

# Attacker of Five Belles Remains Free

Three Bennett coeds have reportedly been denied the right to file a formal complaint against a known assailant.

**Thomasina Stallings, Belinda DeFoor and Loretta Callender** say they have been either physically attacked or harassed by the same man both on-and-off-campus within the last two weeks. As of this writing, all three have been denied the right to file formal complaints and/or secure a warrant against **Michael Long**, the alleged assailant.

According to Thomasina, her ordeal with Long began about a year ago. "I was walking between Barge and Reynolds and this guy was standing over by the bushes and said hello. I returned his greeting and he said, 'Come here b---h,' she said. I told him that I didn't appreciate him calling me that. He repeated it again along with some other obscenities and we got into a terrific argument. That was the first time that he threatened to kill me and he has

repeated the threat each time he's seen me since then."

Tommy says her second confrontation with Long occurred on March 14 when she went downtown with two other Bennett students, **Loretta Callender** and **Kathy Liddy**. She said, "He (Long) was standing over by the theatre on the other side of the street with two other guys and they began whistling at us. So in order to avoid any other harassment, we spoke. But that didn't work. Instead he ran across the street, continued arguing and hit Loretta in the face.

"We then went into Woolworth's to call the police and he followed us in there. He continued cursing and the manager came over and asked him to leave. He cursed the manager out and then left."

During this time, Kathy had left to try to locate a policeman. She returned with a policeman who told Stallings, Callender and herself to walk out of the store

and to keep walking in the hopes of decoying Long and capturing him. "We did as the officer said," said Tommy, "but the attempt was unsuccessful. The officer then told us that the most we could do was to report the incident and go home."

Later on that evening, Long began calling Thomasina at a nearby service station where she is employed as a cashier part time. She said, "He called and threatened to shoot me in the leg three times. He continued to call every fifteen minutes and threaten me. He threatened to come up to my job and get me." Afterwards, Tommy says she reported the complaints to a different magistrate and that a formal summons for Long was drawn up.

Stallings says she did not hear from Long until two days later when he appeared on her job waving the summons papers at her and repeating obscene threats. She says he argued for about fifteen minutes and left. "He still

continued to call me in the dorm," continued Stallings.

"Finally I called my mother and told her about the situation and she called the Greensboro Police Department. The next day a policeman came to my job and asked me a lot of questions concerning Long such as did we ever have another sort of relationship before this and had I done anything to anger him. I told him no. The officer then told me that Long could be charged with communicating threats. He left and that was the last I heard concerning his (Long's) prosecution."

Since then, Stallings says Long has phoned her in an attempt to apologize but she has refused to talk.

Long's next attack on a Bennett student occurred within the same week that Stallings, Liddy and Callender attempted to press charges against him. Belinda DeFoor says that she was assaulted by Long on her way to Holgate Library on campus. She said, "I

was en route to the library with another friend when this guy jumped out of the bushes. He demanded to know the whereabouts of Kathy Liddy. When I told him I did not know he punched me in the eye. I went to class and afterward I went to report the incident to campus security.

"It took me over fifteen minutes to locate a security guard and when he returned with me to the library Long was still there. He told the security guard 'Yeah I punched that wh--- in her face and I'll punch you too.' He left after this and I went to a doctor about my eye. Afterward I went to the magistrate's office and attempted to file a complaint but the magistrate refused to issue a warrant. He said that Long had too many complaints issued against him already."

Long reportedly tried to issue a complaint against Stallings, Liddy and Callender on the grounds of harassment saying, "They're noth-

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## Black Poet Concerned Over Merger

by Joyce Bass

You can sum it up in one sentence. It was a beautiful evening with Nikki. The Student Union Advisory Board of A&T hosted **Nikki Giovanni** as guest lecturer.

The evening began with a welcome by **Clarke "Magoo" McGriff**, chairman of the Social Affairs Committee, followed by the introduction of the speaker by **Denise Meeks**, a member of the Social Affairs Committee.

Known as a lecturer, poet and author, Ms. Giovanni began by addressing the large audience of students about her own personal concerns for the proposed merger between A&T and UNC-G.

She said that such a merger between the two state-supported schools may not affect us as students now, but it will affect our little brothers and sisters and whether or not our children will have an A&T to go to.

"Black students are competing on irrelevant levels. I think that the real level on which we have to compete is academics," said Ms. Giovanni.

She said that across the nation black students are capable of doing whatever they want to do, but it amazes her what they choose to do.

"We can spend an awful lot of time learning the words to all the latest songs, but we

can't name 3 important dates in black history," said Ms. Giovanni. She said we wouldn't have known what happened in North Carolina if it hadn't been for "Roots."

"In 23 years we will be living into another century. You are no longer in an industrial age, in case nobody told you. You are living in the atomic age," said Ms. Giovanni.

The idea of mankind is changing, but Ms. Giovanni is afraid that black students are not changing with it. She said that we aren't conceptualizing as to what will be happening in 30 years.

"I had a discussion once with a student, and it disturbed me. I asked him if he knew where he was going to be in 20 years. He said, well I can't think about where I'll be in 20 years 'cause I'm hungry. So I told him, well I know what you'll be doing in 20 years, you're going to be hungry," said Ms. Giovanni.

She said that we must do something for ourselves. It is not sufficient that we are making decisions for ourselves. We must decide where we want to be; where we want North Carolina to be and where we want the United States of America to be and where we want the world to be.

Ms. Giovanni said we need our book learning and arrogance. "So often the old folks say, yeah you got all that book knowledge and no common sense. Well, damn it, we need our book learning and our arrogance. We need those black people who feel they should conquer the world. We need our common sense and our book learning," said Ms. Giovanni.

She said that we spend all too much time not thinking and too much of our time deciding that we're not going to think.

"You'll be sitting alone in your room and you won't even share a thought with your roommate, not that she's interested," said Ms. Giovanni.

She warned that if we conduct our lives with disassociation, we will become adults who disassociate. She said that we must take a chance on living our lives now.

"If you care about anything at all, you have to care about yourself. And if you care about yourself, one of the things you have to understand is that you have to get out of Greensboro, you have to get out of North Carolina and you have to get out of the United States of America. You've got to learn that there is a world beyond the world as you know it. And if you don't start now, you never will, because you'll become afraid," said Ms. Giovanni.

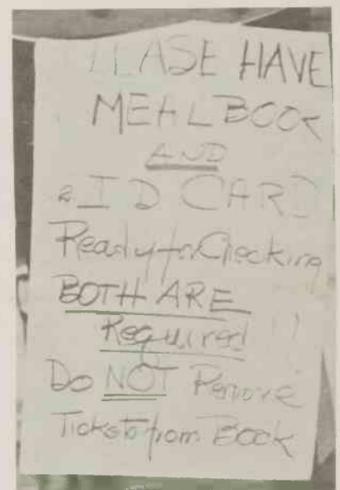
She said that if we let fear stop us now, we'll be 50 years old and still afraid. We must understand that there is something out and beyond what we know, and what we don't know. Ms. Giovanni said that we must look out for our own experiences.

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Nikki tells it like it is.

photo by Joyce Bass



New "welcome" to the Dining Hall. photo by Joyce Bass

## Cafeteria Decides No I.D., No Meals

by Kool-Aid Bartley

Despite pork chops every Monday, students cutting the line, shortage of silverware, no salt and pepper shakers, students are faced with having to show both I.D. cards and meal books in order to be served their meals.

Why the sudden change? **James J. Scarlette**, business manager of the college had these comments, "Ten percent of the students have claimed they lost their meal books. We do know that there have been unauthorized people eating in the dining hall. The only way we can be certain that the people who are eating are authorized to do so is to check for the I.D. cards along with the meal books."

Scarlette went on to say that he knew of several instances where students who are not living on campus were eating in the dining hall. "There are also students who have withdrawn from the college and are living in the city that still continue to use their meal books," he added.

When asked if a sticker of some sort could be placed on the back of the I.D. cards to

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