

# Bond: Black Progress Questionable

by Faye A. Howard

Georgia's state senator, **Julian Bond**, spoke on "What Next" at A&T State University during the last week in January.

In a nutshell, he reflected on the social movement and the gains that Blacks achieved during the '60's and said that today those gains seem questionable. Bond stated that at one time or another, blacks have used either prayer, protest, or politics as a means to achieve black liberation. He cited the '76 presidential elec-

tion as a classic example of politics (alone) not remedying the problems inherent to black people. He argues that all three — prayer, protest, and politics must be employed simultaneously to have any effect.

Bond revealed several factors which purport to show improvement in the basic conditions of the lives of black people: the democratic vision of what America ought to be, the increase in the number of blacks in political office, and the removal of social restraints that once prohibited

blacks from eating in various restaurants; however, he contends that they are not necessarily indicative of improvements.

In essence, Bond stated that when one looks at infant mortality, family income, and other vital statistics, they reveal that the actual conditions are getting worse.

He concludes that, "While we live by years and not long centuries, our future will be determined by plan, thought, and organization."



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### Bennett Strains With Energy Crisis

by Deborah Tillman

"Brr. . . , it's cold in here." This has been the statement made by many Bennett students and faculty regarding the newly developed energy crisis.

Because this winter has been so long and cold, natural gas and other energy is becoming limited. The governor of North Carolina has asked that everyone participate in trying to reserve natural gas. This can be done in many ways: 1) turning down the heat in buildings; 2) turning off appliances when not in use; 3) and cutting down hours in businesses and institutions.

Bennett has been doing all it can to help conserve energy.

Many of the students feel that the temperature in the dormitories has dropped considerably. Several students have brought heaters to supplement the heat. The heat is usually turned off during the day and early evening. This is not a good way to conserve energy because more heat will be used to reheat the buildings.

Turning the heat down in some dorms prevents students from having to open windows in a room that is usually too hot.

On several occasions, the heat has not been turned on in the gym or the science building. Early morning classes in the gym have been cancelled due to lack of heat. Classes have also been canceled in the science building because of heating conditions.

Although the energy crisis has affected Bennett drastically, it has also affected the students outside of campus.

"The only problem I have found with the energy crisis is that one evening when I went to the public library, it was closed due to the crisis," explains **Susan Hamilton**, sophomore from Atlanta, Georgia.

With these severe weather problems, this crisis will continue through the winter. It is up to the consumers and businesses to help alleviate this problem. Bennett has made a great contribution to help fight this crisis.

### Banner Staffers To Attend Howard Media Conference

by Deborah Tillman

Four "Bennett Banner" staffers are attending Howard University's Sixth Annual Communications in Washington, D. C., February 17-20. Representing the "Bennett Banner" are **Diane Stevens**, editor; **Joyce Bass**, assistant editor; **Deborah Tillman**, lay-out editor; and **Robyn-Denise Berryhill**, feature editor. Also attending the conference is **Miss Derise Troutman**, speech and drama instructor.

The conference will include workshops in various communication fields such as production, film editing, writing (newspaper and magazine) and broadcasting. A meeting with all the journalism students and **Bill Scott**, editor of the "Hilltop," Howard's campus newspaper, is also included in the conference.

Many of the journalism students hope to have interviews with various people connected with communications.

The conference does not plan to include only workshops and meetings. Other activities include an invitation to the Toast and  
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Julian Bond speaks earnestly about the future of blacks. Photo by Bill Lawson

### Spring Convocation Honors Nearly 100

by Lennet Hill

The Spring Honors Convocation was held yesterday. The speaker was **Dr. Thelma Roundtree**, vice president for Academic Affairs of Saint Augustine College. Ninety-six students were honored.

Freshmen 3:00 or above: **Annie Adams, Robin Arnold, Dino Bradley, Angela Briley, Cynthia Brown, Sandra M. Brown, Kathryn Colbert, Guila Cooper, Kathy Crosby, Bebe Davis.**

**Kelly Gardner, Melissa Graves, Debra Hodges, Rose Irby, Edwina Johnson, Susie Johnson, Randy Jones, Valerie Littlejohn, Loye Lockett, Libby Malloy.**

**Tokunboh Marques-Shonibare, Rita Martin, Rosalyn McIver, Natalie McLean, Sandra Monroe, Pamela Morris, Barbara Murphy, Laura Perry, Sharon Peterson, Linda Pittman.**

**Sheila Pfeiffer, Sandra Ratliff, Cherisse Robinson, Cheryl Rutherford, Yvette Shelton, Jacqueline Smith, Linda Smith, Gwendolyn Speight, Mary Torrence, Ellen Warren.**

**Nita Whiteside, Julia Williams, Edwina Young, Debra Wingo, Natalie Young.**

Sophomores 3:20 or above: **Eva Ablorh, Marilyn Brimmage, Deborah Carlton, Ardelia Davis, Doris Davis, Vajira DeSilva, Bertha Dolberry, Helen Ferguson, Karen Ferguson, Sundeany Ford, Belinda Foster.**

**Carolyn Hazel, Rose Hudson, Tonya Jessup, Marion Johnson, Vicentia Lipscomb, Marcelle Miranda, Joanne Moore, Ramona Reid, Valerie Robinson, Veronica Siler, Lejune Smith, Deborah Tillman.**

Juniors 3:30 or above: **Joyce Bass, Audrey Forrest, Barbara Hamm, Marilyn Hicks, Shawn Humphries, Barbara Johnson, Cassandra Jones, Kamala Man-chigiah, Dorinda Mebane, Thali-stine Miller, Olivia Penn.**

Seniors 3:40 or above: **Donna Caldwell, Linda P. Christopher, Sherron Daye, Pamela Frederick, Mary Gamble, Sharon Gilford, Laura Goodman, Thorna Humphries.**

**Sheree Johnson, Linda Kennedy, Nanetta Lowe, Deborah Luttery, Mallika Maniam, Gail Melvin, Sarah Murray, Bettye Phifer, Diane Stevens.**

Seniors who have earned honors for their entire four years at Bennett are: **Donna Caldwell, Linda Christopher, Sherron Daye, Pamela Frederick, Mary Gamble, Sharon Gilford, Laura Goodman, Thorna Humphries, Sheree Johnson, Linda Kennedy, Nanetta Lowe, Deborah Luttery, Mallika Maniam, Gail Melvin, Bettye Phifer, Diane Stevens.**

### Enrollment Tilts With New Term

by Cathy Young

New faces are appearing on the Bennett campus. There are also some old familiar faces missing.

Of the 229 freshmen who attended Bennett the first semester, only 211 returned the second semester.

And of the 136 sophomores who attended Bennett the first semester, only 128 returned the second semester.

Bennett also lost one of the 115 juniors it had the first semester.

According to statistics from **Miss Dorothy Harris**, director of freshmen studies, the majority of the freshmen who left Bennett felt that there was not much to do at Bennett besides study. Other freshmen felt that it would be cheaper to attend a college at home, that the dormitories were in bad living condition and that the mandatory class attendance should be more flexible.

Also according to **Miss Harris**, one of the upperclassmen indicated the lack of concern the administration had about students. Other upperclassmen's reasons were personal.

In the process of losing students Bennett acquired 11 new freshmen; four juniors, two of which are returning juniors, and one new senior.



The choir is elated about having new robes.

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