

Evil pied piper haunts building

an essay
by Waita Moore

The building which was called C.P.C. was abandoned in 1978. It is in one of the most run-down ghetto areas of the South Bronx. The broken glass and empty cans surround the building like a watery moat filled with alligators waiting to hurt the first person who tries to cross it. The homeless bums are out and about, sleeping and slumming, doing what they do best.

Because C.P.C. was abandoned, all of the children in the neighborhood would come there to play. It became the hangout spot for a lot of kids. My friends wanted to go there one day and play. At first I didn't want to go, but I succumbed to peer pressure and listened to my friends. I don't know why I went. Just thinking of going to C.P.C. gave me goose pimples.

The entrance to the inside was through a broken window with glass hanging like jagged icicles. When we finally got into the building, it was dark, dreary and spooky. Because of all the ripped-up furniture throughout the hallways and inside of the uninhabited apartments, there was a stench. The smell was like molded bread and stale beer and it made me regret going there even more.

I had a great sense of uneasiness verging on sheer terror. We went upstairs and

entered one of the apartments. We walked through a doorway covered with cobwebs that got all over me. The webs left me with the feeling that I was unclean.

We saw a rat, that was incredibly large, leap out the window. We saw so many roaches that we started giving them names. Seeing all of these creatures made my stomach turn but I couldn't let my friends know that I was the least bit scared.

Standing in the room, I got the feeling that we were going to be snatched or kidnapped. Then, suddenly standing before me was a strange ugly man. The man was huge and drunk, and he was yelling "Come here, little ones, and let me see you." He kept telling us to come.

We were all so frightened that we scattered like mice into different directions. I kept running and running until after a while I stopped to catch my breath. I remember that it was cold because I could see the white mist coming from my mouth.

At this point I was far from any danger. I met up with my friends later. We all decided never to go there again. And to this day that empty building in the Bronx on a 128th St. is a dark void in my mind.

It is a place that stirs a fear in me like nothing ever did or has since. I will never forget the man yelling, "Come to me, little ones, come."

Prof seeks council slot

by Shavaughn Neal

If Dr. Alma Adams is elected to the Greensboro City Council on Nov. 3, her number one priority will be to improve public housing.

An art professor and the chairwoman of the department of visual arts and humane studies at Bennett, Adams is running for the council seat in District 2, which includes both the Bennett and A&T areas. Adams, who once served on the Greensboro Board of Education, is running against Spurgeon Harper, a cab driver.

Responding to the shortage of low-income residences in Greensboro, Adams wants to upgrade houses and possibly even neighborhoods in the district and in the process to find homes for as many of the homeless as possible.

Adams also wants to help the elderly who live without adequate housing and to work with support services in the community that help youth who would otherwise have nowhere to go and nothing to do for recreation.

Dr. Adams says, "The city should purchase some of the old structures around the city like old school buildings and convert them to affordable housing for people who are in need of this particular kind of housing. I want to see housing made available to people who ordinarily would not be able to buy houses and also housing for the elderly and the handicapped."

Housing should also be made available to people who would generally not be able to buy houses. I feel everyone should have a decent place to stay."

As District 2 representative, Adams' job will be to first and foremost talk to the people in her district and get to know their feelings on different subjects and matters that are important to their district. Adams will then relate the feelings and concerns of the people to the council board.

There are many other improvements that Dr. Adams wishes to make if elected to office. Among these are things like cleaning up areas that are dilapidated and working to get funding for other service projects. Dr. Adams wants the position of councilwoman because she feels that she can make a difference.

She believes that so often people represent something that they know literally nothing about. She maintains that she knows the people of District 2 and she feels she can represent them well.



City Council hopeful: Dr. Alma Adams is looking to win a seat in District 2 as City council.

College's anniversary celebration offers many events

by Sallie A. Hayes

The Bennett College community will be celebrating a four-day weekend of activities in commemoration of the college's 114th anniversary, Founder's Weekend; Parents' Day and the Coronation of "Miss Bennett," Oct. 1-4. The events are open to parents, alumnae, former and present trustees and friends of the college. Bennett was founded in 1873 and redesignated as an institution of higher education for women in 1926.

● Thursday, Oct. 1, 6-8 p.m., "Miss Bennett" Coronation Banquet in the David D. Jones Student Union Dining Hall on the campus for coronation participants and students; guest speaker will be Ms. Tommye Brown, executive director of Mr. Bill's Entertainment Production Company based in Winston-Salem.

● "Miss Bennett" Coronation ceremony at 7 p.m. in the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel on the campus, Friday, Oct. 2, when Miss Summer Lynn Houston will be crowned; the Coronation Ball will follow in the Student Union Dining Hall, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

● Parents' Association Get-Acquainted Party and Raffle Drawing, Friday, Oct. 2, from 9:30 p.m.-12 a.m., in the Hospitality Suite of the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel.

● Parents' Day General Assembly and Business Meeting conducted between 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Henry Pfeiffer Science Assembly on the campus, Saturday, Oct. 3; the Parents-Daughters Luncheon follows in the Student Union Dining Hall.

● Founder's Day Honorees Banquet on Oct. 3 beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a reception and at 7:30 the banquet at the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel's Triad Ballroom; five local residents will be recognized for their efforts at improving the quality of life in the Triad; Mistress of Ceremony will be Mrs. Sondra Hughes of WFMY-TV2.

● Sunday, October 4, Parents-Daughters Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the David D. Jones Student Union Dining Hall.

● Founder's Day Convocation on Sunday, Oct. 4 at 4 p.m. in the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel; the college will celebrate its 114th anniversary with an address by 11th president, Dr. Gloria R. Scott on "Constitution, Charters and Commitment."

Transfer student praises Bennett

a column
by Taundra Woodard

I passed by the campus everyday for six years, never once thinking that I might one day be a Bennett Belle. Many times we look all around us, searching for a place to belong when in all actuality it is right under our noses.

During my senior year in high school, I looked at colleges as far away as California and as close as Chapel Hill, but not once did I look to Bennett. It's not that I ignored Bennett purposely, but the thought of finally leaving home was first and foremost in my mind. After graduation I made my journey to UNC-CH where I was thrown in with thousands of other people who just wanted to get away from home.

Immediately, I realized college life is more than just getting away from home. Bennett College exemplifies what college life is all about.

Perhaps it is because I had the opportunity to experience what another institution had to offer that I appreciate Bennett so much. When I first arrived on campus for orientation, I knew this was going to be a good year for me. The students, faculty and staff that helped during orientation were always eager to help or answer questions, however trivial they might have been. It is the caring and tradition of Bennett which make it stand out above

the rest. The fact that Bennett is one of two predominantly black, all-female institutions makes me want to work even harder to be a successful black woman and to uphold the fact that Bennett Belles are women of distinction.

The steadfast adherence to tradition is a prime reason why Bennett has endured throughout the years. Although the whole country has adopted a new morality, Bennett has not allowed male visitation in the individual rooms of the residence halls. This fact may displease many young women, but I believe that this tradition has been kept in order to insure that Bennett women are known for their contributions to the world and not their contributions to men.

The ceremony of matriculation is a relatively new tradition, but I am positive that it will endure through the years. It was extremely special to me because I felt as if the entire college had turned out to welcome me personally into the fold.

The next three or more years that I spend at Bennett can only enhance my personality. I hope that I will be able to give back some of the warmth and caring which have already been bestowed upon me.

Being a Bennett Belle is an honor and privilege which I intend to uphold to the best of my ability.

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