

## SPORTS

## Belle freshman makes NCAA nationals

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Judyann Fletcher, a freshman at Bennett College celebrated a 1st place win in the 100 and 200 meter dash in the Frostburg invitationals, the first race of the outdoor season at the NCAA nationals on Saturday April 24. Her outstanding performance in the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.50 seconds qualified her for the NCAA Nationals.

Fletcher is a native of Bermuda. She has been running track since the age of 9 only to take a break for three years after high school.

At 22, Fletcher has realized that hardwork, determination, discipline, and a will to achieve can help a person reach their goals. Since being at Bennett College Fletcher has shown many of

her fellow students and teammates that 100% participation is all that is needed to do ones best.

Fletcher's ultimate goal is to make it to the 1996 Olympics. She hopes to one day make a name for herself in track, and she takes her track career very seriously. "If you set your mind to something it is not unreachable," said Fletcher.

Although she has the speed to make it to the Olympics, Judyann realizes that she still has a lot of work to do if she is to reach her full potential. She admits that sprinting is her strongest attribute, and that distance her weakest. But, she realizes that in order to be successful she has to strengthen her weak areas.

"I just want to be a role model for the young kids out there", said Fletcher. With her attitude and dedication to excellence, Ms. Fletcher

## Bennett sports stars come through in second season of NCAA competition

The 1992-93 seasons represented the college's second year of competition as a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

During the fall season, the volleyball team lead by freshwomen Pam Moore, Tamara Adams, Nicole Graves, Kelli Vanterpool and senior Gay Morris registered victories over Salem College, Barber Scotia, Livingstone and Spelman College. The Belles' were at their best in dominating the Belle Invitational Tournament.

The cross country team placed third in the Shaw and NCCU Invitationals and was led into Mason Dixon conference competition by Paula Johnson, Zaida Ramos, Nysha

Cosom, Kera Green, Iva Winegalss and Jovanne Williams.

The winter season was highlighted by the all-conference performances of Tammy Crawford, Marsha Hawkins, Valerie Reed and Judyanne Fletcher at the Mason-Dixon Indoor Track Meet. Fletcher also went on to earn the All American Honors at the NCAA Chapionships.

The basketball team experienced mixed fortunes in getting off to a impressive 4-1 start. As the season progressed Dain Magogo, Pam Moore, Vicki Rose, Nia Reed and Nikki Friday all displayed flashes of brilliance.

The spring season was hampered by



uncharacteristic weather, but there were still several success stories.

The tennis team was lead by seniors Batsirai Mutasa and Dorcas Motowe and the emergence of future stars Kelli Vanterpool, Sonya Leake, Saija Adams, Audra McFadden and Tisha Gilmore.

The outdoor track team featured the record setting duo of Tammy Crawford and Judyanne Flecher.

will not only no doubt be successful, but she will be and is

a great role model for young black kids. We wish her great

success as she competes against the best in the nationals.

## ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## Operatic bell brings skill and dreams to Bennett

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A voice strong enough to send chills up your spinal chord, vibrate Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel, and cause the hall to ring with applause. It's all in the breath, so take a deep one and welcome to Bennett College, Karla Scott.

What's with all the breathing? It's the preparation it takes Scott or any of her newly led Bennett choir singers to hit their high notes and return to the low ones whether in performance or in her vocal training classes.

A native of Greensboro, Scott, whose title at Bennett is instructor of music, attended East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C. where she received her undergraduate degree in vocal pedagogy. Later she went

to the University of Maryland at College Park to receive her master of music in performance degree. Were the plans for these degrees preparation for a future as a teacher?

"No, never!" Scott responds.

However, one could get the impression that teaching was one of her life-long ambitions. While watching Scott direct the Bennett College choir during rehearsal, it was easy to see that she not only had a gift to teach, but also to perform. She was inspired to teach by her voice teacher, Carmen Balthrop.

"She's my inspiration and role model. It's amazing how she can juggle both a career as a teacher and performer with a personal life." Scott said.

Scott admits that the

responsibility of becoming a choir director seemed overwhelming in the beginning, but she did not let that hinder her from developing a rapport with the students. The choir members have responded positively toward her teaching techniques and singing style.

Scott enjoys her job as choir director, but she has other plans for the future. She hopes to one day fulfill her childhood ambition of performing on operatic stages both here and abroad.

For that dream she has Leontyne Price to thank. Scott says Price has opened doors for many opera singers and Price's singularity of vision in helping others in the business has inspired her.

The backbone of her career has been her family. They have provided

the financial support for her musical training since the age of five and they were especially giving after they heard some of her graduate work.

Now Scott is the backbone of the Bennett choir and freely imparts her professionalism and knowledge as a singer to her students.

"Scott has taught me that anything is possible and never to give up," said Leslie Starnes, a choir member.

Scott remains undaunted in her quest for excellence at Bennett. She will have the opportunity to sing the role of Pamina in the opera "Die Zauberflote", by Mozart and will also perform in the Rome Festival Orchestra in Italy in July.

Scott's words of advice are "Dare to dream, for as you dream so shall you become." And Scott must have had

dreams of belles, for she has surely become one of ours.

## Bennett students pick the ten hottest singles

Through the halls of Bennett College's dorms, students are blasting the type of music they prefer, be it reggae, hip hop, jazz or rhythm & blues.

Last month the survey revealed that Mary J. Blige's smash hit "Reminisce" was the most popular sound. Just to tell you how fast the slammin' music is coming, only one of last month's top ten is still around. That's Dr. Dre's "Nuthin' But A 'G' Thang."

Here are the results of the latest Bennett survey:

1. "Today Was A Good Day" Ice Cube
2. "I'm So Into You" SWV
3. "Love Me or Leave Me Alone" Brand Nubian
4. "Nuthin' But A G Thang" Dr. Dre
5. "Weak" SWV
6. "Happy Days" Silk
7. "Sally's Got A One Track Mind" Diamond D
8. "Hat 2 Da Back" TLC
9. "Hip Hop Hooray" Naughty by Nature
10. "This Is How I'm Coming" L. L. Cool J

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