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THE LEGACY OF THE CLASS OF '99



6 inducted into English honor society

Six new members have been inducted into the Omega Nu Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta International English honor society

Micka P. Chase, a junior from Washington, D.C.; Deanna Harris, a sophomore from Bridgeport, Conn.; Wendy R. Jones, a sophomore from Greensboro, N.C.; Erin Mixon, a sophomore from Miami, Fla.; Natalie R. Stewart, a

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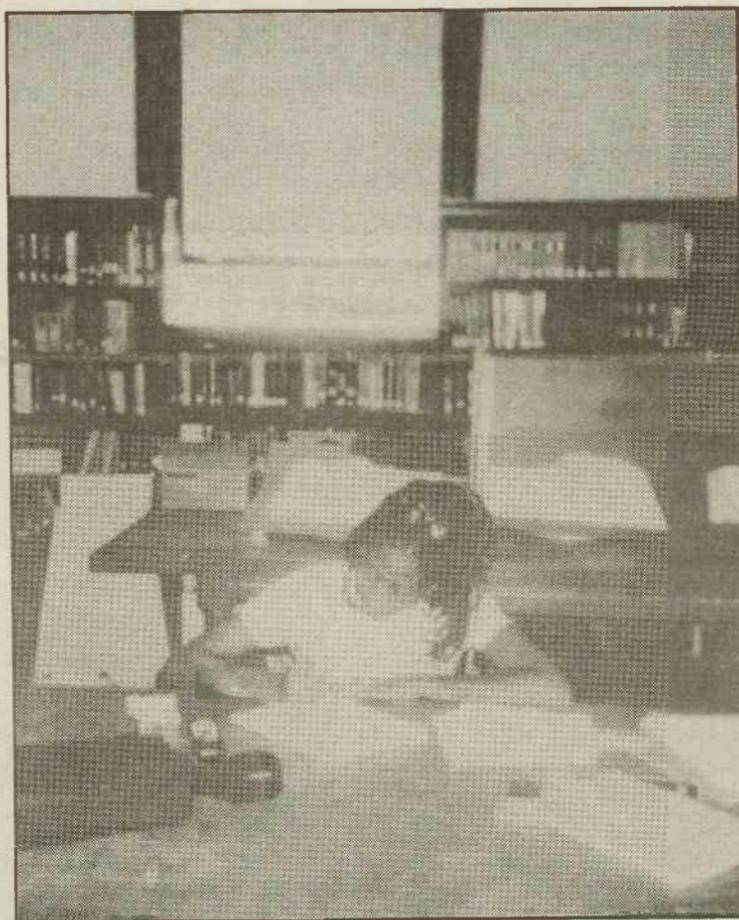
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Crunch time
With the end of spring semester nearing, Thyais Artis, a junior psychology major from Snowhill, N.C. takes time to study in the Holgate Library. Finals for underclasswomen took place May 10-14. Photo by Leah Whaley-Holmes, Banner Photographer.



115 expected to participate in commencement

Approximately 115 members of the class of 1999 are expected to participate in the commencement exercises at 11 a.m. May 16 on the campus quadrangle.

The graduates will be the 123rd class to graduate from Bennett as an institution of higher learning and the 73rd class to graduate from Bennett as a HBCU institution for women.

This year's commencement address will be delivered by Gloria J.

Jeff, a deputy administrator of the Federal Highway Administration.

Jeff represents FHWA on the Executive Committee of the World Road Association. She also leads the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperative, the Transportation Working Group Congestion Points Study, and she currently chairs the APEC Intermodal Task Force.

Jeff, a Detroit native, has a bachelor's degree in civil engi-

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WLI to offer \$300 award for leadership skills

BY AISHA HART
Staff Reporter

For the first time, a \$300 Leadership Award will be given by the Women's Leadership Institute to a student who demonstrates leadership skills during a service project.

For a student to be eligible for the award, she must demonstrate strong interest and diligence in completing her on or off campus service project.

"The qualifications [for the award winner] will include the

WLI's expectations that uphold the accomplishments of the Institute's mission of creating and developing phenomenal women leaders," said Dr. Lea E. Williams, WLI executive director.

Application and guideline information for the Leadership Award will be available at the beginning of the fall semester.

Williams says that the new Leadership award is one of the projects that the WLI has initiated to enhance the Institute's commitment to build and strengthen its ties between Academic Affairs and Student Development.

Hill discusses her role as Miss Bennett

BY BRANDY JONES
Editor

Mattea Hill was introduced as the newly elected Miss Bennett for the 1999-2000 academic school year at the President's Ball April 9 at the Greensboro Hilton.

An education major from Upper Marlboro, Md., Hill will be formally introduced to the Bennett College community at the 1999 fall coronation. She said she believes, "Just Jesus" will make her unique from the Miss Bennetts of previous years.

Hill said she has wanted to run for the title of Miss Bennett since her first year of studies here.

"I want to use it [Miss Bennett title] as an opportunity to represent the school and the women who attend it," Hill said.

Hill also said that she will use the summer months to get ready for her new position.

"I am going to prepare over the summer by getting a lot of rest and outlining the things that need to be done for the 1999-2000 school year," Hill said.

When asked her vision for the

upcoming year, she responded, "Which one? God has given me several and I will begin by following and building on what Miss Bennett 1998-99 established."

The duties of Miss Bennett include the planning of coronation, serving as an ambassador for the college in the community, and implementing campus wide community service projects.

Hill said she didn't want to disclose her programs involving her responsibilities as Miss Bennett

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