional field early in their educational careers and to assume different leadership roles.

## Ebony Fashion Fair Sponsored by Deltas

The Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta is sponsoring an "Ebony Fashion Show" which is to be held at The Greensboro Coliseum Memorial Auditorium on Oct. 17, 1974 at 8:00 p.m.

The funds raised will be used for scholarships to high school students and also to "enhance college funds for Deltas," said Mrs. Amelia Thomas who is an Instructor in our Music Department.

Professional models will participate in the program. There are expected to be 8 females and 2 males modeling the fashions. Mrs. Thomas explained the significance of having male participants was to encourage men to attend the show.

Adult tickets are \$8.00; student tickets are \$4.00 plus a 6 month subscription to Ebony Magazine.

## BSHPC To Visit Campus Oct. 18

The Black Students Health Professions Coalition of the University of Florida will be on campus Friday, October 18.

Their purpose is to recruit minority students for the fields of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing Pharmacy, Health related Professions, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy. They will be recruiting in the Union from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.