

Ballplayer bows out with good will

by Glen Smith



A twist of fate: Andrea Malone is an athlete who never dwells on what might have been. (photo by Waller)

The team disappeared, but Andrea Malone, who came here four years ago to be a basketball star, stayed.

What's more, the light-fingered point guard, who received a basketball scholarship, is not embittered although she never swiped a pass and sank a lay-up in an intercollegiate game.

Her story covers plenty of distance and time.

When Malone was a high school senior on the British West Indian island of Antigua, she yearned to continue her exceptional basketball career. Once Bennett Coach Cathy Griffin met Malone while Griffin was vacationing in Antigua, it looked as if the ballplayer's dream would be fulfilled.

Watching Malone practice for her national team, Griffin

was impressed. She asked Malone if she would like to attend school in the U.S. "Yes, only if I can play basketball," Malone recalls saying.

She was overwhelmed by Bennett's offer of a four-year scholarship, but Malone says, "I had mixed feelings of sadness and joy." Moving from a small island to a large country was a big change for her. "It was strange because here it was massive compared to Antigua."

Leaving a family behind was also difficult for Malone. She has 10 sisters and seven brothers. "We miss each other a lot, but they didn't mind my being away because it's for a good cause."

Malone entered Bennett, and Griffin wanted to see things go well for her. But after years of having a successful basketball program, Bennett couldn't field a team

in '84. Coach Griffin discovered there was a shortage of players. There were nine women who tried out for the team, but 12 were needed. As each practice went by, the number grew smaller and smaller. As a result, no team was formed.

This did not stop Malone's dream. Each day she would go to the gym with a fellow student and practice her skills. "I've improved my skills a great deal from when I was in Antigua," she said.

During her sophomore year, Malone played recreation ball on campus. Later, she was a member of a team in the Greensboro City League. Even though she played only a short period of time, she said "I enjoyed sharing my talents with other talented players."

Malone is upbeat about her time at Bennett. Her four years have been full of

"wonderful experiences athletically and academically," Malone said.

She has great plans ahead of her. In returning to Antigua she has a job waiting for her. Malone will be able to return to her homeland and become a physical education instructor. This is something that makes her happy. Her future goals extend a little further: she plans to go on to graduate school at Cambridge University in England.

When asked how she feels about her basketball dream that did not go into effect as she planned, Malone said, "I still think there is a good chance for Bennett to have a basketball team, but it can only happen if we have more students' involvement. I hope that one day my dream of Bennett having a team will happen."

Evaluating the year

Scott met goals

by Yvette N. Freeman

Dr. Gloria Dean Randle Scott is coming to the close of a challenging first year as president of Bennett College.

Scott says that she thinks that her year here has been "very successful. A number of things have happened that we've been trying to get started, a lot of initiatives have been started and some basic changes have been made that will be important in building for the future."

When Scott came here, she had several aims in mind that would help to improve the campus.

"One of my major goals was to try to get the college on some sound financial operations and to work toward having a balanced budget for this year. It seems we're headed in that direction." She says that it won't be known whether the school will end up with a balanced budget until the end of April or May, and "that would depend on how well students pay the remainder of their bills."

Another of Scott's goals was to improve the admissions and recruiting offices, while also trying to reduce the number of students transferring from Bennett. She says, "We had fewer numbers of students who transferred at mid-terms this year than last year, so that's some small sign or help." Also, in trying to improve recruiting, the college purchased the SAT labels from ETS in order to "communicate directly with all students with 900 and above SAT scores," says Scott.

Scott is also trying to involve the alumnae chapters more in the recruiting process, in addition to having representatives meet students at college fairs. She says that there are also plans of having an enrollment center organized.

"That's the center in which we're focusing all the basic functions related to admissions and recruitment," says Scott.

Getting the college involved in the Black College Satellite Network was another objective of Scott's. She says that was a way "to raise the visibility and image of the college, locally and nationally, and we were able to do that pretty well."

Scott says that she also wanted "to try to get to know the feelings of the campus; to get to know the student body as a collective and the faculty and staff." She says that she really has been able to achieve this as much as she would have liked to, but she says, "I think I've done a fair amount."

In addition, Scott says she wanted to get the student body more "involved in informal activities to meet people that came to the campus, and to bring to the campus outstanding women role models this year." She also says that she wants to "raise the spirits of the campus."

Scott added that the renovation of the dorms was a goal that she had hoped would be completed by now.

"We did not get the funding we wanted for that, but we are looking at other funding to try to get that done by September or the time in August when the people return," she says.

While looking back on her first year at Bennett, Scott says that there was nothing that she regrets having done, and that she feels the students and faculty received her very well.

She also says that Bennett will be "soaring like an eagle" in the next five to 10 years.

"I think Bennett will be moving very rapidly into the forefront of a lot of things. People will have more faith in us and I think that we will be soaring in the next five years in many, many ways. I would hope that people would come to look upon us as being kind of a national resource, where we have expertise in educating women, specifically in educating in the black-African heritage as a part of our curriculum, and as a part of our creating new women leaders," says Scott.

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Dr. Charlotte Alston was named the new vice-president of academic affairs on April 22, following an exhaustive search by the college hierarchy. A professor of music and the director of the choir, Alston has been serving as the chairperson of the humanities division.

Seniors bid final wills

by Kimmerly Waller

The time has come again for seniors to leave us their good will and final testaments.

The following things have been bequeathed to undergraduates.

Karen D. Jones from Columbus, Ohio, "I, Karen, will to DeLisa Hill my cell biology notes in hopes that she will pass the class, and good luck to the future Miss Royal Blue and White."

Anna Sumpter, from Bronx, N.Y.: "I, Anna, will my hot plate to my little sister because she is an animal. I will my 'Anna Gucci Express' to the Young Entrepreneurs and I leave all my smiles, my good laughter and my good heart to everyone."

Janice Smith, from Indianapolis, Ind.: "I, Janice, leave to my Bennett Sisters my honesty."

Tondalayo Clark, from

Peekskill, N.Y.: "May the will and strength of Bennett College grow stronger and uphold its memorable status."

Crystal Sadler, from Salisbury: "I, Crystal, would like to leave all the problems, trials and tribulations to all of the entering freshmen, and my R.A. position to who ever wants it."

Andrea Henning, from Detroit: "I, Hendra, will all of my potential and patience to my little sisters. I leave my refrigerator to two people who need it, and to my sorors I leave my strength and happiness."

Robin Howell, from Washington, D.C.: "I, Robin, leave to all the Bennett Belles a better sense of responsibility and a more serious attitude toward education. I also leave to Sherese Patton, Lisa McCrae, Tracy Sullivan and Kimmerly Waller my 'Ma' Tucker attitude and all the luck and success ever."

Andrea Shields, from Indianapolis, Ind.: "I, Andy, will to all my friends from Reynolds Hall to 'Dare to be Different' and move to another dorm."

Valarie Simpson, from Winston-Salem: "I, Valarie, would like to will the courage to strive to better the college and for the students to help bring Bennett back to number one."

Michele Sherrod, from Washington, D.C.: "I, Michele, leave my friends and little sister the challenge to get out of Bennett in the next two years."

Trudy Brockington, from Philadelphia: "I sincerely hope that my Bennett Sisters have a joyful four years of school and not get their hopes too high in the area of grabbing \$40,000 a year jobs right after graduating. Sorry, I guess you'll have to attend graduate school like me."

Motivation: a key in '88

by Tanya Goodwin

Having a motivated student body is the key for the 1988-89 school year, according to newly elected SGA president Kathryn Lynne Marshall, a sophomore from Charlotte. Her main objective for the upcoming school year is participation for the whole student body.

Marshall has devised a concept called "motivation through participation."

"The biggest complaint I received is that there is nothing to do here. I want to have a schedule of activities to go throughout the school year," she says. Marshall wants to have fun activities for the students, involvement throughout the community and more faculty-student interaction.

Marshall looks forward to the next school year.

"I see a trend with more

faculty members becoming involved and more conscious of what is going on and wanting to help with the student body," she predicts.

When asked why she ran for SGA president, Marshall stated, "I feel that I have the experience to do the job successfully and I want to be the voice of the students in the midst of all the changes here at Bennett."

Marshall wants to accomplish what past presidents Victoria Dunn and April Gordon attempted, and that is to bring the student body together as a whole.

Marshall stated, "I don't think it's their administrations' fault. They used the available resources. They just didn't get 100 percent from the students. I want to bring back the tradition of sisterhood Bennett has always had."



New SGA president: Kathryn Lynne Marshall defeated two opponents to assume the most important student leadership position on campus. A junior from Charlotte, she is looking for stronger student participation in the organization she heads. (photo by Waller)

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