

## Students to be recognized for various achievements

Students will be recognized for their outstanding academic achievements and extracurricular activities at the annual Recognition Day Convocation April 18 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel.

Each department and student organization is responsible for providing and presenting its awards which may be a plaque, medallion, trophy or cash. Awards that were

presented during the previous Recognition Day Convocation include: President's Excellence Award; Eva Hamlin Miller Scholarship; Bennett College National Alumnae Association Scholarship Award (\$1,000); Mae Cynthia Lee and Edna J. Lee Educational Fund Scholarship (\$2,000); Shell Hall Mass Communications; and Dr. Marie Clapp Moffitt Scholarship in Home Economics (\$2,400).

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*NYU/Project SafetyNet director visits Bennett*

Sharon Slotnik, (left) National Project Director for AmeriCorps Project SafetyNet and other NYU administrators visited Bennett's AmeriCorps program on Feb. 17. Project SafetyNet, part of the 1993 National Community Service Trust Act is under a community service organization called AmeriCorps. Riley Kline, (behind Slotnik) site director for Bennett's AmeriCorps and eight of the 25 student participants were on hand for the visitation.

Photo by Gene Keenum

## Celebrate women's history, but remember your health

**Jokima Joynes  
Banner Reporter**

National Women's History Month is a time when the strides of women are remembered and the accomplishments are rejoiced. It can also be a time for women to confront some of the serious health threats of today. One in particular is breast cancer.

According to the American Cancer Association breast cancer is one of the most common forms of cancer found in women among the ages of 35 and up. However, women under 35 should examine themselves regularly as well simply to protect themselves from being at risk of developing the disease.

The National Cancer Institute states that the warning signs of breast cancer

begins with a lump in the breast that does not go away, thickening of tissue, dimpling or pulling of the skin, change in the shape of the breast, nipple discharge, and pain or tenderness. If a woman experiences any of these symptoms, she should consult a medical doctor for a breast examination or a mammogram -- an X-ray that detects lumps that may be present in breasts.

However mammograms are not the only safeguard. Often there may be lumps that are too small to be picked up on the X-ray. That's why it is so important that all women perform self examinations.

"Since the age of 15, I started doing self breast examinations to make sure I know if a lump ever develops in my breast," said Candace Taylor a freshman from Cleveland.

## 106th Charter Day observed

**Yvette Burton  
Banner Reporter**

Bennett celebrated the 106th anniversary of the day in which it was chartered by the state of North Carolina as a four-year institution, during the annual Charter Day program, March 19.

William Samuel White, CEO of the Charles Stuart Mott Foundation in Michigan, the featured speaker of the event, spoke about the impact that historically black colleges and universities have on society.

"Colleges such as Bennett have given their students the opportunity to serve the community," he said.

In 1978, the president of General Motors suggested to White, an employee at the time, that GM should give Bennett and other historically black colleges and universities financial assistance.

"The foundation that I represent is a believer in the effectiveness of HBCU's," White said.

In 1994, The Mott Foundation made 400 grants totaling \$56.9 million to domestic and foreign nonprofit organizations.

The program also featured the presentation of the "Mott Endowed Professorship Award," to Dr. Stuart Taylor, Business and Economics Department chair; the "Willa B. Player Endowed Chair," to Dr. Linda Brown, professor of Humanities; the "Carolyn Marshall Distinguished Professor Award," to Dr. John T. McDonald, professor of Education.

President Scott presided the occasion and read a letter from Gov. Jim Hunt which extended greetings to Bennett for the Charter Day celebration.

Representatives from the city of Greensboro, the Bennett Board of Trustees, faculty and staff, alumnae and members from each Bennett class were on hand to extend personal greetings as well.

The next ACES program, Alumnae Vesper, has been scheduled for March 26.

## Refund checks disbursed

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Banner Reporter and  
Christine Lewis  
Chief Copy Editor**

Check it out.

Refund checks are now available to students. The distribution of the checks had been delayed because of a burglary in the business office on Feb. 23.

According to Delores Shaw, switchboard operator and cashier, students that made requests on time were issued refund checks on March 2.

"I'm happy to finally receive my money because the wait and half-answered responses from the business office were absurd," said Ayesha Sabir, Atlanta junior.

Richard Hopkins, director of Public Safety, said, "We realize that this [delay] was an inconvenience to students, faculty, and staff."

The suspect in the burglary has been identified as 31-year-old Kim Lance of Norfolk was arrested and charged with another burglary and larceny Feb. 27 at Centura Bank on 208 N. Elm St.

According to Hopkins in an earlier interview, the suspect probably entered the business office with a key because there weren't any signs of forced entry.

"There aren't as many keys available to the buildings," Hopkins said.

"We are now using a key log system to prevent more incidents like this."