

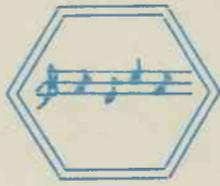
Choir, Jazz Ensemble traveling south

Spring break is finally here.

While most of us go home to rest and recuperate after midterm exams, 28 members of the Bennett College Choir and the Jazz Ensemble will be on the road performing in cities throughout the South.

The 1998 Spring Choir Tour will take place Feb. 28- March 6.

The tour starts at the Warren Memo-



rial Church in Atlanta (Feb. 28) followed by a performance at Mount Rose Baptist Church in Mississippi (March 1); Mount Zion United Methodist Church in New Orleans (March 3); and the finale at the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Christ in Houston (March 6).

The choir is under the direction of Valerie Johnson, who is also an instructor in the music department.

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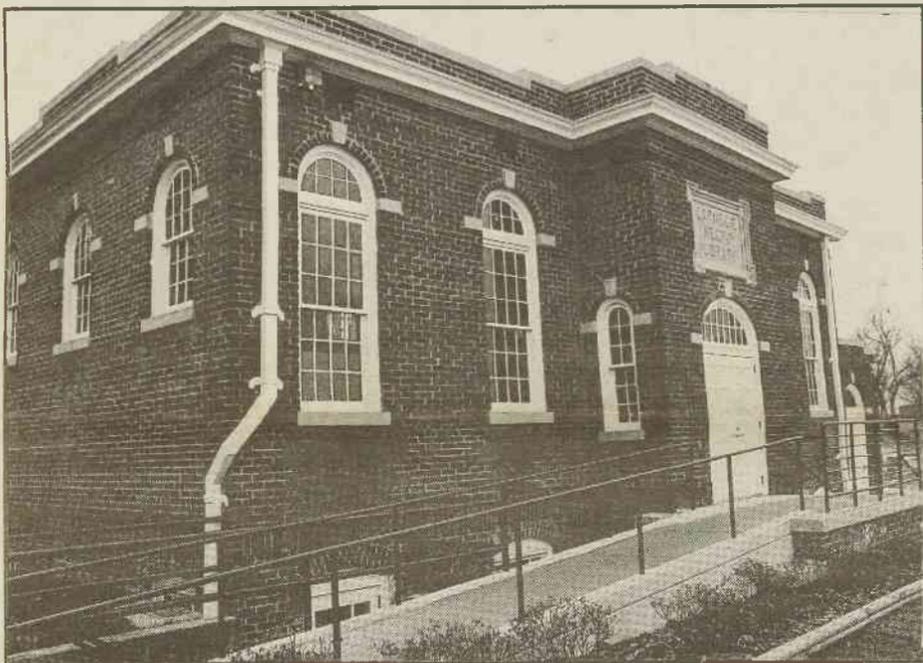
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Open for business

The Carnegie Negro Library was officially reopened during the rededication ceremony that took place Feb. 21. Also known as the "Ole Negro Library," it was the only library in Greensboro that African Americans were permitted to use. Page 6 features a photo of the inside of the library.

Bennett to host regional model U.N. conference

By Delanissa Moody
Banner Reporter

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan is not the only one practicing diplomacy these days. Annan reached an agreement with Saddam Hussein that would allow inspectors, accompanied by U.N. diplomats access to sites declared off limits by Hussein.

"When many thought he wouldn't be successful, through his demeanor he was able to turn Hussein around," said Dr.

Shirley Washington, associate professor in the political science department and serves as advisor of the Political Pacesetters.

Political Pacesetters, a student organization at Bennett College, will host the 5th Regional Model United Nations Conference at the Greensboro Hilton Hotel in downtown Greensboro March 19-22.

The Regional Model United Nations pro-

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Campus security taking precautions against area rapist

By Christina Burch
Banner Reporter

The recent sexual assaults of four female students, on the campus of North Carolina A & T, occurring Feb. 4 and Feb. 11, have changed student behavior and increased security at Bennett.

"I don't walk to the parking lot by myself anymore," said Kimberly Shaffers, a junior biology and education major from Bluefield, W. Va.

"I carry pepper spray and I'm much more cautious about what time I come and go at night."

Four flood lights have been placed throughout the campus and nightly escorts from campus to the Washington Street parking lot have been implemented to ensure the

safety of the students, said Raymond Alexander, campus public safety officer.

In addition, fliers featuring a composite sketch of the suspect have been circulated and posted on the doors and bulletin boards of the Student Union, dormitories and classrooms.

According to the flier, the suspect -- described as a light brown black male with hazel eyes and a Hitler style mustache, in his early 20s, 5-feet-10-inches to 6-feet-3-inches tall, weighing about 180 pounds -- is being sought for robbing and or sexually assaulting four students in secluded areas on the A & T campus.

Greensboro Police are not handling the case because they do not investigate criminal cases on college campuses unless the cases are homicides or first-degree rapes. Tips for a safe campus on Page 6.

Holgate's newest acquisition provides better accessibility to internet, catalogs, databases

By Paquita Herring
Banner Editor

If the Holgate Library does not have the information you need for the research paper, don't fret. The addition of five new computers located on the main floor may help you find just what you are looking for.

"There are more computers to serve multiple functions which helps to eliminate a line and extend the time in which students can use the computers," said Juanita Portis, Holgate librarian.

Other databases that can be accessed include the "African American Biographical Database," the "Education Database

and Archives USA." These databases can be found in full text but are only being used on a trial basis.

The computers, updated software, and increased internet access came as a result of the Southern Education Foundation Grant. The estimated cost of the installation and equipment is \$22,000.

The new computers also make it possible for students to access library catalogs from Bennett, Wake Forest, UNC-G, UNC-Chapel Hill, the Library of Congress, and Colorado Area Research Libraries.

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