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Candidate in the classroom: The Honorable Robin Britt, Democratic congressional candidate, visited Miss Wilhelmina Gilbert's communications class. Joining him was Rep. William Gray of Pennsylvania. (photo by Jay Clark)

## Britt campaigns here

by Sallie Hayes

Democrat Robin Britt, U.S. House of Representatives candidate for the sixth district of North Carolina, visited classes in Black Hall Oct. 30.

Britt, accompanied by U.S. House of Representatives' William Gray of Pennsylvania visited economics and communications classes.

Rep. Gray is the chairman of the House Budget Committee and was campaigning in North Carolina for Britt.

The visit was the second for Britt, who spoke to a human deve-

lopment class on Oct. 17 while making a tour of area colleges and universities. It was Rep. Gray's first visit to the campus.

He remarked that he had always wanted to see the campus of Marian Tasco-Williams. Mrs. Williams, a Greensboro native, attended Bennett for two years in the late '50s and became the president of the National Alumnae Association from 1970 to 1975. It was in 1978 that Williams served as campaign manager for Rep. Gray's first successful bid for office. She now holds the title of Commissioner of Elections for Philadelphia.

In their informal speeches to

the Belles, Britt and Gray applauded that fact that approximately 90 percent of the student body is registered to vote. They urged the students to utilize the power of the vote by exercising that right and to get involved as campaign volunteers. Rep. Gray also suggested that for those students whose legal address is out-of-state, the use of the absentee ballot must become a regular practice.

Britt and Gray were welcomed to the campus by President and Mrs. Isaac H. Miller Jr., Director of Public Relations Sallie Hayes and former college trustee L. Richardson Preyer.

## AIDS has changed sexual attitudes

by Charleie Pettway

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome better known as AIDS has taken our nation by surprise. According to the Sept. 15 issue of Fortune Magazine, AIDS has stricken 24,000 Americans and the number is expected to grow to a frightening 270,000 in five years.

AIDS was identified only five years ago in 1981. Therefore, this new killer at present has no cure. Yet we are now aware of the types and categories of victims. Homosexual and bisexual men account for 73 percent of victims. Drug abusers who use contaminated needles account for 17% of the cases. People who receive contaminated blood transfusions make up the remaining 10% of the victims, according to Fortune reporter Cynthia Hutton.

How has the AIDS epidemic affected the behavior of college students? Have campus attitudes toward casual sex changed?

According to Mr. James Harris, a senior at A&T, he has always been cautious about his sex partners. But "since the AIDS scare, I have been even more selective in dating," Harris said.

"I have been very careful with the people I've become involved with," stated Ms. Cheryl Clark, Bennett freshman. Clark said, "I have never been a believer in casual sex. However, I am now aware of the deadly disease and more cautious."

"AIDS is deadly," stated Mr. Anthony Berry, an A&T sophomore. "Casual sex is not worth the consequences. One night of pleasure is not worth a lifetime of sorrow!"

These comments indicate a movement toward more conservative sexual values. Most students said that they are more cautious in their dating habits and the image of the "wild and crazy" college student's lifestyle is decreasing rapidly at Bennett and A&T. Today's young adults are more responsible than society gives them credit for.

Being extremely careful about one's sex partner and knowing the person well before getting involved may decrease the spreading of AIDS. This is the only part of this terrible disease over which Americans may have control.

## Recruiting work

by Sallie Hayes

On Nov. 1, a concerted effort by the Bennett National Alumnae Association and the Office of Admissions was initiated in the form of the first Alumnae/Faculty/Student Recruitment Workshop. The workshop took place in the Pfeiffer Science Assembly from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to inform inner constituencies of the college of the need for an active recruitment program.

Gladys Ashe Robinson, National Alumnae Association president, presided over the four-hour morning session. The theme for this year was: "Bennett Makes the Difference—The Difference We Make is the Time We Take." The goal for this year is to recruit 250 new students for the 1987-88 academic year; with the objective to increase student enrollment through an intensified, systematic alumnae/faculty/student recruitment program. A variety of the college's inner constituencies participated as program presenters.

The morning session included registration for attendees and a welcome by Dr. Isaac Miller. The session began with an overview of the college, presented by Dr. Dorothy Harris, vice president of student affairs, and Mrs. Mary Scarlette, chairperson of the department of elementary and special education. The session focused on marketing the college, with presentations by Ms. Sallie Hayes, director of public relations, who covered the how-to's of presentations and Mrs. Carolyn Mark, director of admissions, who dis-

cussed marketing strategies. The college's recruitment video was shown and made available to those persons wishing to take one back to their respective areas. Another important aspect of the morning session, was the Financial Aid/Business Concerns segment. Miss Mildred Tucker, director of financial aid, and Mr. Donald King, vice president for fiscal affairs, presented current information on the college's financial aid programs and fiscal activities.

The afternoon session started with a tour of the college's facilities followed by lunch in the Jones Student Union. The program for the afternoon began with Mrs. Bernice I. Johnson, chairperson of the National Alumnae Association Recruitment Committee, presiding. A panel discussion on "Why Black Colleges/Bennett College" was moderated by Dr. Perry Mack. Panelists included: Ms. Deborah T. Love, alumna; Miss Victoria Dunn, student government president; Miss Shelly Middleton, student and Mrs. Alberta Hairston, Parents' Council president. A question and answer session followed the discussion, and the final segment, presented by Mrs. Carolyn Mark, was an explanation of the recruitment network.

The Steering Committee, which included alumnae, faculty/staff and students, are to be congratulated for their hours of planning and research that ensured a successful and productive recruitment workshop.



Coronation queens: first row (l-r) Wanda Davis, Tonya Zarate, Angela Alford, Stacy Smalls, Adriane Denny, Tamara Burnette, Alicia McCollum, Lynda Keith, Celeste Webster, Antoinette Holman, Marquerette Byrd, Deidra Underwood, Rosetta Jordan and Veneatrice Jackson. Second row (l-r) Michelle de la Coudray, Monica Wooley, Wanda Elliott, Shelly Middleton, Arletha Howard, Martha Carvin and Karen Jones. (photo by Otis Hairston, Jr.)

TONIGHT!

Historic Costume Fashion Show

at 7:30 in Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel

and

Benefit Costume Ball

9:30-12 in Goode Gymnasium