

# Indian Collection Added to Library



Kamala reunited with family after two years.

photo by Joyce Bass

Thanks to the generosity of the father of one of Bennett's students, The Holgate Library will have an important collection of books on the cultural and spiritual heritage of India.

M. H. Manchigiah, father of Bennett junior Kamala Manchigiah, has already presented 1000 books to the library and will be sending 2000 more when he returns home later this year.

The books will form a new section of the library — the Mahatma Ghandi section.

Mr. and Mrs. Manchigiah were on the campus last week for the Founder's Day convocation. They have been in the United States since May visiting their five daughters who are working or studying in the United States. Six other children are also in the family, including one other daughter who lives at home.

Manchigiah is a retired civil engineer and has been interested in America for a long time. He was especially impressed with the Bicentennial celebration which he witnessed during this visit. He said that he had opened up his home for 20 years to students who wished to study Indian culture.

Mrs. Manchigiah is a social worker and has established several schools for disadvantaged Indian students.

While he was here, Manchigiah participated in the Founder's Day observances by talking about India to a student and faculty audience at an international forum held to commemorate International Women's Day.

Manchigiah said he wanted to do something for the school because Bennett has done so much for his daughter. He said that he felt words of gratitude weren't enough, that he wanted to do something "permanent" for the institution.

Kamala noted that it had always been her ambition to study in America and said, "I really like Bennett. The teachers and the other girls are so friendly."



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## Fall Break Surveyed

by Audrey Forrest

Although Bennett College is a part of a five school consortium, it does not have a fall break as do some of the other colleges and universities in the Greensboro area.

A survey of Bennett students shows that some students are in favor and some are not of having a fall break.

Cheryl Lanford, a freshman from New Jersey said, "I think that we should have a fall break because we have a spring break. I also feel that we need a break in order to rid ourselves of some of the anxieties that we as students have."

Another freshman class member, Denise Thompson, from New York feels that a fall break should be included in the college calendar. She said, "A break is needed during the fall semester to reduce the mental and physical stress that the student undergoes after working so hard the first months of school."

Unlike the positive views of some freshmen regarding a fall break, some sophomores expressed mixed feeling toward having a fall break.

Frances Gaines, a sophomore from Philadelphia expressed her opinion negatively regarding a fall break. She said, "I don't think there should be a fall break, because the semester would be shortened, and students would have less time to do a full semester's work; therefore things would be rushed."

However, Kay Dolberry, another sophomore from Virginia stated, "We should either have a fall break or a few extra days prior to the day that we break for Thanksgiving."

Deborah Tillman, a sophomore

from Washington, D. C. said, "I have been here since August 16, and I feel like I'm going crazy. I hate to have to miss a class to go home and get refreshed. At least we could have two days off because the pace of school is getting too fast, and we need to calm down for a few days."

Some junior class members welcomed the idea of having a fall break, where others do not.

Jamelle Felder, a junior from Alabama stated, "I think that we should have a fall break, because Bennett College professes to be on

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## Get Your Ballots

by Cathy Young

One stop allows you to complete an application for an absentee ballot and actually mark your ballot in one visit to the Board of Elections. The voter simply fills out an application for an absentee ballot at the Board of Elections office. After it is verified that the voter is registered, the voter is given a ballot which he marks on the spot and which is notarized and retained by the Board of Elections. Applications for absentee ballots must be received by 6:00 p.m., October 27.

You can not vote unless you are registered. In order to have registered you must be 18 years old, a U. S. citizen and a resident of North Carolina and the precinct in which you reside for 30 days.

In Greensboro, you should have registered with the Board of Elections located on the first floor of the old Guilford County Courthouse, 301 W. Market Street downtown between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. daily.

The deadline for registering was October fourth.

## Student Government, Debate Club, ISP Students Present Awards at "An Evening of Public Speaking"

by Lin Pittman and Kathy Torrence

The Student Government Debate Club and Interdisciplinary Studies Program at Bennett College sponsored an Evening of Public Speaking at eight o'clock p.m. on September 28, in the Pfeiffer Science Assembly.

The program consisted of speeches by members of the Bennett student body on topics of interest to them. The speeches were divided into two categories.

The first was an interpretation of original poetry or prose. This

was a 6 to 10 minute presentation of poetry or other literature on topics of interest with the material being composed by the speaker.

The second was a speech to convince or persuade, a 1 to 10 minute original speech on any topic of general interest.

Seven speeches, 4 in one category and 3 in the other, were judged by the panel of judges to be appropriate for presentation. Awards were given to the speakers judged to make the best presentation in each category.

Sharon Peterson, the program

chairman, gave words of welcome, and Becky Dawn Holder, debate club president made the introduction of speakers.

In the first category, Kelly Gardner, freshman, Greensboro, N. C., journalism major, presented a short story called "Half A Man."

Lanita Edwards, freshman, Hyattsville, Md., intermediate education major, did an interpretation of "The Creation" by James Johnson.

Karen Bell, sophomore, Dover, Del., pre-med major, recited a series of poems labeled "Me & My Times."

"... and I really was going to tell you but ..." was the first of three poems presented by Sierra Joyce, sophomore, Washington, D. C., early childhood major. The second poem was entitled "Jingle Belles" and the third was an abstract poem about "what it was, and if you can."

The second category was lead off by Libby Malloy, freshman, Fairmont, N. C., political science major, entitled "Climb and Reach Your Goal."

Joan Robinson, freshman, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, psychology major, presented her speech entitled "Losing Sight of Life."

Last came Darlene Franklin, freshman, Watchung, N. J., psychology major, giving her speech on "The Future is Now."

Then there was an intermission to allow the audience to have a break while the judges made the decision of who they felt delivered the best speeches.

Lin Pittman, introduced the guest speaker, Dr. John M. Kilimanjaro. Dr. Kilimanjaro gave

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Sierra Joyce, a poet in the making.

photo by Gene Haskett