

# Three win speaking event

by Bernetta Hamilton

Cynthia Brown, Marion Johnson and Grace Phillips were the winners in the fourth annual Evening of Public Speaking on Sept. 29.

Cynthia won first prize in the category for Dramatic Interpretation. She interpreted two original poems entitled "I was never able to touch him" and "Mom."

First prize for Original Oratory was presented to Marion. In her speech titled "Rape" she discussed the issues of this crime and gave advice on how to avoid becoming a victim.

Grace received first prize in the category of Original Interpretation. She presented three poems "In Prison," "I Am an Educated Black Wom-

an" and "Cleopatra." "My poem 'Cleopatra' was inspired by Nikki Giovanni's poem 'Ego Tripping,'" said Grace. Each winner was awarded a decorative plaque and a desk pen.

Other speakers were Sharonlyn Jones, Terri Wade, Libby Malloy, Veta Covert and Regina Kiser. Each participant received a red and white carnation.

Judges for the evening were Dr. Georgie Latimer, associate professor in English, Denise Troutman, instructor in drama and Rose Hudson, a senior communications major from Sumter, S. C. who is also Miss Bennett.

Miss Troutman was happy to see such a large number of student participants. She also felt that the competition

would help students improve their communication skills.

The Evening of Public Speaking was co-sponsored by the Debate Club and the Interdisciplinary Studies Program (ISP).

"The audience was exceptionally responsive," commented Dr. Helen Trobian, chairperson of Visual Arts and Humane Studies and director of ISP.

Dr. Ruth Lucier, associate professor of Philosophy, Religion and ISP said, "This was one of the best Evenings of Public Speaking ever."

Cathy Lewis, a freshman drama major from Chicago said, "The audience was very polite and responsive at the affair. They were even polite in the reception line."



Grace Phillips receives her award in the category of Original Interpretation in which she took first place at the Annual Evening of Public Speaking. Yolanda White makes the presentation.

Photo by Leander Canady

## Deadline for inquiries Nov. 1

# Danforth seeks minority applicants

Inquiries about the Danforth Graduate Fellowships, to be awarded by the Danforth Foundation of St. Louis, Missouri, in April, 1979, are invited, according to the local campus representative, Wilhemina J. Gilbert, associate professor, Black Hall 208-A. Interested students must see Miss Gilbert by Nov. 1.

The fellowships are open to all qualified persons who have serious interest in careers of teaching in colleges and universities and who plan to study for the Ph.D. in any field of study com-

mon to the undergraduate liberal arts curriculum in the United States.

The competition for the Danforth Graduate Fellowships is exceedingly intense—as intense as that of a prestigious medical school. Undergraduate and graduate students who are recommended and who apply should be very strong in each of the following categories of concern:

Evidence of personal characteristics that will contribute to effective teaching and to constructive relationships with

students and colleagues

Evidence that supports the applicant's commitment to a career in teaching at the college or university level

Evidence of the motivation, discipline and purpose required for success in graduate school as well as in the profession of teaching

Evidence of academic accomplishment and intellectual ability

Evidence of the human sensibilities without which the applicant's career can only be

narrow and technical

Evidence of determination to achieve a life of service

Evidence of the ability to think beyond "what is" to "what ought to be."

Applicants for the baccalaureate awards must be college seniors and may not have undertaken graduate level programs of study.

Approximately 65 fellowships will be awarded to college seniors who are nominated by Baccalaureate Liaison Officers.

The Foundation is currently making a special effort to bring

qualified persons from racial and ethnic minorities into the profession of teaching. In recent years through vigorous recruitment of qualified persons, the number of blacks, Mexican-Americans, native Americans, and Puerto Ricans in this fellowship program has been dramatically increased.

The Danforth Graduate Fellowship is a one-year award but is normally renewable until completion of the advanced degree or for a maximum of four years of graduate study. Fellowship stipends are based on individual need, but they will not exceed \$2,500 for single applicants and married applicants with no children. The Fellowship also covers tuition and fees up to \$4,000 annually.

The Danforth Foundation, established in 1927, is a national educational philanthropic organization, dedicated to enhancing the humane dimensions of life. Activities of the Foundation traditionally have emphasized the theme of improving the quality of teaching and learning.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Danforth who established the Foundation, along with their daughter and son, Dorothy Danforth Compton and Donald Danforth, maintained active leadership roles in the affairs of the Foundation throughout their lifetimes. Family members continue to be involved in the Foundation's activities through their participation on the board of trustees.

# Students beware: man on the hall!

by Ursula J. Joyner and Anita Spady

Since the beginning of this school year there have been numerous accounts of men running through the dorms.

Cone Hall was plagued with uninvited guests during the first week of school. Men tried getting into the dorm and they succeeded

more than once.

One student preferred not to disclose the details of her traumatic experience. Another victim, Debra Hodges, said she was in bed one morning around 8 a.m. Her roommate had left awhile earlier and left the door unlocked. She rolled over and noticed the door slightly ajar. She assumed that it

had not been closed securely. A few seconds later she heard a noise. She turned over and noticed a tall, skinny figure standing by the bureau.

It tried to duck at the foot of her bed. She was more surprised than frightened and yelled at him. He got up and ran from the room. Another student notified the dorm

director and security. Fifteen minutes later security arrived and asked a few questions.

Men have also been seen checking to see if room doors are locked after curfew. The other dorms have also had similar incidents.

One of the security guards, Mrs. Rosa Henryhand, stated that some incidents were unknown to security. Immediate action would have been taken if they had known, she said. She also stated that the girls should check their doors before going to bed. She commented that she had heard about the incidents from one of the dorm directors but not from the one where the incidents occurred. She said that it is the job of the security guards to lock the side doors of all the dorms.

# College women getting involved in Women's Studies

by Donna Jones

College women all over the country are learning more about each other through a curriculum program called Women's Studies.

The program is designed to accuate the awareness of just how

far women have come and to provide a varied background of information involved in the shaping of the female personality. These are just two of the benefits if one takes a course in the program.

Geraldine Totten, director of

Women's Studies at Bennett said of this development, "Students and faculty will be encouraged to become involved in women-oriented research which will eventually be published in and in the development of curriculum materials."

There are a variety of courses offered in the program including such courses as women and politics, mythology and women and the general introduction to Women's Studies. "We have a dual focus to develop courses centered on the concerns of women," said Mrs. Totten. She hopes to add 2 additional courses to the program. These are women and research and women's roles cross-culturally.

Besides the classroom instruction there is a women's studies planning workshop. The focus is on the emerging women in national and international arenas. Another concern is career imperatives and strategies. Also included in this workshop is a roster for guest speakers. The speaker may come from any part of the globe and may speak on any women-oriented subject.

Events such as these are not only to enrich Bennett students but the Bennett community as well. The next planned event is Oct. 12 and will be devoted to women's leadership and power. Anyone interested in knowing more should go to the Freshmen Studies Center.

In the late sixties a new cigarette product came out called "Virginia Slims." The slogan was "You've come a long way, Baby." They couldn't have said it better.

# Beauty shop, blood drive, fashion show highlight Delta sorority's fall activities

by Debbie Hodges

Deltas are having a busy semester.

The Delta Beauty Shoppe will be open for business Saturday, Oct. 7 to provide an inexpensive way for Belles to look their best without leaving campus.

Sponsored and operated by the members of the Zeta Omicron Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the shoppe will take campus customers the first and third Saturdays of each month. The shoppe will be located in Player Hall's basement from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The Deltas will charge \$2 for hair straightening and permanents. Customers must supply their own permanents. A "wash and set" will cost \$1.50. Manicures and facials will be 50¢ each. Eyebrow-shaping will cost 25¢. Only those experienced in hair care will handle permanents and straighteners.

Another Delta activity, the Dating Game, was sponsored by the Deltas Sept. 29. The game, parodied the TV game show but show-

cased Delta's own style and talent with original skits and commercials. The Dating Game has become an annual event and features young men recruited from the neighboring district. Female contestants were chosen by lottery. Those winning dates were treated to an evening out at Delta's expense. Proceeds went to UNCF.

The American Red Cross was also sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. All who were physically able were urged to donate blood to the Red Cross in the student union.

Upcoming Delta events include a fashion show Oct. 27. It will feature local models and outfits from local stores. A chapel service, Nov. 2, is planned by DST. The program is not yet complete.

A spaghetti dinner will be held Nov. 11 and will feature the gourmet talents of DST sorors.

Dec. 1 will begin the Delta's annual clothing drive for the needy. Boxes will be placed in each dorm for students' clothing contributions.



Jane Brandon converses with Amelia Rokotuiuna, speaker for the Women's Studies Program, about life in the Fiji Islands.

Photo by Pam Paschall