



Junior clothing majors, Gelenia Aaron, Sundeany Ford and Audrey Deleston model evening wear as part of the spring fashion show.

photo by Joyce Bass

## Spring Fashion Show Looks into Future

With the theme "Spring 2078 A.D.," the home economics majors and students looked into the future through a spring fashion show, April 19.

Junior clothing majors Gelenia Aaron, Audrey Deleston, Darlene Donnell, Sundeany Ford and Page Motley modeled original evening attire constructed in the flat-pattern class. Spring and winter coats modeled by the clothing construction students reminded the audience that cool weather has not yet disappeared.

Highlighting the fashion show in their original future evening attire were the senior clothing majors: Gladys Breeden, Raeford,

NC; Alvania Bryant, Fayetteville, NC; Loretta Canty, Sumter, SC; Patricia Carroll, Washington, D.C.; Barbara Franks, Maysville, NC; Joyce McCloud, Charleston, SC; Swanda McCormick, Raeford, NC; Beverly Roberson, Stuart, VA; Vinette Saunders, Washington, D.C.; and Marva Vaughan, Charleston, SC.

"I found the fashion show to be quite unique," stated Sharon Sanders, '81. "It felt like I was at the Ebony Fashion Show."

Debbie Hodges commented, "I found the fashion show to be an example of dedication and determination. These young ladies exemplified our designers of the future."

## Students Experience Legislative Process

# BC Sends Delegation to NCSL

by Marion Johnson

The forty-first session of the North Carolina Student Legislature (NCSL) which convened in the state's capitol for the first time in 17 years, made an invaluable impression upon the Bennett College delegation that will ultimately spread throughout the campus.

The delegation consisted of House members: Debra Perkins, Libby Malloy, and Marion Johnson; and Senate members Frances Gaines, Kay Dolberry and Becki Holder.

NCSL allots its student members an opportunity to experience the legislative process and gain insight into practical politics.

Frances, a junior ISP major from Chester, Pa., commented on her experience at the session: "I think that NCSL is definitely beneficial to anyone that participates because the more you do, the more you learn. I think my role would be to explain to the student that her input does not go unrecognized in NCSL."

"There's a lot of work and important research involved, but the outcome is very rewarding in the end, especially when a bill that you have worked for and fought for is finally passed at the legislative session in Raleigh. Keeping this in mind, that thought alone

is an inspiration for a student."

Each school's delegation works as a team to research and draft legislation which they present for debate in the House and Senate. The proposed legislation is sent through a series of committees where it is revised and/or amended. A committee report is submitted to the House and Senate. It is then subject to affirmative and negative debate in both Houses. The various delegations then vote on whether to accept or reject the bill.

If the legislation passes in the NCSL House and Senate it then goes to the North Carolina General Assembly where the whole process begins all over again.

Attending the NCSL session for the first time was sophomore Libby Malloy a political science major from Fairmont, N. C.

Libby stated, "I feel that my experience at the NCSL session was an interesting and educational one. By attending just a few committee meetings in such an educationally-oriented environment, one would be encouraged to learn more. The reason I benefitted so much from NCSL is because someday I hope to be a member of the North Carolina Legislature either as a Senator or a Congresswoman, and NCSL gave me some insight as to what to expect."

## AKAs Get Undergrad Achievement Award for Service

by Marion Johnson

"39 Alpha Kappa girls. We wear those 20 pearls and we're Alpha girls!"

The 39 sorors of the Zeta Xi chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority should be proud to wear those 20 pearls. The chapter was the recipient of the Portsmouth Undergraduate Achievement award. The award is given to the undergraduate chapter of the first black women's sorority for outstanding community and campus activities.

Denise Paige, a junior transfer student from Barber-Scotia majoring in political science and a recent member of the chapter had this to say about the award: "I think it's wonderful! It shows we have potential. Zeta Xi should and will strive to maintain the excellency the award states they have.

I'm glad I'm a part of the chapter and hope I can aid in carrying on the good work of Alpha Kappa Alpha."

Following its motto of "service to all mankind," the chapter sponsored several projects throughout the 1977-78 school year.

Among these projects were:

(1) The Health Fair, which brought several medical services to the student body including testing for sickle cell anemia, the Heart Fund, and the Family Planning Council;

(2) The Faculty Follies, a variety show involving Bennett College faculty and staff, which raised \$300.00 for the United Negro College Fund (UNCF);

(3) Traveling Christmas Show, a holiday event presented to several homes for the aged and the campus and;

(4) A Reading Project, a weekly tutorial session for children ages 7 to 11.

These are just a few of the projects sponsored by the chapter which made them eligible for the award.

By receiving this award the Zeta Xi chapter has become an example for other undergraduate chapters to follow.

Many graduate sorors expressed their congratulations and offered words of inspiration to the girls.

Another member of Zeta Xi, Viola Hemphill, a junior ISP major from Buffalo, N. Y. summed it up well. She said, "We have a group of dedicated hard working young women who really believe in what they do. I'm very proud to be a part of the organization and look forward to expanding our services next year."

## 7 National Journalists Highlight Mass Media Conference

by Joyce A. Bass and Hattie Purnell

Today marks the opening of the first annual Mass Media Careers Conference to be held at A&T State University April 28-29. Five nationally prominent minority journalists will highlight the conference.

The panelists will include Detroit, Michigan's Dr. William Banks, president and general manager of WGPR-TV, the only black owned and operated television station in the continental United States and Ragan Henry, president of Enterprises Network, Inc. Henry's firm owns radio stations in Charlotte, N. C., Atlanta, Cincinnati, Ohio and in Florida.

Other panelists will be Don Adderton, the New York managing editor of "JET"; Audrey Kates, host of "Ebony Exposure," a weekly program on North Carolina Public Television; and Lionel Monagas, EEO chief of the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D. C.

Keynote speakers for the conference, which will include workshops for high school and college students, will be Mal Goode, former United Nations correspondent for ABC television and radio; and Roger Wilkins, an urban columnist for the "New York Times." Roger Wilkins, is a native of

Kansas City, Missouri. He was the first black to serve on the editorial board of a major American daily paper. He formerly served as a member of the editorial board of the "New York Times" and the "Washington Post." He also was formerly assistant attorney general of the United States. Wilkins will be the speaker on Friday, April 28, from 7-10 p.m. in the Memorial Union.

The second guest speaker will present his ideas, and share his views of today's media on Saturday, April 29, at the conference luncheon. Mal Goode, a native of White Plains, Va., is known as the "Dean" of black professional broadcast journalists. He is at the present time a consultant for the National Black Network. Goode, a very active man in the media field, was also employed by the "Pittsburgh Courier" and Radio Station KQV in Pittsburgh.

The A&T conference is being sponsored by the Mass Communications program, and financed by a grant from the Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan.

Panel sessions will be held on tomorrow, Saturday, April 29 in the Memorial Union on newspaper management, the Black Media, new media technology, broadcasting, public relations, advertising and media employment opportunities.

Student participants are asked to pay a \$2 registration fee. Persons interested in registering for the conference should see Omega Wilson, Room 227 Crosby Hall at A&T State University.

## Ten Inducted into Scholars Program

by Dotty Brown

The Bennett Scholars welcomed ten new members into their program during an induction ceremony on April 11 in the Science Assembly.

The Bennett Scholars Program (BSP) was begun by Mrs. Janet Cochran, a former English instructor, and Dr. Ebele Eko, a former language instructor. The idea behind this program is to sharpen the intellectual curiosity and critical ability of superior students.

This program is not restricted to students of one particular area of study but is open to students in all areas of study. Some qualifications for being admitted into the Bennett Scholars Program are:

—Must have a 3.20 grade  
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struct the legislature, whether it be state or national.

"I have learned how bills are written and about the legislative atmosphere in general. Through NCSL college students have an opportunity to take an active role in the making of state legislation. I have taken a part in NCSL and suggest that anyone, regardless of major or home state, take the same step."



And we thought the Faculty Follies were hilarious! Well, students got another glimpse of the Bennett staff last week as they presented a variety show. One of the presentations was a skit, "A Visit with Bubba's Teacher" starring I. to r. Mrs. Rosa Hooker, Mrs. Annie Purcell, Mr. Henton C. Jenkins and Mrs. Lois Goode. photo by Myra Davis