

Survey reveals Banner criticism

by Tracey Phillips

Early in September a survey was taken on how the student body felt about the "Bennett Banner."

Some of the students seem to feel as though not enough is written on matters that could benefit them academically and that if this information does appear it pertains only to a small group of people.

Others tend to feel that there is nothing to catch their interest. Many of the articles are vague and do not get to the point. The articles that do interest the students are those that not only relate to Bennett's campus but the other surrounding colleges as well.

Students are interested in the social functions that happen in the community and would like more coverage.

Although students pay some attention to what past Bennett Belles are doing now, some feel that an article on the alumnae every other issue is sufficient.

Another complaint mentioned was that some of the articles were repetitious and too many additional articles are used only to fill the paper up.

Deborah Tillman, the 1978-79 editor, said that the staff wanted to produce a paper of interest to all of the college and that suggestions were always welcome. She also encouraged more students to become involved in putting out the paper.



Who reads the Bennett Banner?

photo by Joyce Bass

"Lady Blue" theme and elegance highlight Miss Bennett coronation

by Debbie Hodges

"Lady Blue" is the theme and elegance is the tone of the first annual Miss Bennett College Coronation Sept. 22 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Officially receiving her crown that night, Rose Hudson, senior communications major from Sumter, S. C., is the first student to be elected Miss Bennett. She will be featured in the 1979 *Ebony* college queen's issue.

Also being presented at the coronation will be Charisse Robinson, junior art major from

Greensboro, first runner-up in the Miss Bennett elections. Miss Bennett's court will include senior class representative Michelle Hopkins, junior class representative Sandra Brown, sophomore class representative Jennifer Welles, and freshman class representative Valerie Fee. The court's escorts will be representatives from N. C. A&T State University. Representatives from neighboring colleges, the community and the media are invited to attend the ceremony.

Following the crowning ceremony a reception will be held until 10 p.m. when a dance featuring A&T's jazz band will be held. The coronation, reception, and dance will be formal.

A dinner honoring Miss Bennett will be held Sept. 21 in the David D. Jones Student Union Dining Hall.

Belles are invited by SGA officers to help celebrate and participate in festivities by attending and helping to organize the events. Those interested in becoming a part of the coronation should contact SGA officers Debra Perkins, Marion Johnson, Yvette Shelton, Debbie Hodges, or Sharon Sanders.

In addition to teaching for ten years, Dr. Koontz has held several prestigious positions with the federal and state governments: director of the U. S. Dept. of Labor (January 1969-September 1973); co-ordinator of nutrition programs, North Carolina Dept. of Human Resources (1973-1975); and assistant superintendent for Public Instruction of Teacher Education and Staff Development (1975-to present).

She served as president of the NEA Classroom Teachers in 1965 and as president of NEA in 1968-69. The recipient of numerous awards, including 32 honorary degrees, she received the highest award given by the State of North Carolina — the Governor's North Carolina Public Service Award for 1977 which is a gold medallion.

Koontz is Women's Studies lecturer

Dr. Elizabeth Duncan Koontz, assistant superintendent for public instruction of Teacher Education and Staff Development, will be the guest lecturer for the opening program of the 1978-79 Women's Studies Lecture-Seminar-Workshop Series in the Annie Merner Chapel on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. "The Emerging Woman in the National and International Arenas: Career Imperatives and Strategies," is the theme for this year's series.

A native North Carolinian, Dr. Koontz graduated from Livingstone College (Salisbury, N. C.) and Atlanta University, did further study at Indiana and Columbia Universities, and is certified as a special education teacher with emphasis on the slow learner.

Good things come to those who read

by Donna Meacham

Read any good books lately?

There are plenty of them out there, many just for the asking. Reading for the sheer pleasure of it is an enjoyable as well as a desirable habit to acquire. And is there any better feeling than getting into a conversation on a topic of interest and knowing exactly what you're talking about?

The choices are endless. Whatever you happen to be interested in, someone has probably written a book about it. Check out our library. There's more there than you probably think. But don't look for bestsellers in paperback there. You'll probably have to buy those. A good book is a bargain, though—less than the cost of a good movie. A list of current bestsellers on college campuses follows:

CAMPUS PAPERBACK BESTSELLERS

September

1. **The Thorn Birds**, by Colleen McCullough. (Avon, \$2.50) Australian family saga; fiction.
2. **The Dragons of Eden**, by Carl Sagan. (Ballantine, \$2.25.) The evolution of intelligence.
3. **The Lawless**, by John Jakes, (Jove/HBJ, \$2.25.) Saga of an American family, vol. VII: fiction.
4. **Delta of Venus**, by Anais Nin. (Bantam, \$2.50.) Elegant erotica: fiction.
5. **Your Erroneous Zones**, by Wayne W. Dyer. (Avon, \$2.25.) Self-help pep talk.
6. **Looking Out for #1**, by Robert Ringer. (Fawcett/Crest, \$2.50.) Getting your share.
7. **The Book of Lists**, by David Wallechinsky, Irving and Amy Wallace. (Bantam, \$2.50.) Entertaining facts.
8. **Passages**, by Gail Sheehy. (Bantam, \$2.50.) Predictable crises of adult life.
9. **Jaws 2**, by Hank Searls. (Bantam, \$2.25.) Gripping shark sequel.
10. **The Sword of Shannara**, by Terry Brooks. (Ballantine, \$2.50.) Fantasy novel.

This list is compiled by The Chronicle of Higher Education from information supplied by college stores throughout the country.

Induction this fall

Honor society returns

by Marion Johnson

Alpha Kappa Mu is returning to the campus this semester.

The Alpha Kappa Mu honor society is a general honor society which is open to juniors and seniors from a wide range of academic disciplines. The campus chapter, Alpha Epsilon, became inactive several years ago because of the costs involved.

Dr. George Breathett, director of Planning / Advanced Institutional Development Program, said, "The reason we became inactive was due to the fee structure. The amount needed to meet national chapter taxes and attend regional meetings was too high. For a while we sought aid from the Student Government Association.

"It is my feeling that we should be able to get this organization back to the campus as a supported expenditure, not for dues but for national chapter taxes and the like."

Dr. George W. Gore Jr., founder of Alpha Kappa Mu, summarized the essential purpose of the society at the Honors Day Convocation at Johnson C. Smith University in 1953.

Gore said, "Alpha Kappa Mu was conceived as an organization of men and women of superior abilities who would be so organized that their mutual efforts might be stimulated and coordinated. The social and fraternal phases of a national organization are especially valuable in making a program of creation articulate and dynamic.

"Such an organization can make scholarship real and functional. It can present the scholar as a 'man thinking'—an individual with a program which uses a superior mind to do socially desirable work for the service of mankind.

"Alpha Kappa Mu does not regard scholarship as necessarily synonymous with grade getting—rather Alpha Kappa Mu aims to encourage and emphasize studies, original investigation, research, creative work and publications."

The idea for an honor society to recognize the black scholar and stimulate efforts toward academic

excellence in black students was conceived by Dr. Gore in 1937, while he was Dean of Tennessee A. and I. State College.

Gore determined the need for a national organization and coordinated a program with the existing local honor societies. The culmination of his plans was the formation of Alpha Kappa Mu at the Silver Anniversary of the founding of Tennessee A. and I. State College in November 1937.

The Alpha Epsilon chapter was founded in 1937 and is a charter chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu. Other charter chapters were founded on the campuses of North Carolina A & T State University, Tennessee State University, Tuskegee Institute, and West Virginia State College.

The present adviser to the Alpha Epsilon chapter is Mary R. Scarlette, department chairman of Elementary and Special Education. Mrs. Scarlette explained the plans for the reinstatement.

"We will have an induction right after the Fall Honors Convocation or at least before the end of first semester. This is so that those first semester seniors who are eligible may be inducted. Also, this will be a special induction in honor of the reinstatement of our chapter."

"There are two categories of students eligible for membership. Contrary to what is printed in the current catalog, juniors who have completed at least 50 percent of the hours necessary for graduation and have the cumulative average are eligible. The second group is seniors with a 3.3 and above cumulative grade point average."

"Membership in Alpha Kappa Mu is by formal invitation only. The invitation must be answered formally too," added Mrs. Scarlette.

Some members of Alpha Kappa Mu on Bennett's campus include faculty and staff members, Linda Addo, assistant professor of History; Dr. Charlotte Alston, chairman of the Music Department and Mrs. Scarlette, all members of the Alpha Epsilon chapter; Dr. Breathett, Phi Beta Tau chapter; and Dr. Dorinda Trader, professor of psychology, Beta Tau Epsilon chapter.

What jobs await you in the future?

by Deborah Tillman

Jobs! Jobs! Where are the jobs? This is the cry of many college students when they enter and when they exit college. Everyone is concerned as to whether or not their choice of a major is the right one.

To ease these troubled minds, here is a list of the best and worst job prospects for the future. This information is taken from a TWA release.

Some of the leading positions are health and medical fields, demography, computer-

programming, receptionist, mortuary science (of course), waitresses and waiters, architecture, accounting, economics, social work and special education.

Some of the worst prospects are school counseling, law, elementary and secondary education, college professors, secretaries, anthropologists, professional sports, historians, and bank tellers.

In case this information affects you, do not think that you have a hopeless situation.

For further information on careers, contact the Placement Center on campus.

Public speech entries due tomorrow

Students have until noon tomorrow to submit speeches for inclusion in the 4th Annual Evening of Public Speaking to be held on Sept. 26 at 8 p.m. in the Science Assembly.

Any student wishing to participate in this event must hand in to Dr. Ruth Lucier, coordinator of the event, a typed or clearly-written copy of her entry. The entry may be put under the door of Dr. Lucier's office, Room 102, Steele Hall, until noon on Sept. 16.

Entries may be of three types: dramatic interpretations of the poetry or prose of an author of note with an original introduction and transitions provided by the speaker; interpretations of original poetry or prose composed by the speaker herself; or an original speech on any topic of general interest designed to convince or persuade.

Judges will select the presentations to be included in the program. Entries should run from six to eight minutes in length.

A student should attach to her entry a separate sheet on which she gives her name, the name of the speech, her post office box number, and her dormitory and room number.

Awards will be given to the speakers judged by the panel of judges to have made the best presentation in each category. A number of other awards will also be made to participating speakers.