



Bennett played host to 14 officials of several Nigerian state governments recently. The visitors spent four days in North Carolina meeting with business, farm, educational, and governmental leaders.

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## Nzeribe follows tradition

by Beverly Griffin

Nigerian Pauline Nzeribe is honoring two family traditions—a commitment to medicine and the pursuit of excellence.

Pauline, whose father was a surgeon and whose mother is a midwife, is a sophomore Pre-Dentistry major with an important distinction: she accumulated a 3.94 average for the 1978-79 academic year.

She de-emphasizes her IQ, but stresses her determination: "I don't consider myself smart because I have to study very hard in order to fulfill my goals and to be what I want to be—the best in everything I do."

Nzeribe decided to become a dentist after she came to Bennett because "I like looking in and examining people's mouths, and also there aren't many women in the pursuit of dentistry." She adds that "I like to see the kind of teeth people have."

But at one time Pauline was less interested in the study of incisors than she was in becoming a "mouthpiece." Courtroom orations were her fantasy. "When I was a kid, I always wanted to be a lawyer because I like to argue," she says. Anyone who has had a class with Pauline knows that she hasn't lost her gift of persuasion.

Pauline isn't the only Nzeribe daughter who has prepped for a medical career at Bennett.

Her eldest sister Rita, a graduate here, is now studying medicine at Bowman-Gray in Winston-Salem. Geraldine, another of the five Nzeribe sisters, is presently a Biology-Medical Technology major at Bennett and one of the most fluent writers on campus. In addition, there's a third sister in the Imo State-Bennett connection, Stella, who was a Belle for awhile before returning to Nigeria.

It was Rita who influenced Pauline to matriculate here. Rita explained that the school was small and quiet and that the faculty was pleasant and interested in students. "Since the universities in my country are hard to get into," Pauline states, "I decided to come to America where admittance is easier."

Pauline's energies aren't devoted exclusively to medicine. She says that she has an interest in almost everything, and this assertion is confirmed by her taking piano lessons, devouring Gothic novels and enjoying popular music.

For such a versatile and involved woman, missing her homeland is only a minor problem: "I don't get homesick because I feel that I am old enough to be independent." Besides, Pauline's mother summers in America with Pauline, Geraldine, Rita and Vivian, a student at the International University in Miami.

Then, too, Pauline plans to return to Nigeria as quick as possible with a dental degree in hand to open an office, launch a prosperous career and "show people that women can be as good as men in the career world."

## Gubernatorial candidates stress issues

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Energy was another concern Hunt expressed and pointed out he has been pushing to establish the North Carolina Alternative Energy Sources Program. He said a better job in crime fighting is needed. He spoke in favor of the Fair Sentencing Bill to cut out paroles and new juvenile laws to prevent lives of crime. An abused-family clinic is also needed, he said.

Changes must be done in a positive way, Hunt said. He pointed out the cost of state government was cut by the salaries of 400 transportation workers since he took office. His administration also cut taxes.

The government must be responsible to the people, he said. Hunt complied with the NC/ACORN request to meet with that group during the evening. The group passed out leaflets in front of the Carolina Theatre to those attending the reception.

The leaflets called for more representation in the Democratic Party of low and moderate income people. The group cited unequal

representation in that only 6% of the delegates to the 1976 Democratic Convention earned less than \$10,000 while nearly half of the party rank was in this income group. Over 53% of the delegates completed education beyond college while only 9% of the party rank was in this group. CA/ACORN listed what it wanted the NC Democratic Party to adopt for its conventions. Some of the requests are goals the National Democratic Committee has set for itself. The requests are:

1. The Party should financially aid low and moderate income delegates in getting to the state and national conventions.
2. The state party should include income level as a part of its demographic study and should guarantee that the state party's delegation to the national convention should reflect the size of the state's low and moderate income population.
3. CA/ACORN members should have the opportunity to present the Peoples' Platform at

the county, congressional district, state and national conventions and CA members should receive floor passes to the conventions.

4. The Peoples' Platform should be printed in the state party's newsletter and copies of the platform should be included in all of the state party's state and national convention material.
5. The state party should set up a "low and moderate income commission—similar to a minorities or women's commission—to insure that low and moderate income people and their issues are adequately dealt with by the party.

Scott, Hunt's opponent in the gubernatorial race, said, "North Carolina will be whatever we want it to be." The state will be only what the sum totals of its communities are, he said. He hopes for peace and prosperity and assures the state "will grow no matter who is the new governor." He said the question was not if the state will grow, but how will it grow and what to do with the growth.

The state needs to ask if particular industries are a drain or benefactor to the state in terms

of energy and jobs, Scott said. The state must ask if the industry is absorbing those who have difficulty finding jobs and if the profits are going to a foreign nation or the U.S. The "human element" must be kept in governmental and industrial decisions, he said. Such decisions must be made "with compassion and concern" rather than with computers, he said.

Scott pointed out that, like Hunt, he met with the CA/ACORN group. Unlike Hunt, however, Scott said he went to the group on his own volition to find out what was on its mind.

The Democratic Party "must remember those who can't afford to pay to come to these events," Scott said. He said the party motto, "To be rather than to be seen," must be lived up to.

He agreed with Hunt that the public school system must pay attention to the average child. He attacked the Science and Math Institute in Durham and called it an "elitist program if ever there was one." "No one," he said, has a "deeper concern about the poor and underprivileged" than he.

Preyer praised the candidates for keeping the campaign "cool rather than hot tonight."

Hodges was one of the "finest governors of this state, according

to Preyer. Preyer said Hodges "made the glories of North Carolina known to the rest of the country" during his administration.

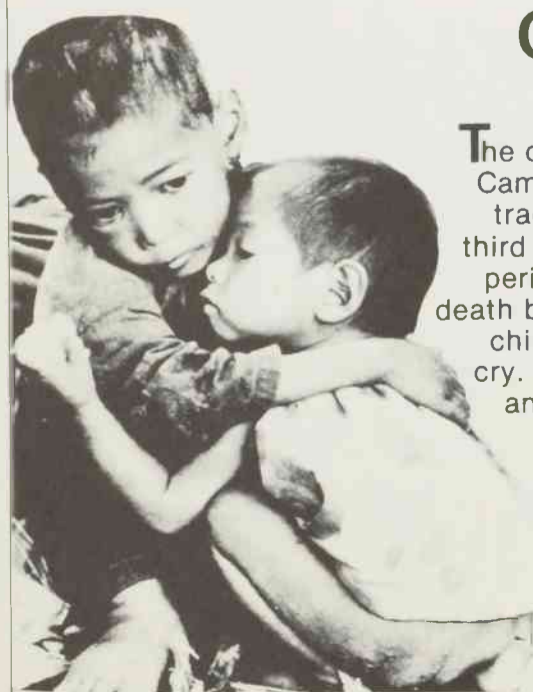
Morton, Hodges' campaign and publicity director, said the former governor accurately "read the needs of his time and worked effectively to solve the problems presented." Morton cited good-paying jobs as resulting from industrial development inspired and encouraged by Hodges.

Hodges' most remarkable accomplishment, according to Morton, was his "level head" in the aftermath of the Supreme Court ruling on segregation. Although other Southern schools were being closed in the days after the ruling, not one school under Hodges' jurisdiction was closed for even one day as a result of the ruling, Morton stated.

Sanford stated education, business, and transportation in the state is "better than what it was" but still has a long way to go. He said he is not satisfied society has "done all that can be done for all the people." He said there is no reason to have slums and dreadful housing in every city. He stated the aim of government is "not to give material wealth but to insure everyone has the right to achieve a full and meaningful life."

## ENDANGERED SPECIES

### The children of Cambodia



The condemned people of Cambodia await the final tragedy: extinction. One third of the population has perished. The living face death by starvation. And the children are too weak to cry. "Soon there won't be any Cambodians left at all," mourns an exhausted refugee.

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## New director snubbed

by Denise Wilder

Patricia Eason, resident director of Merner Hall, has a deceptively youthful look. When Eason arrived at Bennett, she was often mistaken for a student.

"Some of the students that attend Bennett College approached me on a student-to-student basis when I first came here," says Eason. She also says many faculty and staff members made the same mistake.

Eason is a 5'3" resident of Greensboro and a recent graduate of North Carolina A&T State University. In 1978, when she taught in a junior high school, she claims the same case of mistaken identity occurred. "I take it as a compliment," adds Eason. "I want to look young and feel young."

Eason plans to attend law school in the near future. She says, "I hope to attend law school in 1981."

Her hobbies include traveling, sewing, cooking, reading and following politics. She is a member of Grace Lutheran Memorial Church. Both of her parents reside in Greensboro. Her mother is a professor at UNC-G School of Nursing. Her father is a tailor. She has a brother at A&T who is a senior this year. She also has a sister who is a junior in high school.

Eason hopes some day to become a successful lawyer. She says she has always been interested in politics. She has a B.A. in Political Science and History.

Not only was Eason's youthful appearance deceiving when she came to Bennett but faces that greeted Eason proved to be deceiving. "The first time I came here most of the students were kind of friendly. Then when they got to know me, a lot of that just

stood idle and they stopped being friendly, more vindictive or more passive than friendly," claims Eason. She adds, "They think I am too authoritative, but I don't want them to feel this way."

Eason feels communication is the obvious solution to the problem of getting along with members of Merner Hall. She feels she is being totally ignored unless there is an emergency that needs her assistance. "Some of them (the students) associate with me only when there is an emergency," states Eason. "I don't think they should run to my office all the time to talk to me about their problems, but it is just a matter of respect to speak."

Eason says on a day-to-day basis, three out of five students pass by her and don't speak. She adds that these students are from Merner Hall and friends of theirs.