

Media professionals visit

WFMY news anchorwoman, Sandra Hughes and 12 other media professionals visited Bennett Nov. 10 and 11 for Local Media Day, sponsored by the Mass Communications, Speech, and Theatre department. The event was presented to inform mass communications majors about diverse career opportunities in media. Other guests included: WQMG AM general manager and public affairs director, Irish Gaymon; Greensboro News & Record's reporter, Jason Williams; and communication facilitator, Mimi Williams.



From left; Mass Communications chair, Dr. Lenora Brogdon-Wyatt, WFMY reporter Cyndl Farmer, WGHP news director Scott Libin, WQMG PD Brian Wallace and professor Stephanie Carrino.

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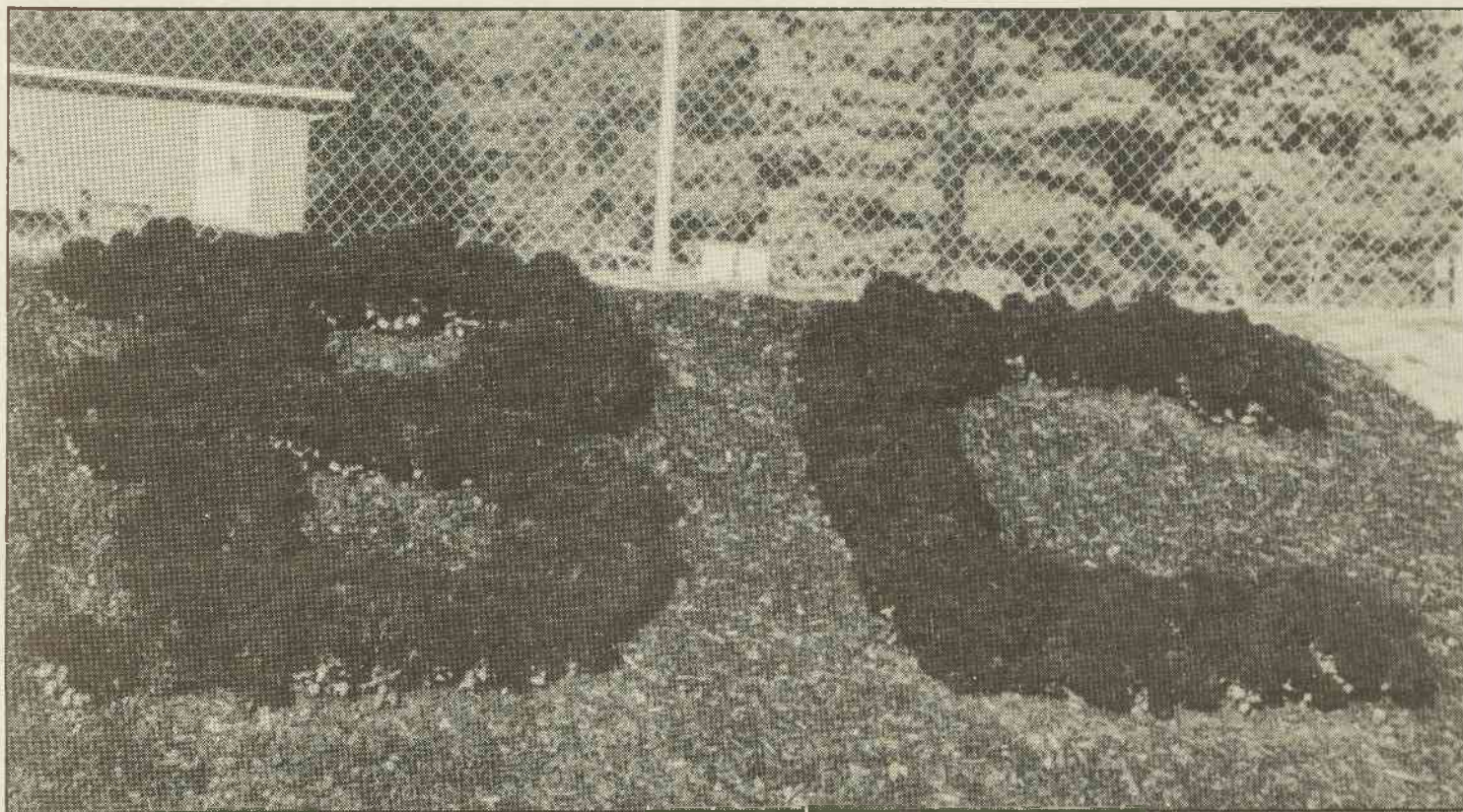
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BENNETT BLOOMIN': These flowers, on Bennett Street, were donated by the Board of Visitors during Founders' Week.

Mass Communications program reviving and revising

By Stephanie McCorkle
Banner Reporter

A change for the better.

That's what is in store for the Mass Communications, Speech and Theatre Department.

Since the beginning of this semester, the department has been undergoing a series of changes. Three new faculty — Sally Alvarez, Stephanie Carrino, Dr. Lona D. Cobb, and a new chair, Dr. Lenora Brogdon-Wyatt — have been hired.

Now there are five full-time faculty members, including Bruce Clark, the only returning professor, in the department.

The mass communications program is also experiencing major revisions which include the updating of some course requirements and the adding of some new ones.

"In the past, students had to take everything offered in the curriculum that they did not need for their concentration," Brogdon-Wyatt said.

She added that too much was being covered in one class during the semester and there were not enough advanced or follow-up courses being offered.

As of this semester, there were only two 400-level courses required for mass communication majors, Independent Study and Media Law.

Brogdon-Wyatt intends to solve these problems by focusing on specific areas of mass communication.

"We have two areas that we are concentrating on and they are broadcasting for radio and television, and print journalism," Brogdon-Wyatt said.

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Panel to discuss black, Russian commonalities

The Russians are coming: Russian writers that is.

Bennett is presenting a panel discussion, "The Soul of Black America and the Soul of Russia," Tuesday Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. in Pfeiffer Science Auditorium.

Russian writers, Yuri Lebedev, Mikhail Bazankov and Vyacheslav Shaposhnikov will participate in the discussion with Dr. Alma Adams, professor of art, Dr. Dan Figgins, professor of po-

Writers to examine souls, prose and poetry of both cultures

litical science and Dr. Charlotte Alston, vice president for academic affairs. Other Bennett faculty and students are also on the panel.

In addition, the panelists will be guests in an 11 a.m. chapel service with Dr. Linda Beatrice Brown who will read from her novel-in-progress

Belle first recipient of national award for music excellence

Nicole Isaac
Student Reporter

The first national recipient of a \$5,000 award from the Liberace Foundation for Performing and Creative Arts for the 1993-1994 academic year is LaShanna Patton, a junior and vocal music performance major at Bennett.

"In early August I heard of a new grant which would help fund a music majors education, and I inquired about it through Dr. Pinnix," Patton said.

Although Patton had nothing but high hopes for receiving the Liberace Scholarship Award, she still remembers being surprised when she was chosen.

"I felt that I had a strong chance of receiving the award considering that there are a small amount of students majoring in music at Bennett," Patton said.

"I also had a slight doubt in my mind that I would not receive the award, but that is only natural."

According to Dr. David Pinnix, chair of the Music Department Patton is a very talented singer

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on slavery. Brown, a distinguished professor of Humanities at Bennett, is an internationally known writer.

The writers will also lead discussions on the poetry of black Russian writer Pushkin and the prose of Dostoevsky at 3 p.m. in Black Hall auditorium.

All activities are free to the public. For additional information contact Brown at 370-8616 or 275-2564.

Bennett is one of the sponsors of the program.