

## Bennett hosts multi-talented visitor

Bennett is playing host to a multi-talented visitor who will have a very busy two-day schedule. Stacey Lyn Evans, poet and author of "Real Soul Food: And Other Poetic Recipes" will be on campus April 17 and 18.

Wednesday, April 17, Evans, an Emmy-nominated television producer, is scheduled to speak in several classes.

She will be away from campus 5 - 6 p.m. — on that same day — do a book signing at

the African American Atelier Gallery at the Greensboro Cultural Arts Center located downtown. That evening, Evans will return at 7 to participate in a festival reading in the Black Hall Auditorium. A reception will follow in Black Hall.

She will be the speaker at the ACES program "National Library Week" on Thursday April 18. Evans' visit is sponsored by the Visual Arts & Humane Studies Department and the Lyceum Committee.

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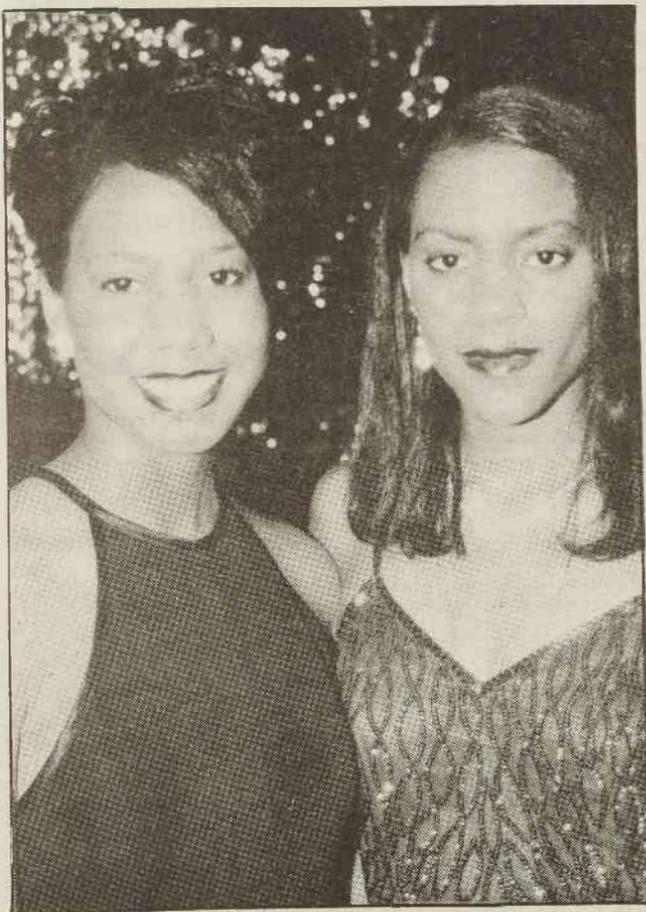
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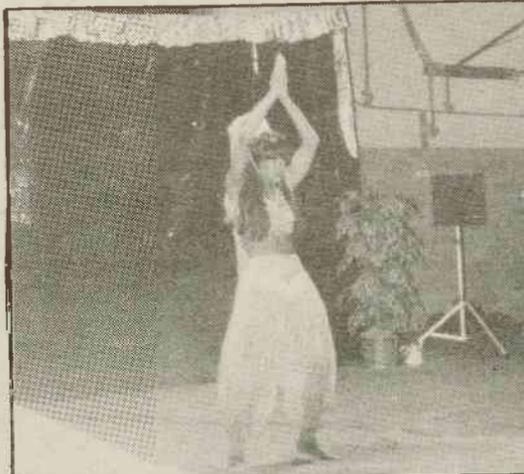
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From left, Jasmine Canady, Candace White the two contestants running for Miss Bennett pose in the elegant Goode gymnasium. Top, Canady dances in the talent competition. Left, White performs a belly dance.



## Unchallenged, Pecchioni wins SGA post

**Stacy Blackmon**  
Lab Staff

Junior mass communications major Amanda Pecchioni was the only candidate for SGA president; therefore, it is no surprise that she was elected as the new SGA president for the 1996-97 school year.

An exchange student at NYU for the spring semester, Pecchioni said that she expected more students to get involved, especially when people thought she would be running for Miss Bennett.

"Signs were put up for interest meetings and the deadline was extended, but there still wasn't a lot of interest," Pecchioni said.

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## Campus safety discussed

**Paquita Herring**  
Banner Reporter

The past few months questions and concerns have been raised about campus safety and the new security. Adrena Coleman, director of Institutional Research, Planning and Buildings addressed some of these questions.

**Q: Why doesn't the new security have uniforms?**

**A:** Security is in the process of getting measured now for uniforms. They can be recognized now by their I.D. badges.

**Q: Is a gun part of their uniform?**

**A:** Commissioned officers are allowed a college issued weapon. To be able to carry a weapon a police officer must finish all certification.

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## Miss Bennett Pageant transformed

**Toshanique Paulley**  
Banner Reporter

With the Bennett College Gymnasium transformed into a beautiful ballroom, students and faculty were looking their best at the 1996-97 Miss Bennett College Pageant on March 26.

This year's pageant had a different twist. The reigning Miss Bennett College, Jennifer Farris, a mass communications major from Atlanta, was the mastermind behind the transformation. She said that she wanted the pageant to be classy, as opposed to the past years when everyone came and cheered and jeered.

"I wanted it [the pageant] to be an after five event because the Miss Bennett title should be looked upon with high esteem," Farris said.

The night began with some of the academic and organizational queens being recognized as they strolled across the floor in their

gowns. Miss Bennett, Miss Royal Blue and White, and The Royal Court were also recognized.

The two candidates for Miss Bennett College, Jasmine Canady, a junior, elementary education major from Atlanta, and Candace White, a junior, biology-MARC major from New Jersey were also in attendance.

The candidates were judged in three different categories, speech, talent, elegance and poise.

"Many people think that participating in a pageant is based on superficial things like beauty," Canady said. "But it takes a lot of work to prepare a speech and a talent to present," she added.

The evening ended with candidates answering two questions they had randomly picked.

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