

Grads Span Globe

Business Majors Pursue Varied Careers

by Wilhelmina J. Gilbert

The story began in Africa; and from that perspective, perhaps the picture of what the graduates of the Department of Business and Economics have done and are doing will achieve a fine focus and added dimension for those who read this issue of the **Banner** and share this "snapshot" of the Department's alumnae.

Marie Nassau Dunbar, Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa, '62, began her business career in Rome, Italy, where she served for a time with the Liberian consulate. Returning to Liberia, she was employed by the Port Authority in Monrovia.

Another alumna who calls Liberia home is **Omodele Labor Cole**, '73, who earned the M.S. degree in accounting at the University of Michigan in 1975 and who, at last contact, expressed plans to begin her career with the Firestone Rubber Company in Liberia. Recently, she has also taken on the study of law there.

Eileen Pratt Incandari, '68, Sierra Leone, West Africa, was the first of the alumnae from Africa to extend the four-year college career in the United States to encompass two years of professional study in management. She earned the M.B.A. in marketing management at Atlanta University before returning to Sierra Leone to help assure her country's progress as a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Moving toward home, the per-

spective broadens as **Elisapeta Saelua Ladagi**, '64, and **Tagiilima Muasau Tunoa**, '66, both of American Samoa, demonstrate their leadership skills, Elisapeta as the wife of a minister and a church leader and Tagiilima as a college teacher of business subjects. Both women were serious students here.

In the foreground of the Department's alumnae "snapshot" are scores of ambitious young American women. Catching the eye are two young women, **Peggy Bell Parks** and **Mary Lavonne Thompson James**, both of the class of '69, who, with the assistance of fellowships sought in their behalf, entered the University of Minnesota in the fall following their graduation—Peggy to work for a degree in accounting and Mary Lavonne to prepare for teaching at the secondary level. Both received advanced degrees from the University of Minnesota. Mary Lavonne is a teacher of business subjects in the Minneapolis high schools.

Peggy achieved Dean's List standing and was sponsored by Price-Waterhouse. She went on to achieve CPA certification; and she is now a senior accountant on the audit staff of Price-Waterhouse, a nationwide public accounting firm. Her duties vary from performing the detail work for a complete audit to preparing the final report and related letter to management.

"The types of audits on which I have worked," Peggy says, "include hospitals, colleges, banks,

department stores, manufactures, among others." She continues, "Because of the number, location, and types of clients, some travel is also involved."

Peggy has also taught in the night school division of the University of Minnesota.

Carolyn Everett, '71, with the assistance of the Department, secured a fellowship for study in the area of her interest, labor and industrial relations, at the University of Massachusetts and received the M.S. degree in that area in 1973. Immediately following graduation, she began her professional career in the personnel area with one of the banking institutions in Boston where she currently lives and works.

It appears that many women who have graduated from the Department of Business and Economics have followed the national trend toward choice of legal careers. The Department points to its use of the case method in developing management skill as a motivating factor. Whatever the motivation, three members of the Class of '72 have chosen the profession and have found it fascinating.

Ella Quick Thomas, '72, was the first to see the legal arena as the irresistible magnet for her talents. She was admitted to the School of Law of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill immediately following her graduation. She completed study for the law degree, sat for the North Carolina



Photo Courtesy of Business Dept.
Ella Quick Thomas checks a legal reference.

Bar Examination, and passed it in 1975. She now serves as legal counsel for Southern Bell in Birmingham, Alabama.

Janice Glover and **Betty Brown** of the same class ('72) are currently studying or completing the study of law. Janice, at the University of Kansas at Lawrence began the MBA-JD program two years ago. Betty is currently in the legal program at North Carolina Central University at Durham.

A final quick glance will show within the picture **Doris Knotts Surgeon**, '66, who has worked as a professor in the Department since 1971. She completed work for an advanced degree at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1971. There, she was elected to membership in Delta Pi Epsilon, the national graduate honor society in business education; and she has served the local chapter of the society as secretary, vice president, and

president during the term of her membership.

Mrs. Surgeon has shared the Department's philosophy: "What happens in education matters and matters tremendously. What happens results from a partnership of student and teacher in a venture where learning is vigorously sought, becomes self-directed, and is actively cherished for its own sake. Creative individualism is the end product; it is the goal of four years of becoming the person one wants to be."

A snapshot can give exposure to only a limited number of subjects, no matter how they may crowd the perspective of the camera's eye. The viewer is always left with an incomplete picture and questions about the members of the group who cannot be seen. So it is with this verbal picture. There are graduates who must have a place in the next focus. The **Banner** would do well to provide the chance in the near future.

Belle: You Can Be What You Want

by Yolanda M. White

"You are what you believe and you can become what it is you desire to be." This is what **Suzanne Christine Carothers**, Bennett graduate ('71), said when she was asked what philosophy of life has guided her.

Suzanne was an early childhood education major in her years at Bennett. She now works in a group teaching situation in New York City at the Bank Street School for Children and also as a teacher-trainer in the Bank Street College of Education.

Suzanne says that Bennett helped her to prepare for her present job. When she graduated from Bennett she went straight to the Bank Street College of Education, a graduate school that specializes in early childhood education. Her undergraduate training at Bennett, such as related field experiences and class work, helped her to more than adequately meet the demands of graduate study. Since 1975, she has been working on her doctorate in the same field at NYU.

When talking about teaching as a profession Suzanne said, "There is high unemployment among teachers in general. Depending on where one teaches, there may be a need for bilingual teachers. Special education majors, because of mainstreaming, seem to be more employable than early childhood majors. Also having a concentration such as music, reading, etc., gives a person more options when applying for a teaching position."

Believing in herself and being able to set priorities and pace her steps gave Suzanne the motivation to succeed. Some of that motivation was with her during her college years. That is why she was nominated by Bennett for the 1970-71 edition of **Who's Who Among Students in American**

Universities and Colleges. While at Bennett she was also awarded a partial scholarship.

Suzanne produced a teacher training filmstrip, "Children Can Cook" and in collaboration with others, two other filmstrips, "Why Dramatic Play?" and "What Are Children Learning When They Play?" She has also published an article, "Experimenting With Foods: Opportunities For Concept Development."

"Unemployment, at one time, was not a predicament that college graduates faced. In fact, having graduated from college was an insurance policy for employment,"

said Suzanne. She pointed out that no longer does this notion hold true. The job market is tight for everyone! Her advice to all college students is to be an informed college student. Read not only what is required of you in your classes but also current periodicals, journals and especially the newspaper. These are the best barometers for career trends and needs. She says, "You have college advisers—use them. Also equip yourself with the basic communication skills. Learn to write your ideas and speak them. These skills are valuable to all in any career."

Mary Ann Scarlette, chairman

Library to Keep Sunday Hours But Will Cancel If Not Used

The library will continue to observe Sunday hours from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the second semester. Students are encouraged to take advantage of these additional hours if they wish to see them continued.

During the month of January, the library is featuring a mini-exhibit of African Arts & Crafts in its display cases. Along with the mini-exhibit which ranges from Ashanti gold weights to dance masks are featured a selection of book jackets from the library's holdings on the subject of Africa.

Two titles of special interest are "Ghana Folk Tales: Ananse Stories from Africa" by the **Rev. Peter Addo**, Bennett's chaplain, and "From Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions (IMC)" which won the Caldecott Medal for 1977. All of the African objects are on loan from a private Greensboro Collection.

The library has just acquired

the National Teacher Examinations Passbooks in the following areas:

- Teaching Principles & Practices
- Written English Expression
- Early Childhood Education (K-3)
- Biology & General Sciences
- English Language & Literature
- Mathematics
- Chemistry, Physics & General Science
- Social Studies
- Physical Education
- Business Education
- Music Education
- Home Economics Education
- Art Education
- Spanish
- Guidance Counselor, Elementary School, Jr. H. S., & Sr. H. S.
- Library
- French
- Reading Specialist—Elementary School
- Speech—Communication & Theatre
- Women's Physical Education

Although these books have not been catalogued for use, students preparing to take the National Teacher Examination may have access to them by requesting to see them at the Circulation or Reference Desks.

of the Elementary and Special Education Department, is the teacher that helped Suzanne most during her four years at Bennett. "What I admired and respected about Mrs. Scarlette is the high expectations she had of her 'elements,' as she called her elementary ed majors," Suzanne said. "In training future teachers, Mrs. Scarlette brought her students her joy and commitment to teaching," Suzanne added.

Suzanne has many vivid memories of Bennett but it is difficult for her to isolate one. She values the strong thread of friendship she shared with special friends.

Suzanne Christine Carothers has gained for herself a prominent position in the teaching profession and she is still climbing.



Photo Courtesy of Business Dept.
Peggy Bell Parks is ready to go to work on inventory.

Home Ec Honors Outstanding Students

The following students were recognized during the winter departmental meeting held on December 7, 1977 in Black Hall Assembly, as awards recipients:

- Related Art 321—"Most Creative Fashion Designer"—**Linda Hinnant**
- Clothing 101—"Outstanding Achievement In Beginning Clothing Construction"—**Leila Mickens**
- Clothing 221—"Most Creative Use Of The Family Clothing Dollar"—**Valerie Littlejohn**
- Clothing 433—"Highest Academic Average In Retailing"—**Vinette Saunders**
- Clothing 323—"Outstanding Pattern Designer"—**Darlene Donnell**
- Education 423-C—"Home Economics Student—Teacher Of The Year"—**Anndreze Bailey**
- Family Life 321—"Outstanding Researcher In Family Life"—**Sundeany Ford**
- Foods 101—"Highest Academic Average In Food Preparation"—**Rose Irby**
- Foods 221—"Highest Overall Performance In Nutrition"—**Vaughnetta Carr**
- Foods 325—"Outstanding Nutrition Educator"—**Freida Huff**
- Home/Family Life 301—1) "Most Resourceful Manager"—**Patricia Carroll**
- 2) "Most Efficient Manager"—**Swanda McCormick**
- 3) "The Modern Home Manager"—**Barbara Franks**
- Home Management 421—"Most Efficient Manager Of Time, Energy and Resources"—**Gelenia Aaron**
- Home Management 426—"1977 Home Manager"—**Marva Vaughan**

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