

## Sr. Reflections



Senior Jackie Thompson packs her trunk for the last time in Player Hall as the year ends.

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Marilyn Hicks, senior class president, smiles after four years of hard work.



No more standing in the business office for Olivia Penn and Tonya Jessup.

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Last call for a shivering cold Greensboro winter for Lisa Anderson.

## Peace Corps Recruiting More Active Volunteers Abroad

"The idea of the Peace Corps is as powerful and relevant today as when the Peace Corps was founded—and probably more so," observed Peace Corps Director **Carolyn Payton**, a Bennett graduate.

"Over the past 17 years, more than 72,000 Americans have served in the Peace Corps. In villages, schools and outpost clinics around the world, people still remember the Peace Corps volunteer who spoke the language and came to

live for two years or more," she said.

"Volunteers are the heart of the Peace Corps," she stressed. "They represent the best that is in us, living as they do in conditions of hardship, overcoming obstacles many of us might not be able to face, and making their own personal contributions to a better world."

Payton discussed some of the Peace Corps' new directions — its emphasis on working with developing countries to meet the basic human needs of the world's poorest people and its search for qualified and dedicated volunteers.

This summer, the Peace Corps is recruiting 2,500 new volunteers for assignments overseas. Over the next year, an estimated 6,122 volunteers will be working in 63 countries in Latin America, Africa, Asia and the Pacific.

"Basic human needs refer to the most essential requirements of physical survival," explained Payton, 52, who directed Peace Corps programs in the Eastern Caribbean from 1965 until 1969 and then served as a special assistant to the Peace Corps' regional director for Latin America. A psychologist, she headed Howard University's counseling services for seven years before being appointed by President Carter as the first woman and first black director of the Peace Corps in September, 1977.

She said, "More volunteer assignments will focus on projects such as food production, fisheries, village water and irrigation systems, nutrition education, health care and basic education. Teaching math, science and English will continue to be important Peace Corps roles, but these volunteers also will have secondary assignments that relate to community development."

According to Payton, the Peace Corps is bolstering its language and cultural training programs and intensifying specialized skill training in areas such as water-supply construction and village health education.

The Peace Corps has requested a budget of \$95.1 million, an increase of \$7.5 million over this year. Most of the increase will be used to cover the new training programs.

"We are much more interested in quality than quantity," said Payton. "And good training will make the difference. Later, we can think about absorbing larger numbers of volunteers."

Traditionally, the Peace Corps has drawn most of its volunteers from among recent college graduates. Payton wants to see the doors opened wider.

"We want to open Peace Corps service to many people who may not have considered it as a real option," she said. "Retired persons, blue collar workers, technicians and mechanics — these people have skills that developing countries need. We especially want to encourage blacks and other minorities to apply."

## Future Campus Leaders Develop Good Leadership Skills at B. C. Conference

by Debbie Hodges

Two leadership conferences, the first for Bennett students since 1975, were held April 16-17 and April 23.

**Greer Wilson**, coordinator of student activities, Hampton Institute, was the guest consultant at the first conference held at Quail Roost, Durham, N. C. It was attended by senior **Shawn Humphries**, SGA president; juniors **Debra Perkins**, SGA president-elect, **Marion Johnson**, Student Union Board president-elect; **Kay Dolberry**, **Verita Hayes**, **Karen Lewis**, and **Felecia Burton**, chairman of the student Union Board publicity committee. Dean of Student Activities **Harold Bragg**, Director of Co-Curricular Activities **Ruth Powell** and sophomores **Debbie Hodges**, SGA treasurer-elect, and **Ellen Brinkley**, junior-class president elect, also attended.

Mrs. Wilson, who is also a concert pianist and mother of two, opened the conference by stating that an effective leader must "understand him or herself, the group, the situation, and functions of leaders."

The objectives of the conference were stated as being to "understand the importance of developing good leadership skills," "to learn creative approaches for planning activities," "to help students learn how to deal with con-

flict resolution," "to help students develop better communication skills," "to help student leaders evaluate their individual styles of leadership," "to help students interact on an effective level," and "to provide experience for students to engage in leadership exercises."

Mrs. Greer presented sessions entitled "The Importance of Developing Good Leadership Skills," "Creativity in Planning Activities," "Cooperation and Conflict," and held an informal rap session.

Miss Powell gave sessions on planning tips and preparing a yearly activity plan. Under her guidance, the group also discussed and planned the general conference held the following Sunday.

"It was a valuable experience," said one student who had attended the Quail Roost conference, "I wish more people could have attended."

The workshops of the second conference, held in Pfeiffer Science Assembly, were presided over by the students who attended the first conference. Sharing what was learned from the Quail Roost Conference and planning the coming year's activities were the goals of this conference. Among the workshops held were those on publicity and planning the year's activities. A session with **J. J. Scarlette**, Bennett's business manager, was also held.

## Pinehurst to Host NCAIAW Meeting

by Joyce A. Bass

The annual conference of the NCAIAW will take place May 5 in Pinehurst, N. C. At this conference, all colleges and universities will send rep-

resentatives to make preliminary plans and schedule sports events for the coming year.

**Coach Leon McDougale** and **Dr. Dawn Chaney** will attend the conference on behalf of Bennett.

"An intense volleyball and basketball schedule is being planned for Bennett next year. At present, recruiting efforts are being made for both areas and the Bennett Athletic Committee is working toward determining the structure of a policy-making body for athletics," said Dr. Chaney.

She said policies regarding the eligibility of players in competitive sports and playing schedules will fall under the jurisdiction of this new athletic planning committee.

"By the fall, a director of athletics and athletic policies will be a functioning part of Bennett," remarked Dr. Chaney.

## Scholar Inductees Meet Requirements

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point average by the end of 1st semester of freshman year.

—Must maintain a 3.00 or above grade point average throughout her stay at Bennett.

—Must be recommended by an instructor.

—Must pass an admissions test.

**Marcelle Miranda**, a pre-medical major from New York, is president of BSP. Marcelle was among the first students to be inducted into the program. She is very enthusiastic about the way the program has been progress-

ing and growing. Her plans for the still-new program are to host speakers, to sponsor an ACES program and to provide tutorial services.

The students inducted into the Bennett Scholars were: **Adenike Adejunmobi**, **Linda Faye Anderson**, **Marcelle Kay Boatwright**, **Lisa Ann Johnson**, **Tina Ruth Jones**, **LaSandra Muldrow**, **Estalinda Roberson**, **Mary Jane Simpkins**, **Tonni Yvonne Sullivan** and **Valerie Littlejohn**.

The Bennett Scholars Program Committee includes Dr. **Mattie Moss**, coordinator; Mrs. **Willie McCallum**, and Dr. **Charlotte Alston**.

## Business Consultants Visit Campus in Career Conference

by Dotty Brown

It all started with the courteous "Good morning, How do you do's," mumbled through fresh doughnuts and hot coffee.

Somehow, just as planned, the Career Awareness Conference emerged as an enlightening event. Consultants from as near as Greensboro and from as far as Detroit flooded Bennett's campus, visiting classrooms.

After holding several classroom sessions, the consultants, along with the Bennett family, congregated in the chapel for a program intended to familiarize the congregation with the purpose of the Career Awareness Conference.

The conference, which was held on April 7, was co-sponsored by the Career Services Center of Bennett College, the Women's Studies Program, Winston-Salem Urban

League, and the National Urban League, Inc.

The speaker for this occasion was **Earl S. Hayes**, vice president Urban Affairs, ARA Services, Philadelphia, Pa. Hayes defined the aim of the conference as "To provide the opportunity for students to learn more about various job opportunities. To let students know what is out there."

"How to achieve academic excellence," was the main point of discussion for Hayes. He cited the mastering of desired area of study; the possession of good communication skills; and the desire to help others (young people, black institutions) as means of achieving academic excellence.

The Career Awareness Conference was primarily aimed at freshmen and sophomores but juniors as well as seniors took advantage of the consultants who, after the program in the chapel, sat under the magnolia trees eager to answer questions concerning job opportunities.

One student, **Angela West**, a freshman business administration and accounting major from Washington, D. C., said, after talking with one of the consultants, "You'd be surprised to know how many job opportunities there are but you must prepare yourself for them now."

After a few hours on the lawn, the consultants left and the conference was over, but its impact still lingers on.



Two of the Bennett graduates who were among the visiting business and corporate representatives entertaining questions from students during Career Awareness Day.

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