

Attorney General Easley speaks about predatory lending practices

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North Carolina's Attorney General Mike Easley spoke in the Little Theatre, April 6 about his role in enforcing laws to protect people from deceptive trade practices.

Speaking to an audience of approximately 100 that included students, staff, faculty and community leaders, Easley said that mortgage lending companies target minorities, particularly African Americans, and senior citizens.

"Lending groups have been known to target those who know little about finance," Easley said.

During the program, Easley played a video of a segment from ABC's Prime Time Live news program about homeowners who were not treated fairly by various mortgage lending companies. (The video was first aired on network



Attorney General Mike Easley
File Photo

television in 1997.)

Easley talked about various techniques used by mortgage lending companies such as "flipping"

and "packing" to cause homeowners to pay more money or eventually lose their homes. "Flipping," Easley explained, is when mortgage lending company encourages homeowners into keep refinancing their mortgage. Packing is when a mortgage lending company adds unnecessary items to a mortgage loan package, such as a cancer insurance policy.

Easley said his plan to protect people against predatory lending involves "Legislation, litigation, and education."

He said that his office will actively investigate lending companies. "I want to write laws to monitor how often a company can flip mortgages," Easley said. Easley suggested educating consumers about the dangers of home equity scams.

Easley has spoken at several meetings across the state about his plan to protect homeowner.

Relationship seminar takes place in Jones

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A seminar about relationships and trust took place in Jones Hall March 31.

During "Do you trust in Princess Cinderella?: Where Do You Place" students discussed ways to help women understand that they don't have to put all their trust in men and that they should concentrate more on their spiritual life while trying to better themselves.

The seminar was facilitated by Gayani Ekanyake, a freshman fashion merchandising major from Baltimore.

"I planned the seminar because

I read a scripture in my Bible and I previously saw myself in that type of situation," Ekanyake said. She said that the foundation for the seminar came from the book of Psalms.

Resident Director Nicole Marshall participated in the seminar. "I want young women to put themselves first showing self-respect and honor knowing the perfect mate will come in God's time," Marshall said.

Marshall said that more seminars because she said the seminars should take place because the dialogue will help change the mind set of Bennett women.

The seminar was sponsored by the House Council.

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sophomore psychology major from Spring Valley, N.Y. Cleveland who helped to organize and coordinate the on and off-campus activities -- for Belles, alumna, and prospective students -- also served as student co-chair of the committee.

Brandi Hunter, a senior mass communications major from Harrisburg, Pa. and this year's chair of the Steering Committee for Nubian Nuance said the primary purpose of the annual spring event is to help improve student morale around campus "It [Nubian Nu-

ance] also helps put Bennett in the public eye," Hunter said.


The week's scheduled events are to be kicked off April 7 by "Noon Time Jazz" a live performance by Keith Byrd in the cafeteria followed by a dinner time picnic in the quad. Male visitors have been invited to join Belles in activities on the quad such as volleyball and tug-o-war.

The main attraction of Nubian Nuance is the President's Ball, the formal event at the Hilton Hotel April 9. During the ball the pageant winners of the Miss Ben-

nett College, and Miss Royal Blue and White competition will be announced.

The four contestants who competed in that pageant March 30 are Brandy Jones, a junior English major from Wilmington, Del.; Mattea Hill, a junior education major from Upper Marlboro, Md.; Shaneik Issac, a junior music major from Washington, D.C.; and Janell Catlin, a junior biology major from New Jersey.

Nubian Nuance will close with a Sunday morning worship service April 11 in Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel.



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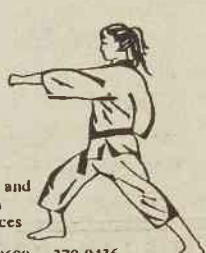
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