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# Banner Briefings

On and Off Campus Events • Activities • Announcements

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### Ebony Vibes Trivia Question #5

Name two artists who are a part of Hip-Hop's Biggest Fan Tour? Please submit your answers to Dee in Shell Hall B.

### Africana.com offers free e-mail

The website Africana.com is now offering free e-mail accounts aimed at the black community. The website is the leading black educational site and was launched January.

### Holgate Library Happenings

Alumnae Maidie Ruth Norman's memorabilia will be displayed in the Constance Marteena Room in Holgate Library. Norman, who graduated in 1934, was an actress and educator and played in more 200 movies including *What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?*, *Tarzan's Hidden Jungle*, and *Torch Song*. Norman received numerous awards like the Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame Award and the Bennett College Achievement Award.

Coming soon to Holgate a new on-line database, Facts on File's FACT.com. The database will provide remote access to seven databases including the World Almanac and Books of Facts, Today's Science on File, and Issues and Controversies On File.

### Resident Halls Closed

Resident Halls will be closed for Christmas Break Dec. 18 at noon and will reopen Jan. 9 at noon.

### African-American Arts Festival Scheduled

The African American Arts Festival will take place Jan. 15 through March 18. This festival will highlight activities and programs in music, theater, dance, and visual arts. The event is a family-oriented evening of African food, music, and activities. This event is sponsored by the United Arts Council and by Miller Brewing Company. For more information please contact the United Arts Council at 373-7523.

# Black HISTORYstory

ON THIS DAY IN DECEMBER

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- **20, 1981 Dreamgirls** opens on Broadway at the Imperial Theater. The musical chronicles the rise of a black female group in the 1960's and starred Jennifer Holliday who won a Tony award for her performance
- **21, 1959 Florence Griffith Joyner**, track and field star, is born in Los Angeles, Calif.
- **23, Madame C.J. Walker** is born in Delta, La. She was the

first female African-American millionaire whose hair-care, toiletry, and cosmetics revolutionized the standards of beauty for African-American women.

- **23, 1935 Esther Mae Jones**, a blues singer is born in Galveston, Texas.
- **24, 1853 Octavia Victoria Rogers Albert** is born in Oglethorpe, Ga. Albert is best known for her book, "House of Bondage."
- **28, Karen Farmer** becomes the first African-American member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

# 'Best Man' is more than a 'funny movie'

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You've 'exhaled,' you've had your fill of 'soul food' and you really don't care about Stella or her 'groove.' Well, this holiday season, you should go see "The Best Man" (Universal Pictures).

Since its release in October, this 40 Acres and A Mule Production has assailed the box office, having the number one slot in ticket sales in its first weekend. Malcolm Lee, cousin of Spike Lee (*Jungle Fever*, *X*, *Do The Right Thing*), makes his directorial debut with this wedding movie.

What is refreshing about "The Best Man" is its plot which centers on a wedding weekend. It is the complicated story of Harper Stewart, a writer, and his circle of friends. Harper has written a novel, which is actually a thinly veiled account of his friends and their lives. When his

old flame, Jordan (Nia Long), gets an advance copy of the novel, everyone in the circle has read it by the time Harper arrives for the wedding. Everyone, that is, except Lance (Morris Chesnut), his best friend and the groom. When a secret is revealed in the novel, Harper

are in the works.

The cast is delightful because it features some hilarious and beautiful people. Diggs takes the prize for best pectorals and Chestnut for best entrance. The standout performance was Terrance Howard, who played Quentin, the guitar-playing womanizer who instigates a confrontation. Howard was witty and over-the-top. Nia Long takes an interesting turn, playing an ambitious BET executive who is looking to move back into Harper's life.

If you haven't seen, "The Best Man," you need to run to the theater!



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must deal with his guilt and his duty as the best man.

"The Best Man" is a funny movie, but it also makes a statement about where African-American film is headed. Hollywood has only recently begun to explore the softer side of the African-American community, away from gang-banging; poverty; and struggles. I can't wait to see what other films about Black relationships



Four reels, "Excellent"

Three reels, "Good"

Two reels, "Fair"

One reel, "Wait for the Video"

## BANNER CLASSIFIEDS

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations and good luck Bennett College Choir on your Christmas concert.  
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### BIRTHDAYS

- Happy 21st Birthday Sheneik and Chantia Love,  
Kristina, B.J. Dina, Candace, Allison, and Tia
- Happy 21st Birthday Sheneik I love you Soror Meonii
- Happy Birthday Jesus! Love,  
Your Children
- Happy Birthday Chantia May God continue to bless you with many more.  
Know that I love you,  
Your Rommate  
Tama

### FOR SALE

Two-month-old refrigerator for sale. Price is negotiable. Please see Lisa Pope in Player Hall 218.

General Biology book for sale. Includes book, lab book, and study guide. Price is negotiable see Tameka Hoyte in Cone 44.

Public Speaking: *Concepts and Skills for a Diverse Society* book for Speech 103 for sale. Prices are negotiable. Please contact Candice Evans in Cone Hall 44.

### SERVICES

All the curls you need! I gottem'! Come and get your hair straw curled by Kelli.  
Player 216

Need your hair braided?  
Come to Tokeitha Barge 206

### The Bennett Banner Publication Schedule for the 1999-2000 School Year

Deadline	Publication Date
Jan. 21	Jan. 28
Feb. 4	Feb. 11
Feb. 18	Feb. 25
March 10	March 17
March 24	March 31
April 7	April 14
April 28	May 5

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