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REPORTER

Ebony Vibes Trivia Question #2

Who was the first rapper to be signed to the Bad Boy label? Please submit your answers to Dee in Shell Hall B.

Higher Education Amendments of 1998

Lower interest rates from 8.25 percent to 7.46 percent can be applied to all new federal student loans and also Direct Consolidation Loans until Jan. 31, 1999. All current students with a Direct Loan can apply now to refinance their loans at the new interest rate. For more information on refinancing student loans, borrowers may call the Loan Consolidation Network at (800) 557-7392 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. or access the Direct Loan web site at <http://www.ed.gov/Direct Loan>.

RazzMaTazz Auditions

RazzMaTazz is sponsoring auditions for Retrospective, a musical revue of the 20th century, Dec. 4 from 7-11 p.m. and Dec. 5 from 1-4 p.m. in the Greensboro Cultural Center Level 1 (Drama Studio One). RazzMaTazz is open to ages 13-adult. You must bring a prepared audition song (accompanist is available), a list of commitments through September 1999, and wear clothing appropriate for a movement audition. Singers and Dancers are needed. The musical will tour North Carolina from February through September, 1999. For more information call (336) 373-2506.

Candlelight Concert Scheduled

The Bennett College Choir will present its annual Christmas Candlelight Concert in the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel Dec. 6 at 7 pm. Following a candlelight procession, the choir will perform Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols accompanied by harp. The program will also feature traditional Christmas carols, African American spirituals and gospel songs related to the Christmas theme. The concert will conclude with the annual Christmas message by President Gloria Randle Scott. The choir is conducted by Valerie Johnson and accompanied by David Pinnix. The public is cordially invited to attend. Admission is free.

Black HERstory

ON THIS DAY IN NOVEMBER

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•27, 1989 Jennifer

Lawson is appointed as executive vice president for National Programming and Promotion Services at the Public Broadcasting Service. She is the first woman to assume a position at a major television network as the chief programming executive for PBS.

•28, 1981 Pam McAllister Johnson

is named as pub-

lisher of Gannett's *Ithaca Journal*. She is the first African-American woman to head a general circulation newspaper in the United States.

•30, 1924 **Shirley Anita St. Hill** (later Chisholm) is born in Brooklyn, N.Y. She began her political career when she was elected to the state assembly and later to Congress. Chisholm is the first African-American to run for president of the United States.

BY NAIMA Q. BARBOUR
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The author of the No. 1 Blackboard bestseller "Sister, Sister" is back with a soulful tale of love, betrayal, and friendship.

Eric Jerome Dickey offers "Friends and Lovers," (384 pp. *NAL/Dutton \$5.99 paperback*) a chronicle of the lives, loss and love of four young African-American people in Los Angeles. There's definitely a lot to talk about in the city of angels.

Debra, an OB-GYN nurse, has had her share of no good men and has decided to withhold sex until marriage. Her best friend, Shelby, a flight attendant, believes that if she has sex, she will secure marriage.

Tyrel, a computer company executive, has had enough of meeting the wrong women. However, he is hesitant about being in a serious relationship because his father cheated on his mother and later left his family to be with the other woman.

Tyrel's best friend, Leonard, is a successful stand-up comedian, and is ready for a serious relationship.

After meeting at Denny's, Debra and Leonard hit it off immedi-

ately. Soon after, Shelby meets Tyrel. The attraction is instant as well as the consequences.

Leonard is no longer laughing when he has to make a decision about what matters most to him. The lingering question in his head is, is he really ready for a steady relationship and the love of a good



woman.

Their relationships begin to take different courses after hitting the beaches, comedy clubs, and restaurants. Debra, still on her no sex before marriage kick, becomes seriously involved with Leonard but it takes Shelby and Leonard a little longer to reach that point.

Unfortunately, Shelby and Tyrel learn the hard way about the consequences of having sex before marriage and that a long lasting relationship doesn't begin with sex. A misunderstanding concerning an unwanted pregnancy ultimately destroys Tyrel and Shelby's romance.

Shelby then moves to San Diego to rid her mind of Tyrel. Meanwhile, Tyrel takes a job offer in San Francisco.

Shortly after moving, Shelby meets Richard and becomes engaged. Tyrel, on the other hand, enjoys his freedom by going out with different women night after night.

After tragedy strikes in the newlyweds' house, Shelby and Tyrel rush to L. A. to be by their best friends' side. It really makes you wonder if distance really makes the heart grow fonder? Will they get back together? Check out "Friends and Lovers" to find out.

Despite the trials and tribulations the couples had to face, in the end they realized the most valuable gift to give or receive is *friendship*. It is a clear distinction between friends and lovers but only a few can differentiate.

"Friends and Lovers" is a must read. I was hooked from the first sentence. Dickey's ability to illustrate both male and female points of view is outstanding.

So when it's time to sit back and relax don't forget your copy of "Friends and Lovers," located at a bookstore near you.

Also by Dickey, "Milk in My Coffee" and "Sister, Sister."

BANNER CLASSIFIEDS

Bennett College students may place meeting announcements, services, items for sale, etc. -- 25 words or less -- in the Banner Classifieds for FREE. The cost for non-Bennett students is \$2.50 for 25 words or less and 5 cents for each additional word. For more information stop by Shell Hall C-2.

The Bennett Banner Publication Schedule for the 1998-1999 School Year

Deadline	Publication Date
Dec. 4	Dec. 11
Jan. 22	Jan. 29
Feb. 5	Feb. 12
Feb. 19	Feb. 26
Mar. 19	Mar. 26
Apr. 16	Apr. 23
Apr. 30	May 7

Dates subject to change
without notice

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dec. 4 is the final day for
PICTURES.

Seniors are scheduled from
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Underclasswomen, Faculty, and
Staff are scheduled from
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

The Children's House is sponsoring
a jewelry fund-raiser for new
playground equipment
7 p.m. Dec. 4 at 7 p.m.
at 2724 Aster Drive
(near Florida and Lee streets).
Call Sharon Bibbs 370-4723 for
more information.

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