

Juniors provide fun, frights for campus toddlers

By Donna Satterfield
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For the second time in as many years, the junior class provided an afternoon of fun and frights for 24 toddlers during the annual Halloween party, at the Children's House Oct. 31.

The 3 and 4 year olds, who attend the lab school on Bennett's campus, were

read Halloween stories, and provided with treats and coloring activities. The juniors also arranged a talent show in which the children modeled their costumes.

"As sophomores we threw the party and we wanted to continue the project," said Keisha Reed, junior class president.



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Harvey Gantt is "Bennettized" by senior Amy Alexander SGA vice president and Dr. Alma Adams. Adams, chair of the Visual Arts Department, is also seeking a second term as State House Representative in District 26. Photo by the Bennett College Public Affairs and Marketing.

Candidate Gantt speaks at Bennett

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Pfeiffer Science auditorium rang with cheers and chants Oct. 22 as Harvey Gantt, Senate candidate, addressed approximately 150 people about issues facing his campaign against his Republican opponent Jesse Helms.

Gantt told his audience, primarily comprised of students, that the main focus of his platform — "The Restoration of the American Dream" — is to make sure that money is available for students.

"I don't want anyone under the sound of my voice to have an excuse for not going to school," Gantt said.

Gantt, a former Charlotte mayor, also suggested that if Helms get elected again, Helms would vote to cancel student loans, grants for college students, and funding for HBCU's.

"There is a big difference between Harvey Gantt and Jesse Helms, besides the color of our skin," said Gantt, as he elaborated on the differences between

himself and Helms.

He also spoke about welfare reform, and early childhood education programs.

In support of President Clinton, Gantt said, "If it weren't for President Clinton you would be paying high interest for the loans you have."

A native of South Carolina, Gantt discussed how African American ancestors fought for the right to vote.

"You young African Americans owe a lot of people," Gantt said.

He urged the students to make sure that they help people in the neighborhood get to the voting polls. "Find 15 people that you are going to bother between now and voting time," Gantt said.

"Sneak a little time from your study time to help someone whose legs are a little weaker than yours get to the polls."

Amy Alexander, SGA vice president, "Bennettized" Gantt by presenting him with a Bennett tee shirt and said, "We want you to take Bennett with you on Election Day."

The Gantt's visit was sponsored by the Women's Political Development class.

BANNER EXCLUSIVE

Administrator becomes published author

By Keita White
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Dr. Lea E. Williams, special assistant to President Scott, is not only a talented writer, but she is also a determined woman.

What she encountered to get her book, "Servants of the People: The 1960s Legacy of African American Leadership" published is evidence to support this observation.

Williams submitted a letter describing her proposed

book to 10 publishers. Six responded; five said no, but one publisher expressed interest and requested that she write back upon completion of the book. Twenty months later she completed her project and St. Martin's Press published it.

According to Williams, "Servants" was written prior to her coming to Bennett a little more than a year ago. Initially it had begun as an article about civil rights activist Whitney M. Young, but the article mushroomed into a book when a colleague who read it advised her to develop her topic.

Williams said the impetus for her book was her concern that African Americans don't have the same strong leadership today that once existed in the 1960s.

"I was troubled with what I saw happening in Black organizations," she said referring to the time period in which the Rev. Benjamin Chavis was being ousted from the NAACP.

In "Servants," Williams focuses on the civil rights

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