

Both high and low life

Gleaton sees England

by Evelyn Sims

The best of times in England led to a few of the worst of times for Dr. Martha Gleaton, who studied the novel at Oxford and Cambridge this summer as a result of a UNCF grant.

The associate professor of English read 27 novels, enjoyed formal dinners in a 14th century hall and gained fresh insights for her courses here. But she witnessed a mugging committed by punk rockers and on the day her classes ended, she slipped on a wet cobbled street and broke her wrist.

The best times came at Oxford where she analyzed the novels of Joseph Conrad, Henry James and Virginia Woolf and worked with a tutor.

"I experienced the high point of my trip at Oxford," she says. "What was so wonderful was actually being there and being exposed to British culture and to people who came from many different countries and whose ages ranged from 18 to 80."

Gleaton's research is influencing her teaching. "In my English literature survey course, we're taking as one of our emphases the way women appear in this literature," explains Gleaton, who will offer a mini-course on women in

the novel.

The elegance of the dinner hour at Oxford delighted her. "I liked the formality of having to dress for dinner. I think that set a tone, a sense of ritual. I think there's some value in that," she says.

But the British custom of "table-walking" took her by surprise. In the crowded hall, with the finely dressed dinner guests sitting on tightly-packed benches, it was permissible for late eaters to walk across the table to a vacant spot rather than make people move.

According to Gleaton, "it was perfectly acceptable to clomp right down the middle of the table while people were eating" from splendid china and silverware. She feels this custom reveals the combination of formality and practicality within the British character.

All of her experiences weren't so charming. Gleaton noticed that the British feel superior to Americans, forming their opinion of us from American popular culture. "They have a stereotyped view of Americans as uncultured and materialistic," she says, adding that "they think we have no appreciation for all that culture and history since we don't have any of our own."

The most psychologically

painful moment of the trip came one night when she was standing in a line to use a pay phone. A man in front of her held a four-pack of beer. Four punk rockers accosted the man and snatched the beer. When the man shouted, "Hey, don't do that, you sods!" two of the thieves slapped him, pushed him down on the pavement and kicked him until the man apologized for his remark. Although there were many people in the line, including a heavy-set young history teacher, no one moved to help the victim.

"Even though they had stolen his beer, they wanted him to apologize for the insult," recalls Gleaton, who describes herself as "horried, paralyzed and frightened." The beaten man struggled to his feet and left, looking humiliated.

At the end of her stay, Gleaton was left with a second souvenir she could do without. In a hurry on a shopping trip, she fell and broke her wrist. For three weeks, she had to wear a heavy cast, and now she's wearing a fiberglass cast. The accident impeded the start of this semester for her. She couldn't drive or write for a long time.

But the bright moments far outnumber the dark ones during this chapter in a continuing education.

Motivation letter

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ready has his or her degrees. So get involved and learn as much as you can about everything. You'll be grateful later on in life for being such a well-rounded person.

The second thing I want you to do is get involved in knowing more about your major. Freshmen, it is never too early to start reading books, pamphlets, articles and other materials about your field of study. So go to the library in your spare time and read up about what you want to do for a career. Read about several activities that you anticipate within your future career. Remember, again it's your major and it's up to you to decide what you'd like to do with the rest of your life. The more you know about your major, the better you'll be able to set goals and priorities for yourself.

The third and final thing I encourage you to do is get involved on campus. There are an endless number of things you can do on campus that can give you valuable experience that's free.

For example, you can learn how to speak more effectively by participating in the speech competition. You could join the Bennett Banner staff and become a reporter. You can volunteer an hour or two a week and work with your adviser or instructor helping with paperwork. You can volunteer an hour or two a week in the public relations office and learn more about Bennett. You could host a panel discussion. The list goes on.

If you actively seek out the type of work you'd like to do, then you can find it. You may not get a medal for it, but you can put it

down on your resume as experience. In addition, it will give you experience and responsibility that is very valuable.

I'd like to remind you again to actively participate in your studies, your major and your campus.

Carla Bannister
Banner editor

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and communications have helped her make decisions on how ideas are presented to the public.

"Building a rapport with the media takes time . . . I haven't had the opportunity to utilize all my skills here yet, but I feel the opportunity is here," said Hayes.

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Newsmakers: achievers, key events

New Officers

Freshmen elections were held Sept. 10.

The winners were Marva Whitehead, president; Kathryn Marshall, vice-president; Thretha Chance, correspondence secretary; Tauye Simmons, recording secretary; Norita Phillips, treasurer; and Stacey Smalls, Miss Freshman.

The officers' first meeting was held Sept. 11. Fundraisers for Miss Freshman's gown and Miss Bennett's gift for the coronation were discussed. A bake sale and a raffle are possibilities. Possible future projects are a splash party and a block party.

President Marva Whitehead said, "I am willing to work. I also want to get to know everyone and bring everyone together as a freshmen class."

Treasurer Norita Phillips said, "I wanted a challenge. I was happy when I won. I am thinking of big things for the future." (Carmen Ockletree)

I.S.P. Ceremony

The students of the Interdisciplinary Studies Program were presented with honor pins Sept. 9 at a formal luncheon held in the conference room of the Catchings Complex.

Senior Kathy Cole gave the welcome, and senior Carla Bannister, editor of the Bennett Banner, recited a few "words of wisdom." The insignia honor pins were given out by Dr. Helen Trobian and Dr. Ruth Lucier.

The upperclass students with a 2.5 or above G. P.A. received the gold-tone inter-disciplinary studies insignia with the college seal. The freshmen and new students received a white insignia pin with a blue engraving.

The freshmen recognized were: Sharon Adams, Carla Applewaite, Taimia Bell, Yvette Chestang, Elizabeth Conley, Lisa Dandridge, Betty Ellis, Yvette Freeman, Merlene Grimes, Carmen Ockletree, Felicia Mitchell, Shavaughn Neal, Charci Peetway, Tauye Simmons, Glenda Smith, Kelly Terrell, Kimberly Waller, Sarah Williams, Tamara Williams and Sheryl Haislip.

The Sophomores recognized were Kimberly Eatmon, Beneda Carver and Catrena Jordan.

The juniors recognized were Yvonne Breece, Tondalayo Clark, Felicia Harris, Karen Horne, Fontella Jefferson, Shonna Luten, Shelly Middleton, Bernice Scott and Tammy Winchester.

The seniors recognized were Carla Bannister, Kathy Cole, Patricia Hairston, De'Janiera Little, Vonda Long, Vennessa McLaughlin, Tracey Townsend and Alvita Williamson. (Taimia Bell)

Voter Drive

Project Vote sponsored by the division of student affairs and sanctioned by the local chapter of the NAACP is a community involvement project designed to increase the number of registered voters.

During the August registration process, 106 freshmen were added to the rolls of qualified voters. Early this month, an additional 100 Belles including upperclasswomen, have been added to the rolls.

Dr. Dorothy J. Harris, vice president for student affairs, has been designated a special registration commissioner to facilitate the registration process. The Student Government Association has actively pursued increasing student political involvement in the community. (Sallie A. Hayes)

Movies: The Bennett College W.I.T.S., a club for English majors, is sponsoring a series of video cassette films again this year.

Shakespeare is getting this semester's focus. On Oct. 21, "As You Like It," starring Sir Laurence Olivier, will be shown. On Nov. 13, "Taming of the Shrew," starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton, will be screened. The year's first entry was "Romeo and Juliet."

All students are invited to the movies, which are shown at 7 p.m. in the instructional materials center at Holgate Library.

Scientific Achievement: Six alumnae with degrees in science graduated from five different professional health schools in May.

This figure represents the largest number of alumnae to receive Ph.D., O.D., M.D. and D.D.S. degrees in one year since the founding of the college. The names of these graduates and the schools awarding the degrees are: Valerie D. Callendar, M.D., Howard University College of Medicine; Terri L. (Phillips) Dawkins, M.D., Morehouse School of Medicine; Patricia Herring, Ph.D. in Pharmacology, Meharry Medical College; Lennett Hill, O.D., Pennsylvania College of Optometry; Tina Ruth Jones, D.D.S., Meharry Medical College, School of Dentistry; Pauline N. Nzeribe, D.D.S., Georgetown University School of Dentistry.

Class Activities

Seniors: The senior class is on the move. It is looking forward to a successful year with your ideas and suggestions.

Please note the following projects that are being undertaken. The senior class needs your support and dues. Sept. 27—Male Fashion Show; Sept. 26-Oct. 4—Class T-Shirts; Oct. 27-30—Halloween Fundraiser. The next class meeting is Oct. 1.

Juniors: The junior class is involved in these activities: Until Oct. 1—Jar Guess; Oct. 1—Portraits; Oct. 31—Halloween Party (9 p.m.-1 a.m.); Nov. 19—Talent/Fashion Show.

Sophomores: The class officers are Valerie M. Jones, president; LaShawn Barber, vice-president; Dawnee O'Neal, corresponding secretary; Joycelynn Richardson, recording secretary; Sylvia Taylor, treasurer; Tracy Caldwell, parliamentarian; and Adrienne Denny, Miss Sophomore.

The class has been selling hotdogs and cookies during September. Lisa Thompson was the winner of the M&M guess. Officers meet every Wednesday night at 8 in Cone Hall, room 49.

Catholic Organization:

Catholic Campus Ministry is an outreach program from St. Mary's Catholic Church, located on Duke Street. Sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Charlotte, CCM is in its fifth year at A&T.

The purpose of CCM is to provide to the entire campus community an opportunity to grow in age, wisdom and grace.

The Catholic Students' Association was established to provide students a means to minister to one another in a variety of ways—sharing, leadership skills, providing academic and emotional support when needed, establishing a strong bond of caring among people of various backgrounds.

Here is the schedule for this fall: Oct. 1—Meeting at St. Mary's Church; Oct. 9—Bible Study at St. Mary's Church; Oct. 15—Officers' meeting; Oct. 23—Bible Study; Oct. 31—Halloween Party/Lock-in at St. Mary's Church; Nov. 1—All Saints Day; Nov. 6-9—Encounter with Christ #22; Nov. 13—Thanksgiving Celebration; Nov. 19—Officers meeting; Dec. 3—C.S.A. meeting; Dec. 11—Christmas party.

The Catholic students meet every week on Sunday afternoon at A&T for worship. Place: Harrison Auditorium basement; time: 3:30. For more information about Catholic Campus Ministry or the Catholic Students' Association, call Father Frank at St. Mary's Church, 272-8650.

There are two C.S.A. officers on our campus: Shonna Luten; vice-president and liturgical commissioner, Player Hall, Rm. #14 and Alexandria Miller, secretary, Player Hall, Rm. #14.

Any Catholic student on campus who would like to join the Black Catholic Student Association, please contact Father Frank or Luten as soon as possible.