

NCAIAW Games Come To B.C.

by Joyce A. Bass

This is definitely a sportswoman's month. Or at least it will be for the young women athletes who will participate in the Division III North Carolina Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (NCAIAW) tournament for 1978. This tournament will be hosted by Bennett College on Feb. 23-25, in Ida Goode Gymnasium.

The purpose of the tournament is to decide the women's team champion for Division III.

Teams Given

There are three divisions for four-year college teams in North Carolina. Division III, of which Bennett is a member, is divided into two districts.

Teams in the Western District of Division III are, in addition to Bennett, Greensboro College, Guilford College, Meredith College, Winston-Salem State College and Gardner-Webb College.

Teams in the Eastern District are Atlantic Christian College, Elizabeth City State University, Methodist College, St. Andrew's Presbyterian, St. Augustine University and North Carolina Wesleyan.

Selection For Tournament

Four schools from each district of the division will be represented at the tournament for a total of eight teams. These schools are chosen on the basis of their conference records. In case of a tie, their overall record is weighed.

The eight teams will play under a single elimination format and the finals will be held on Feb. 25 when the North Carolina Division III champion will be announced.

Coach McDougle said that the Bennett Belles have a good chance of taking the fourth place position for their district.

"If we beat Guilford on February 13," he said, "we might even wind up in third place. But we will accept fourth place as long as we get to compete in the tournament."

Team Problems

Many students as well as area spectators have noticed that this year the Belle squad has been troubled with numerous setbacks and now is handicapped by having only a seven-member team.

"We are at an obvious disadvantage with seven players," said Coach McDougle. "It's very easy for a quick team with depth to run us off the court as with the A&T State game recently. Unless we execute to the utmost, in each contest, we are in trouble; and it's difficult to play each game with the same intensity and degree of perfection."

McDougle said there's no question if the team had some key people back, such as **Dihan Jones**, the team record would appear much better.

"Injuries and ineligibility are problems that all coaches face and learn to live with. These problems were not as frequent in the past, but women's basketball has become more of a contact sport and very complex," said McDougle. "If the freshmen members learn to play like juniors and seniors in terms of thinking on the floor, we can salvage a winning record and perform well in the tournament," said McDougle.

Hundreds Expected To Attend

Several hundred people are expected to be on the Bennett campus during the course of the tournament. "They will be using many of our facilities such as the gym and snack bar area. They will be housed in local hotels," said **Dr. Dawn Chaney**, chairman of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation and site director for the tournament.

Although the games are taking place on the Bennett campus, Bennett students as well as those from other colleges will be charged an admission fee of \$1.00 per game. Adult tickets will be \$2 per game.

All-Stars To Be Chosen

One of the special highlights of the tournament will be the selection of the All-Star Division III Team. Last year **Andre Dixon** of the Belle squad was chosen as a member of the team because of her superior scoring record as a freshman team member. She was also chosen for the All-Tournament team.

The All-Star Team represents the outstanding girl players from all of the teams in the division, whether the team has a winning season or not.



photo by Myra Davis

The Bennett Belles were soundly defeated twice by their arch-rivals, the Aggiettes, at A&T and at the Coliseum. Although the games were not conference losses, it is still questionable whether the "magnificent seven" will participate in the coming NCAIAW Division III tournament.

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Past Comes Alive

Senior Day Ceremonies to Reinstate Traditions

by Joyce A. Bass

Bennett has always been a school of tradition and very soon, one of its most memorable traditions involving two sister classes will take place.

During the month of March, the sophomore class will robe and honor its sister class, the seniors, who will leave in May as graduates.

"The college bestows upon those people who have earned the semester hours for senior standing, their academic attire at this time. It gives the sophomore class a chance to honor their 'Big Sisters,' said **Mary Ann Scarlette**, who is coordinating the activity.

In the past four or five years according to Mrs. Scarlette, the sophomore class has presented to their "Big Sisters," a corsage of the class colors prior to the robing ceremony.

Other symbolic acts which have long since "died out" are the planting of the Magnolia tree in honor

of some person who inspired the senior class in some way.

"There are many people who have long since left the college or members of the trustee board and community who have made lasting imprints on the history of Bennett College. And this year would be a grand year to start the tradition again, since we have lost so many trees due to the winter storms," said Mrs. Scarlette.

Another tradition was the roasting of certain faculty members during the Senior banquet, which was done out of jest and love for an instructor.

Mrs. Scarlette said, "The robing and the banquet can be beautiful occasions. Usually the senior class representative gives words of wisdom during the robing ceremony. This year, we will have the pleasure of having such words given to us twice, once at the robing ceremony and then again at the Senior Vespers."

The Senior Day ceremony is

planned and executed by the sophomore class since this is their big moment. "Parents and relatives make the occasion even more memorable if they surprise their daughter by attending the ceremony," Mrs. Scarlette added.

Mrs. Scarlette said that this year she would like for students to be aware of the academic attire that will be worn by the faculty.

"It's very important for students who plan to go on to graduate school to know the colors for a masters and doctoral degree. They should know what the cuts in sleeves mean," said Mrs. Scarlette.

The academic attire that the senior students will receive has been questioned over the years because of the style.

Mrs. Scarlette smiled and said, "Our academic attire is the most unique in this area. No other school in and around us, uses the Oxford style cap that our students

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Philander Smith College Hosts Meeting Of United Negro College Fund Schools

by Joyce A. Bass

Four members of the Bennett College Pre-Alumni Council attended the National Alumni Council and National Pre-Alumni Council Convention Feb. 9-12 in Little Rock, Ark. The convention was hosted by Philander-Smith College.

Each year, the 41-member colleges of the United Negro College Fund gather for workshops, election of new officers and reports on the progress of their respective councils.

This year Bennett students, **Belinda Foster**, president of

the Bennett Chapter, **Janice Winstead**, **Stephanie Thomas** and **Jennifer Bryan**, and PAC adviser, **Ellease R. Browning**, represented Bennett at the convention.

"This convention gives the pre-alums a chance to intermingle with other institutions and talk about the importance of UNCF and the value of contributions made by students," said Mrs. Browning.

Stephanie Thomas represented Bennett in the Miss UNCF Pageant which is one of the highlights of the convention.



photo by Myra Davis

Stephanie Thomas, Miss Bennett UNCF

67 Honorees Awarded Academic Certificates at Spring Convocation

by Dotty Brown

Spring Honors Convocation for the 1977-78 school year was held on February 16, in the Annie Mermer Pfeiffer Chapel at 10 a.m.

The speaker for this occasion was **Dr. Tressie Muldrow**, personnel research psychologist for the Civil Service Commission in Washington, D. C. Dr. Muldrow graduated from Bennett College in 1962.

Students honored at this program were freshmen whose cumulative grade point average is 3.00 or above, sophomores with a cumulative grade point average of 3.20

or above, juniors with a cumulative grade point average of 3.30 or above, and seniors whose cumulative grade point average is 3.40 or above.

These students are as follows:

Freshmen: **Adenike A. Adajunmobi**, **Linda F. Anderson**, **Marchelle K. Boatwright**, **Windy Y. Brown**, **Joann Butler**, **Felita Claybrooks**, **Alisia D. Coachman**, **Lenora T. Dove**, **Earlinda L. Elder**, **Angel E. Ford**, **Lisa A. Johnson**, **Sharonlyn Jones**, **Tina R. Jones**, **Wanda L. Kincaid**, **Natalie C. Lowe**, **Tonya K. Martin**, **Edwina B. Mitchell**, **Nora N. Mobley**, **La-**

Sandra A. Muldrow, **Estalinda J. Roberson**, **Beverly A. Rumley**, **Sharon L. Sanders**, **Mary J. Simpkins**, **Tonni Y. Sullivan**, **Sharon E. Tucker**, **Jennifer G. Wells**, **Angela M. West**, **Donna F. Wiley**, **Katherine Winston**.

Sophomores: **Dino M. Bradley**, **Angela V. Briley**, **Cynthia D. Brown**, **Sandra M. Brown**, **Bebe D. Davis**, **Melissa L. Graves**, **Debra A. Hodges**, **Cheryl C. Holmes**, **Valerie E. Littlejohn**, **Pamela J. Morris**, **Barbara G. Murphy**, **Linda D. Pittman**, **Cherisse R. Robinson**, **Yvette I. Shelton**, **Jaqueline M. Smith**, **Julia L. Williams**, **Edwina**

C. Wilson.

Juniors: **Eva Ablorh**, **Doris R. Davis**, **Vajira L. DeSilva**, **Bertha K. Dolberry**, **Veronica S. Emerson**, **Belinda J. Foster**, **Carolyn A. Hazel**, **Marion A. Johnson**, **Vicentia M. Lipscomb**, **Marcelle A. Miranda**, **Marilyn J. Moore**, **Deborah D. Tillman**, **Ramona L. Reid**.

Seniors: **Joyce A. Bass**, **Audrey F. Forrest**, **Barbara L. Hamm**, **Shawn M. Humphries**, **Barbara A. Johnson**, **Cassandra N. Jones**, **Rochelle D. Moody**, **Olivia D. Penn**.

All of the above named seniors have been four-year honor students.