

ISP majors will get a change

by Miji Bell

The commencement of the 1989-1990 academic year has brought changes within Bennett's Interdisciplinary Studies Program (ISP). The ISP program is a non-traditional individualized degree program which evolved from the Humanities Department. It promotes the interrelationship of academic experience with personal insights and experiences essential to furthering career development.

ISP students comprise approximately 11 to 15 percent of Bennett's student body. Of that number, the majority are mass communications/public relations majors.

The ISP program is being reorganized and restructured by its new director, Ms. S. Charmaine McKissick-Kemp. Having worked in almost all areas of the communications industry, McKissick

Kemp brings over 10 years of experience to her new job. After receiving her B.A. in radio, t.v. and film from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her master's in speech communication from Northern Illinois University, McKissick-Kemp has worked primarily in the sales departments of radio and television stations throughout North Carolina as well as taught speech and language arts on junior high and collegiate levels.

McKissick-Kemp has high hopes for the young women she is "thrilled" to be working with here at Bennett: "I want to see us (especially black women) in all aspects of the communications industry."

To accomplish this, McKissick-Kemp wants to start by developing a stronger ISP program that will guide its majors in that direction.

She has two fundamental goals that she is trying to develop. One is to implement specially designed courses on Bennett's campus so that communications majors here do not have to rely solely on taking courses from other area colleges such as A&T and UNCG.

Says McKissick-Kemp, "I would like to establish cooperative arrangements with these schools, especially with A&T, so that we can take advantage of their resources and vice versa." At the same time, Ms. McKissick-Kemp urges all ISP communications/public relations majors, especially freshmen, to take courses such as IS 162 (Mass Media) early in order to gain a general knowledge of the industry and to help specify their interests.

An important step towards being successful in the com-

munications industry is having related experiences as part of the overall college curriculum.

McKissick-Kemp recognizes this and her second goal is geared towards making efforts to get ISP students involved in externships which she describes as "learning experiences off campus."

McKissick-Kemp is working with area organizations, television and radio stations and newspapers to implement externship programs and reserve slots in these programs specifically for Bennett's ISP students.

Several ISP students are already involved in internships and externships this semester with such organizations as Naegele Billboards; WQMG 97.1; WFMY Channel 2; UNC Center for Public Television and the public relations department here at Bennett.



New facilitator: Ms. S. Charmaine McKissick-Kemp is the ISP director. (photo by Yvette N. Freeman)

A&T Players perform four plays

The Richard B. Harrison Players of North Carolina A&T State University are set to raise the curtain on their eighth theatre season. Four productions — two dramas, two musicals — are slated for the Paul Robeson Theatre mainstage.

The "Amen Corner," the late James Baldwin's most acclaimed contribution to the stage, opens the new season. A valuable lesson in false piety is learned by a self-righteous lady pastor of a Harlem storefront church when it costs her everyone and everything she loves. Premieres Oct. 20 through 23.

"Black Nativity, Langston Hughes" inspiring musical celebration of the birth of Christ, returns for an unprecedented fourth consecutive season. Features a rousing gospel music score arranged by Clifford Watkins, chair of A&T's music department, Dec. 1-4 and 9-10 are the dates.

"A Soldier's Play," Charles

Fuller's 1982 Pulitzer Prize winner for best play is the third entry. A segregated World War II army camp is the setting for this disturbing expose of racism and its destructive consequences. Coming Feb. 23-26.

"The Wiz," voted as Broadway's Best Musical of 1974 and winner of seven Tony Awards is the season finale. Based on the literary-turned-film classic "The Wizard of Oz," this musical blockbuster features the songs of the late Charlie Smalls including "Home," "If You Believe" and "Ease on Down the Road." Performances will run April 28-30 and May 5-6.

The Studio Theatre season lineup is also confirmed. "Twelfth Night" by William Shakespeare opens the studio season on November 5-6. Next, a new world premiere musical, "Sister Fate" premieres on November 19-20. Finally, Athol Fugard's disturbing portrait of apartheid, "Boesman and Lena" closes the Studio Theatre season, running March 24-25.

Stealing milk crates after Jan. 1 will be very costly

DURHAM, N.C. — Unauthorized possession of the colorful, plastic milk crates, used by dairies to transport milk, will be against the law in North Carolina, effective Jan. 1, 1990.

The versatile cases often are used by college students for bookcases and other pieces of furniture.

Carolina/Virginia Dairy Products Association, representing processors in the two states, have announced a public awareness campaign designed to inform North Carolina college students of the new, tougher law.

Posters encouraging students to return cases to local dairies or grocery stores will be distributed soon to college and university residence halls across the state.

Effective Jan. 1, 1990, North Carolina statute (GS14-72.4) makes the unauthorized possession of milk cases a misdemeanor punishable by a \$300 fine and/or imprisonment.

Nearly a million milk cases

were borrowed, stolen or misappropriated in North Carolina and Virginia dairies during the past year at a cost of \$2 million to the industry, and eventually the consumer.

Often used as furniture, file boxes or storage bins, the crates are lost to a public attitude that they are free for the taking.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," according to Carolina/Virginia Dairy Products Assn. President Phillip Holder of Pet Inc. in Charlotte. "These cases are a major expense to dairies, and the magnitude of the loss is hurting every dairy in the country."

According to a national survey, there are \$250 million worth of crates missing across the country. There have been no national, uniform solutions to the problem.

Prior to this new legislation, milk case theft in the state was a misdemeanor under general theft statutes. With passage of the tougher legislation, North Carolina

joins the ranks of a number of other states, combining concentrated enforcement efforts and publicity campaigns to try to recover crates and control losses.

The law applies to milk crates bearing the name of the owner, not plastic crates purchased in department stores or elsewhere; however, defacing or removing the identification mark is also illegal.

Cases should be returned to a local dairy or neighborhood grocery store, said Holder. No questions will be asked through Dec. 31, 1989.

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Bulletin board: opportunities for advancement

Mentoring Group: The Charlotte, Durham, and Greensboro chapters of the National Black Child Development Institute have announced the inception of a new mentoring program to motivate black girls to study math and science.

Undertaken as part of the "Black Girls: Making It in Math and Science Project" funded by the Women's Educational Equity Act Program of the U.S. Department of Education, the mentoring program will bring black girls together with college students and career women in the fields of math and science.

"With assistance from the local affiliate, mentors will be encouraged to help influence the girls' future in a positive way through such activities as visiting the work place, museums, and technical high schools, or just getting together to talk," stated Sarah Herbin, project coordinator.

The mentoring activities will be enhanced by three publications that NBDCI has developed as a part of this project. The first is a booklet targeted at providing basic information about math and science courses and careers to black girls and their parents. The second pamphlet provides action strategies for educators and community groups. The Institute has also published a journal designed for black girls to document their career development goals and activities.

All publications provide inspirational biographies of successful black women in various fields, and each is available to the public at a nominal cost.

Each mentor will take on the responsibility of shaping the academic career of a child. Over time, mentors will assist the girls in selecting a junior or senior high school, encourage girls to enroll in math and science courses, and tutor the girls in math and science when needed.

"This can't be a job; it must be commitment," stated Arthur Griffin, president of BCDI-Charlotte. "It has to be a commitment for adults who choose to make a difference."

Tresca Byrd, a mathematics teacher at Page Senior High School and advisory committee member, urges all who are able to become involved in the education of black children. "Give of yourself to a child. They are crying for attention and guidance. We need to make sure they have a future equal to or better than ours," Byrd says.

The National Black Child Development Institute is a nonprofit, membership organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for black children. If you would like to become a mentor or seek additional information, contact Sarah Herbin at the Black Child Development Institute of Greensboro, 1010 Homeland Avenue, Suite 102, Greensboro, N.C. 27405 or (919) 230-2138.

Magazine Contest: Bennett juniors are invited to enter GLAMOUR magazine's 1990 Top Ten College Women Competition. The competition, open to young women from colleges and universities across the country, is GLAMOUR's 34th annual search for 10 outstanding students.

A panel of GLAMOUR editors will select winners from among students who have demonstrated leadership abilities, involvement in community/campus af-

fairs, and academic excellence in a chosen field. Students can submit entries in five categories: creative arts/communications/humanities, science and technology/health, politics/international relations, business and economics/entrepreneurship and public service.

Winners of GLAMOUR's Top Ten College Women Competition will be featured in the October 1990 issue.

For further information, contact Ms. Beth Sklar, Conde Nast Building, 350 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Science Program: Are you an academically talented minority student in your junior or senior year? Are you interested in a career in biomedical research?

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) in Bethesda, Md., has an initiative called the Introduction to Biomedical Research Program that is specially designed to acquaint academically talented minority students to career opportunities in the broad field of biomedical research.

NIAID, one of the 13 National Institutes of Health (NIH), conducts and supports research to study the causes of allergic, immunologic and infectious diseases, and to develop better means of preventing, diagnosing and treating these illnesses.

"This program offers minority students from across the country an in-depth and intense three-day introduction to NIAID-NIH biomedical research," said Vincent A. Thomas, project officer of the program. "This initiative grew out of the Institute's concern about the underrepresentation of minorities in the scientific pool. Our goal is to increase the number of minority biomedical researchers."

Students—who are provided per diem and round trip tickets to the Bethesda campus—will have the opportunity to participate in a series of lectures, interviews, and tour the renowned NIH Clinical Center, the world's largest biomedical research facility. They will also discuss, face-to-face with scientists, current research initiatives and advances as well as career concerns and possible summer employment opportunities.

Participants will also have the opportunity to apply for summer positions in the NIAID Division of Intramural Research, and thus provide them with general exposure to research career paths and further their knowledge and understanding of biomedical research, and the types of positions available at NIH. Approximately 55 students will be selected for the Feb. 11-16, 1990 program.

Deans and faculty may recommend students with a 3.0 or better GPA. Selection is based on faculty recommendations and personal and academic achievements. If you are interested, you should contact the dean or chairperson of the biology or chemistry department of your school.

The application packet must be received from the dean or chairperson at NIAID no later than Nov. 20. Final selections will be announced by Dec. 13.