

# United Negro College Fund Drive On

by Joyce Bass

The United Negro College Fund, Incorporated (UNCF), a national permanent organization, was incorporated April 25, 1944 under the Membership Corporation Law of the State of New York.

The purpose of the Fund is to benefit its member institutions. In pursuit of this general purpose, the UNCF Fund does the following:

1. Organizes and administers educational programs and services of mutual benefit to the member institutions;
2. Serves as a center of information concerning the higher education of blacks in the United States.

## 41 Colleges Belong

At present, there are 41 colleges and universities that are members of the Fund. To be eligible for membership, an institution must be a non-profit, private, four-year college, university or professional school operated solely for educational or scientific purposes.

All except one of the UNCF institutions are located in the South. Seven are in Georgia; six each in North Carolina and Texas, five in Alabama, four in Tennessee, three in South Carolina, two each in Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida and Virginia and one each in Arkansas and Ohio.

**Six Offer Graduate Work**  
Six UNCF schools offer

graduate training: Atlanta University, Fisk University, Interdenominational Theological Center, Tuskegee Institute, Virginia Union University and Xavier University.

Corporate and business executives more and more recognize UNCF schools as a source for educated and trained manpower. As a result corporate recruiting on UNCF campuses has greatly increased during the past ten years.

The fund has announced that it will continue to do so as long as the economic progress and prosperity of this country is dependent on the available supply of educated human resources trained in physics, biochemistry, engineering, computer science,

business administration, accounting and industrial management.

## Bennett Benefits

Bennett College is a UNCF college. Last year, students contributed \$2,160 to UNCF from campus solicitation. For every one dollar that we as students earn, we receive five dollars from UNCF.

Last year, ten Bennett students received UNCF scholarships. The basis on which the selection for these scholarships is made is financial need, state, major, overall grade point average and in some cases there are no restrictions.

## Bennett Scholarships

This year, 13 Bennett students have been awarded

UNCF scholarships. These recipients are: Deborah Tillman, Donna Caldwell, Cathy Breeding, Judith Britt, Sherlene McCarther, Cheryl Langford, Debra Hodges, Judy Bunyon Darby, Sheree Johnson and Bettye Phifer.

UNCF's motto is one which you've heard quite often, and its purpose is very much a part of the slogan, "A Mind Is A Terrible Thing To Waste."

## BC Has Annual UNCF Luncheon

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On Thursday, October 28, the annual United Negro College Fund luncheon was held. At this luncheon, all of the presidents of campus organizations as well as campus leaders were present.

The UNCF Campaign schedule is as follows:

... November 8-10 LINK, Incorporated will sponsor a UNCF Phon-a-Thon at Ciba-Geigy from 7-9 p.m.

... November 10 Corporate Luncheon Greensboro City Club

... November 14 Designated as UNCF Sunday

It is hoped that campus solicitation by Bennett students will be very successful this year, since last year the response was a favorable one. Each year, students are asked to solicit patrons and get contributions to the UNCF Scholarship Fund while at home during the Thanksgiving holiday and during the days they are free by canvassing the surrounding community.

The activities and services of the Fund are entirely for the benefit of its member institutions. These activities consist of not just solicitation, but also of campaigns for securing contributions and bequests.

## Off-Campus Belles Exhibit Agression

by Faye A. Howard

Bennett students are academically aggressive in off-campus classes; "preparedness" has enabled them to compete effectively.

Marguerite Foddrell, a political science major says that her course in Constitutional Law at A&T is stimulating because "competition with males is unlike competition with females, especially if you've attended a predominantly female institution for eight years."

She states that in the entire class, there are only two females—Bettye Phifer, another Bennett student and herself.

She indicated that the males tended to dominate the class discussions and this gave her a greater incentive to express herself verbally.

### Drive Counts in Competing

A professional history major, Marsha Greene, stated that the course in Non-Western Cultures taken at Guilford College proved that she "definitely could compete at any institution because all it takes is the drive and the inclination."

She too, felt that the men tended to dominate the class discussions.

She admits that she was somewhat apprehensive and a little nervous about taking a course off-campus at first. However, after several class meetings, she found

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## 49 Students Honored at Convocation

by "Kool Aid" Bartley

The Fifteenth Annual Fall Honors Convocation was held November 4 in the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel with President Isaac Miller presiding.

President Miller stated that the purpose of the Honors Convocation is "to emphasize the issue of excellence. The focus is not just on the young women who have performed, but to inspire excellence among students at Bennett College."

Dr. Jimmy L. Williams, Professor of English and chairman of the Department of English at North Carolina A&T State University, gave the convocation address.

Using as his subject "A Time To Be Intellectual," Dr. Williams challenged students to "attempt more." He said, "To those who could have been honor students, and desire to be honor students, I say look to what can be. What's done is done; it cannot be undone. Don't waste your energies lamenting what might have been. Resolve this very moment that you too will excel intellectually. I firmly believe that there would have been at least twice the number of honor students we have here today if perspiration had equalled aspiration. The reason more people do not accomplish more is that they do not attempt more."

Williams challenged faculty members and students alike to maintain and also improve Bennett's reputation. He said, "To the faculty members, it is your duty to prepare interesting, stimulating, challenging lectures. Each time you give a lecture, your efforts should resemble the tip of an iceberg, that is, your knowledge of a given subject is several times greater than you have time to divulge."

To the students, Williams charged, "My hope is that each of you will keep inquiring, and remember what you learn. Beware of specialties—even your own, and indeed that most of all. For the specialist can be ignorant of the very field he claims to master. When he is truly its master, the reason must be that he knows other things as well. Short of this, he qualifies as ignorant."

"If we cease to grow intellectually, we become stagnant. Stagnation results in decay and death. Cultivate and nourish your intellect. There is no better time to begin than now."

Miss Whelmina Gilbert, a Bennett College faculty member pre-

sented the awards assisted by President Miller.

The College Choir, under the direction of Dr. Charlotte Alston and Dr. Richard Anderson provided the music for the program. A special luncheon was given in honor of the honor students.

The Honors List included: Sophomores 3.20 or Above: Eva Ablorb, Karen Yvette Bell, Deborah Jane Carlton, Ardelia Lee Davis, Doris Regina Davis, Vajira Lalani DeSilva, Bertha Kay Dolberry, Karen Jametta Ferguson, Sundeany Rosetta Ferd, Belinda Jewell Foster, Gloria Glisson, Shelley Antonia Grimes, Carolyn Ann Hazel, Rose Marie Hudson, Marion Adair Johnson, Vicentia Michelle Lipscomb, Marcelle Angela Miranda, Marilyn JoAnne Moore, Ramona Lynn Reid, Valeria Denise Robinson, Deborah Denise Tillman.

Juniors 3.30 or Above: Joyce Annette Bass, Audrey Faye Forrest, Barbara LaWanda Hamm, Marilyn Virginia Hicks, Shawn Moretta Humphries, Barbara An-

gela Johnson, Cassandra Neomi Jones, Kamala Manchigiah, Malika Maniam, Dorinda Dale Mebane, Thalistine Devivia Miller, Rochelle Moody, Olivia Dianne Penn, Vinette Ann Saunders.

Seniors 3.40 or Above: Donna Louise Caldwell, Linda Perkins Christopher, Sherron Dawnette Daye, Mary Frances Gamble, Sharon Elaine Gilford, Laura Genia Goodman, Thorna Olivia Humphries, Sheree Lynne Johnson, Linda Carolyn Kennedy, Nanetta Bonita Lowe, Deborah Albertine Luttery, Sarah Cozette Murry, Bettye Lois Phifer, Diane Vanessa Stevens.

Although 49 students were listed on the honors program, only 29 participated. Some were on co-op, others on field studies and student teaching.

Mrs. Mary Scarlette expressed concern over student participation in the Honors Convocation program. She commented, "Notices were sent out outlining the general procedures. Also a reminder was

sent to all honor students. I feel that students should participate when programs are given in their honor, if they are not out in the field."

According to Mrs. Scarlette, some students do not understand how students are selected for the Honors Convocation. According to the Bulletin of Faculty-Staff Information, being on the Dean's List does not make a student eligible for recognition at Honors Convocation. The Dean's List is released apart from Honors Convocation. The same academic point average that is required for recognition at Honors applies for recognition on the Dean's List. However, for the Dean's List the average is based on the preceding semester. For Honors Convocation the grade point average is a cumulative average.

Mrs. Scarlett added, "I hope that Spring Honors Convocation will turn out better. I would like to see one side of the Chapel filled with honor students."

## Bennett Belle 2nd Runner-Up In Mardi Gras Contest

by Barbara Hamm

A Bennett junior, Vanessa "Twinkle" Richmond was second runner-up in the competition for the title of Miss Tau Omega 1976-77, A&T State University.

Yulonde Moseley, a student at A&T, was crowned queen, and

Debbie Smith, an employee at the Cosmos Club and Restaurant, was announced as first runner-up.

The queen received \$150, the first runner-up received \$100, and the second runner-up received \$50.

There were a total of eight com-

petitors in the contest, four from A&T, and four from Bennett. The other Belle contestants included Stephanie Thomas, Cleo Branch, and Barbara Hamm.

The contest was part of the 1976 Omega Mardi Gras which was sponsored by the Tau Omega chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

According to Dr. Perry Mack, director of the Development Office at Bennett College, and a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the contestants were required to be between the ages of eighteen and thirty-five, serve as hostesses at the 1976 Mardi Gras, and secure support for the Ellis F. Corbett fund by selling \$5 tickets to the Mardi Gras.

The queen and her court represented Tau Omega in the A&T Homecoming Parade and they will reign until the next queen is selected.

The queen was crowned on October 29 at the Mardi Gras, which was held at the Cosmos II Club.

The purposes of the competition were: to secure economic support for the Ellis F. Corbett scholarship fund which will go to two needy students to attend the college of their choice, and to select a young lady to represent Tau Omega as queen for 1976-77 in the A&T Homecoming Parade.



"Twinkle" Richmond, 2nd runner-up for Miss Tau Omega  
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