

## Editor Joyce Bass Bids Farewell

In looking back over my experiences in a leadership position, memories of decision-making, and long, long hours over the typewriter flash into mind. But looking back often gives an indication of what the future holds.

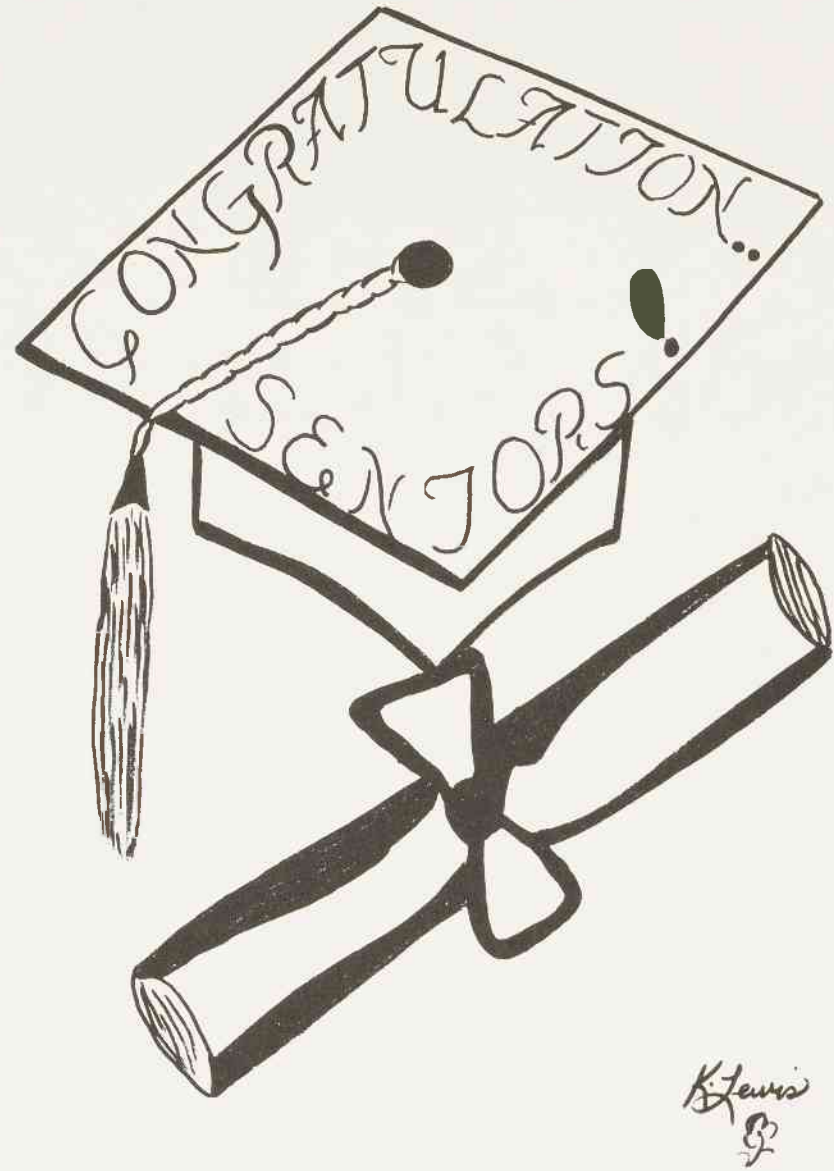
Bennett College has served as the basis for many of the decisions I now make. Encouragement from various members of the "Bennett Family" has given me that extra boost when I needed it most.

I have tried to make the best of what Bennett and Greensboro have had to offer me as a student and budding journalist. I only hope that my other Bennett sisters who have miles to go will take these parting words in the spirit in which they are being given.

IF you want to be a strong student and develop your learning potential to its fullest, you must expand your horizons. Take courses that challenge your mental abilities. Enroll in courses within the consortium that will benefit you academically. Take advantage of the numerous avenues that are before you NOW. Do not yield to the temptation of sitting back and waiting for someone else to do something for you. You may be sitting for a long time. Do something for you. Soon, you will become responsible for the success or failure of your own life, as I now do and as other college graduates do.

I look back with memories filled with a determination to make the most out of my life. I look back with a certain satisfaction in knowing that at least I tried.

To the new BANNER Staff, I wish much success and to Deborah, my best wishes. To my senior class sisters, I extend wishes filled with good fortune and safe travel. And to those special members of the faculty and staff, to whom I owe so very, very much, I express my deepest gratitude. You have been my inspiration.



## Manpower Surveys Employment Picture

Greensboro area businessmen, queried on their hiring plans for the coming three months (April, May, June) anticipate some improvement in what has been a generally stable employment climate, according to a quarterly survey of Greensboro businessmen released Monday, April 3 by Manpower, the world's largest temporary help service.

Lena Ellis, co-owner of Manpower's Greensboro office, said, "Manpower's survey of hiring plans for the coming three months shows that more firms here have hiring plans now than did during a similar survey by Manpower last December. Overall, 13% of the firms queried anticipate adding workers to their payrolls, 84% anticipate little change in employment levels, and none are considering reductions," Ms. Ellis said.

Some of the hiring forecasts were made by manufacturers, wholesale and retail merchants and service industry employers.

Nationally, hiring confidence levels for the next three months are as strong as they have been at any time during the last two years.

The very positive employment outlook for the upcoming quarter registers the same positive expectations for new jobs as a similar Manpower survey taken one year ago for the second quarter of 1977. According to government figures, the second quarter was the best quarter of 1977. There were 1,500,000 new workers added, representing half of the 3,000,000 new workers added to the U. S. employment ranks for the entire year.

Nationally, the employment outlook is optimistic. One out of every three (33%) of the employers interviewed, the same percentage as one year ago, anticipates adding more workers. The majority of employers, 58% this year compared to 57% last year, expect the hiring pace to remain the same. In the surveys taken, both

this year and one year ago, 6% anticipate a retrenchment in hiring.

The sharp jump in hiring confidence from last quarter to this quarter was largely due to anticipated seasonality. In the first quarter of 1978, 25% projected increases, 59% no change, and 13% decreases in hiring.

The South and West lead the country in hiring confidence. Although extremely positive, the South no longer is the sole front-runner of positive hiring predictions with 35% increasing hiring and 56% expecting no change in hiring. For the first time in 12 months the West equaled the positive employment outlook in the South with 37% planning to increase hiring and 54% to keep hiring the same. The Northeast continues to trail the nation with 28% forecasting increases in hiring and 62% to keep it the same.

Two industries least affected by seasonal factors project hiring increases in the upcoming quarter. In the transportation and public utilities area, 35% of those surveyed plan to add workers. A favorable hiring pace which began in the finance, insurance and real estate sector one year ago is likely to continue unabated.

Educational institutions display

a hiring pattern nearly identical to last year's. Service companies continue to show strength, at a level very similar to a year ago.

More than 6 out of 10 of the federal, state and local governmental agencies surveyed expect no change in hiring, the one sector showing the greatest tendency to maintain current levels of em-

ployment.

Manpower, Inc., is a major employer of office workers and semi-skilled and skilled workers in a wide variety of fields. The firm has an annual work force of more than 600,000 employees through its more than 700 offices in 33 countries. Of these, more than 500 offices are located in the U. S.

### Bennett Players Elect New Officers

by Beverly Rumley

The Bennett College Players have elected new officers for the 1978-79 school year.

Next year's president will be rising senior Hattie Purnell. Vice-president will be Libby Malloy. Voted recording secretary was Michelle Hawkins and corresponding secretary Gwen Speight.

The treasurer will be Beverly

Rumley; historian, Denise Thompson; and the publicity director will be Dotty Brown.

The Bennett College Players have enjoyed a successful season this year and are looking forward to an even better year next year.

All students are welcomed and urged to join the Bennett College Players.

### Credit Given for Summer Study

If you would like to earn three-hours credit during the summer at home or while you are working, you may enroll for summer independent study, providing you have a 2.75 average in the subject matter area in which you wish to enroll. If you want to take a course in an area you have not previously explored, you must have an overall average of 2.75. Enrollment must be done now. See the instructor of the course you wish to take immediately. If the instructor agrees to work with you, pick up the necessary forms from the office of the Humanities Division, 107 Fine Arts. All questions about the program may be referred to Dr. Sanchez-Boudy, Coordinator of Summer Independent Study, Room 105, Fine Arts Bldg.

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#### IT'S A FIRE!

Nothing, but nothing, travels as fast as gossip! Every little tidbit seems to be known by everyone almost before it happens. The rapid spread and potential harm of gossip has led someone to pen an interesting bit of verse. The poetry may not be the best, but its truth needs emphasizing.

First somebody told it,  
 Then the room wouldn't hold it,  
 So the busy tongues rolled it  
 Till they got it outside;  
 Then the crowd came across it,  
 and never once lost it.  
 But tossed it and tossed it,  
 Till it grew long and wide  
 This lie brought forth others,  
 Evil sisters and brothers,  
 And fathers and mothers,  
 A terrible crew,  
 As headlong they hurried,  
 The people they flurried  
 And troubled and worried,  
 As lies always do.

Bennett Sisters lets once again bury "Miss Gossip."



### For Belles Only: Expand Your Mind

by Dotty Brown

What will you do this Summer? Work? Go to Summer school? Travel? All of this is good, but what will you do on those very hot evenings when you need a relaxing change of pace? Try reading a good book.

Reading is not only educational and informative but it is a relaxed form of entertainment that you can enjoy in the shade with your feet up, drinking your favorite beverage.

There are a number of interesting paper backs written by well-known authors that can be obtained for a few dollars.

Below is a list of fifteen of the best selling paperbacks as cited by THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW.

- OLIVER'S STORY by Erich Segal—(Avon) \$1.95
- COMA by Robin Cook—(NAL/Signet) \$2.50
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- THE RICH ARE DIFFERENT by Susan Howatch—(Fawcett) \$2.50
- THE GHOST OF FLIGHT 401 by John G. Fuller—(Berkley) \$2.25
- PASSAGES by Gail Sheehy—(Bantam) \$2.50
- THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER OVER THE SEPTIC TANK by Erma Bombeck (Fawcett/Crest) \$1.95
- CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND by Steven Spielberg—(Dell) \$1.95
- HAYWIRE by Brooks Hayward—(Bantam) \$2.50

Read a book. And have a pleasant vacation.