

Key colloquium

by Evelyn Sims

The most urgent problem facing the world today will be addressed on this campus when scholars from around the world meet for a five-day conference, "The Famine Complex and Women: Culture, History and Science."

The series of events, to be held Oct. 7-11, is the Second Biannual Bennett Honors Colloquium, sponsored by The Bennett Scholars.

The conference includes lectures, workshops and panel discussions featuring leading experts on world hunger. It will strongly focus on the effects of famine on women and ways women can fight back against the ravages of famine and starvation.

Four distinguished scholars will key the conference, according to Dr. Marshena M. Baird, adviser to The Bennett Scholars, who predicts a provocative and enlightening session.

A research fellow at the International Peace Research Institute in Oslo, Norway, Julianne Cartwright Traylor will give a presentation and preside over a workshop. The subject of her dissertation is "The Reality of Economic, Social, and Cultural Human

Rights: The Right to Food."

Also appearing will be Herschelle Challenor, UNESCO liaison officer and specialist on Africa, and Ruth Engo of the Republic of Cameroon, who works at the UN.

According to Baird, Engo believes "there would be no hunger if women in her nation were allowed to make decisions about which crops should be planted."

The best-known guest is former Democratic Congressman Robert Drinan of Massachusetts. Drinan is dean of the Boston College Law School. His most recent book is "God and Caesar on the Potomac: A Pilgrimage of Conscience."

Belles attending the conference are expected to pay a \$2 registration fee, which entitles them to all events except luncheons.

"This conference must be self-supporting," Baird stresses. "It cannot drain college resources."

Funding for the conference comes from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, Bennett College alumnae chapters and private donations.



Alumna Janice Gwyn explains the workings of the optimate fluorometer/photometer donated to the college from Ames Division of Miles Laboratories where she is employed. Looking on are (l-r) Dr. Sekhara Rao, Dr. Isaac H. Miller Jr. and Dr. Perry Mack. The instrument cost \$40,000 and will be used to improve the instructional and experimental research programs in biology and chemistry. (photo by Otis Hairston Jr.)

Public Relations director looks forward to challenge

by Dee Little

"The Office of Public Relations is responsible for internal and external communications for the college," says Sallie A. Hayes, the new director.

"We are the screening office for the media. If there is something that the broadcast media needs, that contact is made through the public relations office," said Hayes.

Hayes began her position in June.

"I am a native of Greensboro. As a matter of fact, I grew up right across the street from Bennett," Hayes said.

"I received my B.A. from Texas Southern University where my major was telecommunications and journalism," Hayes commented.

Hayes expressed a desire to someday receive her M.A. in order to teach on the college level.

"I would like to get my M.A. in Teacher Communication because that's what you need to teach on the college level," Hayes commented.

Hayes feels that there are many opportunities in the field of public relations.

"I chose this profession because it covers every area of the media and I've had experience in all of them. I don't have a master's degree, but I have a lot of professional experience," Hayes said.



New Public Relations Director Sallie A. Hayes uses her professional experience in communications.

"Before I came to Bennett, I worked at the Coyne Group, which is an advertising agency in Colfax. There I was a media assistant researcher. The opportunity to utilize all my skills is what brought me to Bennett," says Hayes.

Hayes has had vast experience in the field of communications and public relations both in Greensboro and Houston.

"Prior to the Coyne Group, I worked for WXL, channel 61, as a public service director and a music jockey. In Reidsville I worked at WCTV-3 where I was in charge of the public affairs office. I also worked for an independent television production company, Mid-Atlantic Communications, and the MEAC Conference where I was a sports broadcaster," Hayes said.

While in Texas, Hayes worked for a CBS affiliate as a promotions writer. She also worked briefly as a radio newscaster.

Hayes feels that her experiences in public relations (see page 4)



Saturday Academy students learn that science and mathematics can be fascinating and fun. (photo by Sallie A. Hayes.)

SGA embraces political involvement

by Fredericka Turner

The Student Government Association will tackle serious as well as light-hearted projects this school year.

According to President Victoria Dunn, "The SGA has evolved. We want to become more political rather than social."

The SGA began the new year with a trip to Washington, D.C. for a Sept. 15 march against apartheid in South Africa. It is planning a fall-semester fundraiser, "Hands Across Bennett College and North Carolina A&T State University," which will have the same format as the "Hands Across America" project this summer.

Other events planned for this year include a luncheon with Democratic candidate Terry Sanford, the former president of Duke University; a Kwanza celebration, which is the African equivalent of

Christmas ceremonies; a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. program and Black College Day.

The SGA had a large hand in Jesse Jackson's Sept. 17 speech at Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel.

"I am convinced that there is a responsibility for young black persons in politics," says Dunn. She served as a state governor intern this summer and wrote a series of articles on wages and hours.

Dunn served as chairperson for the Black Leadership Conference, which met in Raleigh earlier this month. Its concerns are black students' responsibility toward South Africa; support for the black community; maintaining standards of quality at black institutions; financing an education at black institutions; maintaining the existence of black colleges and universities and dealing with the increasing drug crisis in the black community.

Campus types: beware of these so-called Friends

by Carla Bannister

When you live in a dorm, your door is open to many people. This article is about the types of people that you may meet.

The first person that you'll see is Miss Frannie Fashion. Frannie looks like she's a model about to go to the Ebony Fashion Show. You'll admire her stylish hair. Be warned she spends at least \$100 a month to keep it that way. You'll also admire her fresh designer clothes. She may make you feel inferior or even "country." She may even cause you to call your mother and whine that you need a new wardrobe. But wait: don't make that call because after about a month her clothes may get a bit repetitive and she'll fade just like her jeans.

Another type you'll run into is Connie the Comic, who lives for a joke. She jokes to have fun and she also loves to get you in trouble by playing practical jokes. She is too playful to worry about tests and homework so she cheats. She has the loudest laughter in the cafeteria and you can hear her before you see her. She's the type that sits in the back of class and cracks jokes or looks for something funny to happen. She just gets by in her classes.

Another type is Minnie the Moocher who comes to your room to borrow everything. Be warned that if you have something of value, don't give it to her because

you'll never get it back. Minnie, without hesitation, will ask you for the shirt off your back. She will act like your best buddy in order to borrow your belongings. Don't let her take or borrow your things. Remember this phrase, "Don't loan money (or anything) to friends; it gives them amnesia." It's true. Believe it or not, if you loaned your things out to everyone, you could lose up to \$100 a month.

The next person is Carol the Complainer. Carol will expect everything and everyone in life to be perfect. She will complain that she doesn't like the food, the students, her dorm director, her teachers, the campus, the squirrels and her roommate. People like Carol have never been happy and there is nothing that she likes better than to use you for a sounding board.

Genny the Gossip talks real fast about everything and everybody. She seems to be an expert on everything. She acts like she's been through it all. She's the type of person that goes out and searches for the dirt on people. She has the good stories but thinks that it's more fun to tell the bad. Beware not to tell her your business. She loves to blab. She'll tell everyone your business as if she were a broadcaster from Cable News Network.

Helen the Hypochondriac is sick all the time. She takes all her cuts

and then some. She's too sick during the day to go to class, but well enough to go party every night at MC2. Helen is always asleep during the day. The only time that she's awake is when the soaps are on. You'll see her in the cafeteria and on her way out for an evening of fun. But rarely will you see her in class. If you visit her room, she'll complain all about her ailments—her stomachache, headache, allergies and ulcers.

The last character is Veronica the Vampire. She's a leech that wants to constantly know where you're going, how you're going there, whom you're going with, what you're about to do when you get there and when you're coming back. If you happen to pass her room, she'll call you and ask you where you've been and what you're about to do. She loves to bug you and hang around you constantly. She's worse than your mother, always asking questions about your whereabouts. She loves to hang around while you're talking long distance on the phone to your boyfriend. She has no idea what privacy means.

Besides Frannie, Connie, Minnie, Carol, Genny, Helen and Veronica, you'll meet some lifetime friends who will respect you.

Thou wilt shew me the path of life, in thy presence is fullness of joy; At thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. (Psalms 16th chapter, 11th verse)

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