

# Friends miss Dickens

by Karen Plummer

Students remember Anjanette Dickens, a junior who died on September 29 as a quiet and caring person.

Anjanette's roommate for one year and best friend, Jennifer Jennings, a pre-dentistry major from Washington, D.C., remembers Anjanette being so concerned about her. Jennifer said they did almost everything together. Anjanette loved to go shopping and to walk. Jennifer said, "She started me walking every day and everywhere."

Jennifer said, "I wish we had more time together. I miss her a lot."

Anjanette was a strong supporter of the church. She attended Bethel A.M.E. Zion Church while in Greensboro.

Teresa Lucas, a biology major from Bailey and a best

friend, said, "'Nette was like a big sister."

In her spare time, Anjanette liked old songs, especially music by Betty Wright. She also liked to dance.

Teresa said, "She was supposed to be getting married next year and she had everything planned." She even mentioned that she wanted five children.

Teresa said, "Even though 'Nette is gone, I'll always remember the times that we shared together."

Debra Dilworth, a junior business administration major from Mulberry, FL and close friend, said, "She seemed shy, but was a outgoing young lady with a sense of humor."

"She had a thirst for life," said Debra. Anjanette had made a lot of goals for this year that were very important to her like making outstanding grades.

Karla Williams, a senior

social work major, was Anjanette's roommate this year. Karla said, "Even though I didn't know her for very long, she seemed to be a very nice person."

Kimberly Waller, a communications major from Hayward, Calif., said, "She always had time to talk to me and ask how I was."

Though Kimberly only knew her for a short time, she said, "She will always be in my mind, heart and soul."

Angel Buckhanan, a senior political science major, said, "She was a down-to-earth person with a good sense of humor."

Angel said, "I bothered her every night about braiding her hair and she didn't mind."

Angel said, "She reminded me of Ellie Mae on 'The Beverly Hillbillies.'"

Angel said, "She was real nice and she never bothered anyone."

## In Memory of Our Bennett sister Anjanette Dickens

### Being a minority

## Embler adjusts



Diana Embler, the only white living on campus, is determined to dispel racial stereotypes. (photo by Kimberly Waller)

by Cheryl Floyd

It's no wonder that the Belle with the friendly, girlish face speaks so thoughtfully.

"The most interesting thing about her is her awareness and interest about people. She's sensitive. It's interesting to find someone from one race who's concerned about the issues of another race," says her best friend Michelle Dumay.

She's describing Diana Embler, the only white student enrolled at Bennett who lives on campus.

Although Embler admits she was scared when she first arrived at Bennett, she has adjusted. Embler feels it very beneficial to be constantly in the company of black women.

"It's taught me a lot about heritage and lifestyles. There's a certain comradery that just isn't present with my friends back home," she says, squinting reflectively at the ceiling. "I've become more aware that society has stereotypes. It puts people in blocks and that's where you're supposed to stay," she adds.

Embler also feels that blacks have been robbed of their culture. When she had this realization, she was so upset that she called one of

her friends from her hometown, Bath, Maine, to tell her.

"I knew before, but it never really hit me that the Egyptians were black. Throughout my schooling and even on TV, they were white. I never realized how much blacks' culture has been taken away from them," she says.

The revelation made her see the need for black schools.

"There is a necessity for black colleges. I think a lot of people came here with limited knowledge about their heritage just like me. Blacks go to white schools and learn about white heroes. They never get any black heroes that they can look up to," she says.

The lessons that she has learned in racial relations at Bennett will not be forgotten. The greatest contribution that she feels she can make to the black community is educating whites who are prejudiced as a result of ignorance.

She has had to keep an open mind and learn not to judge people.

"I've overheard comments like, 'Wouldn't wanna be her roommate' from students here, and they don't bother me," she says, slightly smiling. "I really can't compare a black in a similar situation, though, because I feel that blacks are more tolerant of whites than whites are of blacks, especially in the South."

Born in Asheboro where her father lives, Embler was reared by her mother in Maine. She applied to Bennett after being accepted at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine for the spring semester.

"I had an extra semester and I wanted to spend some time with my father, so I researched all the colleges in the area and really liked what Bennett, a small liberal arts college, had to offer," she says.

Although she plans to transfer to Bates College in January, she would like to return to Bennett for another semester.

When she is not "hanging out in Merner," as she says she often does, she likes to ride her bicycle and play soccer. She also loves the Monte Python acting group, (see page 4)

## Belles reveal hangouts

by Joycelyne Hodges

Many Belles feel it necessary to go off campus in order to find entertainment.

Most students enjoy going to the movies. Some nearby cinemas are at Four Seasons Mall or Carolina Circle Mall.

Staci Rose, a junior from Cincinnati, said that she spends a lot of time at the movies.

She said, "The movies are great, especially after going to the mall. Really, there's nothing else to do. I'm not old enough to go to the clubs and Bennett has close to no entertainment, except for the volleyball and basketball teams."

Pamela Franklin, a senior from Madison, goes to the movies whenever possible.

She said, "I also enjoy going to the mall and visiting friends. But, really, I don't spend a lot of time on campus. There's nothing to do."

A sophomore from Raleigh,

Stephanie Baines, enjoys the movies as well as other activities, such as going to clubs or spending time with her boyfriend.

Some students like spending time with friends from other schools.

Kim Lopez, a senior from Washington, D.C., said, "I really spend a lot of time at Colonial Apartments with my fiancée. I would spend more time on campus, but there's nothing to do here. Really, there's very little interaction with the students on this campus. However, there needs to be more, but there are too many different attitudes floating around."

Tauye Simmons, a junior from Washington, D.C., said, "After sleeping, eating and studying on this campus, I have to get away! I usually go to other colleges not even in the Greensboro area."

There are some students who enjoy staying in the

Greensboro area in order to have fun.

Tia Moore, a freshman from Washington, D.C., enjoys going to the malls with her friends. She said, "Most of my friends and I go to a lot of restaurants. We love to eat."

Rolanda Sutton, a sophomore from Greenville, enjoys Bennett's campus. She said, "I enjoy going out, but I love this campus. The environment is great, especially when the guys come over to visit."

Kim Eatmon, a senior from Capitol Heights, Md., said, "I've been through many phases. As a freshman, I used to go to A&T a lot. Then my sophomore year I hung out at M.C. 2 a local club. My junior year I went to Side Effects, another club. Now that I'm a senior, I spend a lot of my studying in the dorm."

## Staff gets award

by Betsy Peoples

True sisterhood and enthusiasm provided the Bennett College yearbook staff the Jostens Best Spirit Award this past summer in Chapel Hill.

"They persevered through the whole workshop, met all deadlines and showed a lot of enthusiasm," said Sandra Brown, new public relations director and sponsor of the yearbook. "I was proud they won the award. Dedication to the yearbook and school truly stood out."

Jostens, the company that prints school yearbooks, held a yearbook workshop for students in late July. Bennett staff included junior, Althea King, senior, Tonya Harris, and sophomore, Debra Whitaker. King, editor of the yearbook, said, "I felt good winning the award. We had a lot of teamwork and were recognized."

The staff has had several fund-raisers throughout the semester such as candy grams at Halloween, and doughnuts and refreshments at the volleyball games. The funds will be applied to their bill with Jostens, says Brown.

The staff is still meeting deadlines and exemplifying teamwork. It hopes to win more awards soon.

## Morehouse weekend is a success

by Shavaughn Neal

Bennett Belles once again traveled to Atlanta to participate in the homecoming of Morehouse College.

The weekend excursion occurred Nov. 4-6. Students attended the coronation of Miss Morehouse College, the Homecoming Parade and Football game, a gospel sing-off and various parties sponsored on the campus. Though most believed the trip to be too short, it was agreed that the weekend was very enjoyable.

Freshman Stephanie Baines said, "I enjoyed the trip. It gave me a chance to get to know some people better. Overall, I thought it was a very eventful weekend."

Jacequelyn Smallwood, a junior and Morehouse fan, said, "I feel the trip was more organized this year than in

the past. I really enjoyed the trip."

SGA President Kathryn Marshall said, "Morehouse Weekend proved to be an enjoyable experience. Hopefully, through our participation we have begun to bridge the gap that has developed between us and our brother institution."

All of the students agreed that the reception they received from the Morehouse men was great, though some were surprised to find Bennett in such high standing with Morehouse.

Sonya Hendrix, junior and the reigning Miss Bennett, said, "The relations we had with our Morehouse brothers at the sponsored events, and especially the football game, proved to me that even though we are miles apart we still share a common bond of sisterhood and brotherhood."

## Study hard for finals