

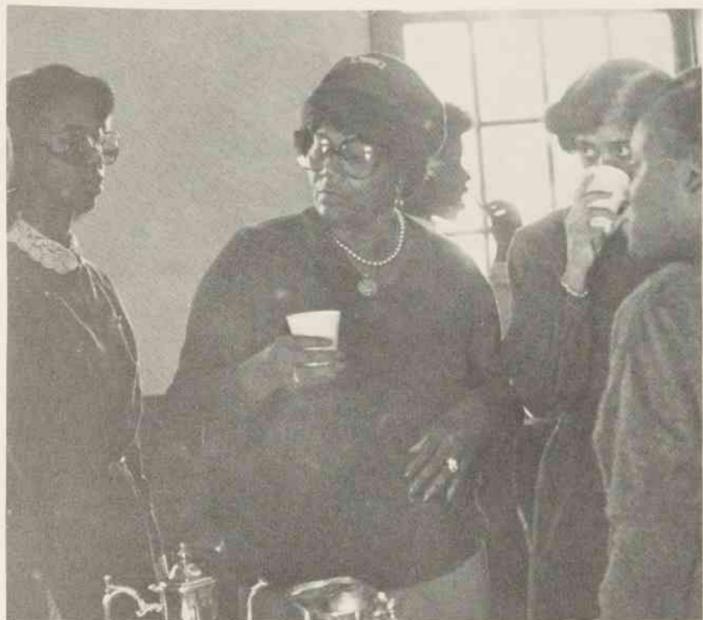
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At the conclusion following a press conference, Pearl Bailey got a chance to talk casually with many of the Belles. Later that evening, Miss Bailey gave an address in the chapel.

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## Bailey rejects all labels

Myra Jewel George

"I don't just sing," she said. "I'm an entertainer." From start to finish Pearl Bailey tore down many misconceptions and gave her philosophy about contemporary events.

On Friday, Nov. 7, Miss Bailey toured the campus, met with various college officials and addressed the campus in the Annie Merner Pfeiffer chapel at eight o'clock. Miss Bailey's visit was sponsored by funds from the Andrew Mellon Foundation Grant. Her itinerary included meeting with representatives of the college in the faculty lounge at noon, a press conference of campus and local media representatives at 1:30 in the student union lounge and a tour of the campus. After her address in the chapel, Miss Bailey attended the alumnae dance at ten.

Members of the A&T Register, Greensboro Daily News and News 2 staff were present at the press

conference, as well as Peter Magubane, renowned photographer. Portions of Miss Bailey's chapel address were televised that night at eleven by News 2. During her address, Bailey spoke out on her political stand and her views about education and equal rights.

Responding to Carter's defeat, she answered, "It didn't surprise me at all." She felt that more "hate was preached" during the campaign than any other one. Although not surprised, she was sad. "The map made me sad," she recalled, referring to the map of the U. S. which showed how each state voted.

Miss Bailey is no stranger to the political arena. She served under President Ford as Special Adviser to the U. S. Mission to the United Nations. Defying the concept of labeling one's politics as Republican or Democratic, she stated, "I am supportive of what is good for America."

Throughout, Miss Bailey avoided labels. "We're so hung up on labels," she noted. "If you give these subtitles, live up to them." She laughed and quoted her husband's favorite saying, "Everybody should have been born with polka dot eyes. Then they wouldn't worry about it." More seriously, she said, "If I've got on a red sweater, I don't have to run around saying it. I know it, and it's up to you to find out." Of herself she says, "I belong to humanity. There are no labels."

About education, Miss Bailey is firm and certain. She attends Georgetown University in Washington, D. C. where she and her husband, drummer Louis Bellson Jr., and two adopted children, Tony and Dee Dee, live. "I went

back to school," she explained, "because I always wanted to be a teacher. I always wanted to learn." She said that her choice of Georgetown over Howard University had nothing to do with racial influences. She insisted that she goes to the school which has the most to offer her. She has studied here and abroad and said, "I would even go to Bennett," if the school was teaching something she wanted to learn. "We put values on the wrong things," she noted.

At Georgetown University, Miss Bailey says, "I'm a full-blooded student. She eats and studies with her classmates. Miss Bailey made the Dean's list last fall. "I go to a tough school," she began. "I don't have time to play." Of today's students she noted, "Everybody's into television or promotion or business activities." Her advice is, "Learn some English. I haven't heard a young person say a complete sentence in years." She declared, "It should be mandatory by the Supreme Court from kindergarten right on to college for students to take reading, writing, arithmetic, and learn to spell."

She had some advice for young actors and actresses. "Just because you do one play," she said frankly, "you're not an actor." The technique is in the book, she continued, "but what you read is about one-one thousandth of what's on the stage. Not only with drama, with anything." She explained, "I speak from my heart. I speak from experience."

Miss Bailey also discussed equal rights. "Women can do practically everything a man can do," she claimed and referred to Cleopatra (Continued on Page Four)

## Accident not fatal

Veronica McKinney

On Nov. 1, 1980 a Bennett student was hit by a car while jaywalking across Market Street at 9:15 p.m. The car was loaded with N. C. A&T Aggies.

Priscila Tavárez, a junior majoring in Secretarial Administration, was on her way back to Bennett after visiting a friend on A&T's campus. She said, "I was crossing the street and looking for traffic, but I didn't see any cars coming. I went to cross the street and the next thing I knew a car had come from out of nowhere."

The driver of the car was Kenneth Pierce, a junior at N. C. A&T State University majoring in Business Administration. Pierce said, "I didn't see Priscila period, and a witness told me that he saw her when she walked in front of the car before I hit my brakes. She just didn't look with caution."

Tony Anderson, one of the men in the car, called the ambulance,

which took Priscila to the hospital. Beverly Bernard, a Bennett Belle, went along with her. Beverly, a junior majoring in Mass Communication, said, "Priscila was unconscious, very confused, and she couldn't remember too much."

Pierce said he had been drinking beer earlier with his friends but not while driving in the car nor before the accident. He also said he was coming from A&T's campus, on his way to Bennett to visit some friends and that three of his friends went with him for the ride.

The police arrived at the scene, asked questions, and measured the skid marks from the car but did not charge the driver with a violation.

The men involved in the accident came to Bennett later to see about Priscila and were asked to leave the campus by the security guard because of their disorderly conduct and their failure to ring

the doorbell as they should have, according to witnesses.

Deirdre Kennedy, a senior majoring in Early Childhood Education, said, "After the accident Kenneth and his friends came to Bennett and I smelled alcohol when they came in Cone Hall. I asked Kenneth what he was drinking, but he never answered me." Sonia Offley, the assistant resident director of Cone Hall, said, "I was very upset when I found out about the accident and I would like to stress that people should never go anywhere by themselves, especially at night, because it's safe to have one or more persons together in case something happens."

Priscila has a broken bone in her knee, head contusion, a laceration in the upper part of her head, bruises and a swollen foot. She will be giving the policeman a statement later in the week because she was too confused and upset after the accident.

## Photographer a success

Yvette Barbour

Photographer Peter Magubane, who held his exhibit at Bennett Nov. 3 through Nov. 7, expressed his thoughts about South African life and photography while he was here.

Magubane is originally from Johannesburg, South Africa. Prior to visiting Bennett, Magubane has been in New York since February 1980 taking a course in documentary films. He hopes to go back to South Africa next year. Magubane said, "There is a need for blacks in South Africa to have some kind of knowledge in making black documentary films, be-

cause South Africa has material that has not been tapped."

Magubane said, "I have been self-taught." When he graduated from high school, he joined a black magazine called *Drum*. "It was the only instrument we had," said Magubane. It was the articles for *Drum Magazine* done by two friends, a writer and photographer, about the treatment blacks were getting in South Africa that motivated his interest in photography. At the time, the only vacancy that was open was a driving vacancy. Magubane said, "In order to be in the organization, I grabbed the first opportunity I

could get." He stayed three months and was moved to printing and developing. His first assignment was a political assignment which was outside Johannesburg. Since then he has never looked back.

Magubane said, "I lost seven years of my career due to my detention from 1969 through 1970. When I got back from detention, I was banned for five years. I wasn't doing any photographing for seven years. I spent two years in prison, of which 586 days were in solitary confinement. He added, "When you are banned in South (Continued on Page Four)

## Reagan takes victory

Myra Jewel George

The results of the presidential election were apparent even before all the polls had closed. Republican nominee Ronald Reagan had taken a sweeping victory, winning all but six states. President Carter had failed completely in his bid for re-election. Carter conceded Reagan's victory while the polls in the West were still open. In one day the American voters had set the course of the nation in a startling, yet irre-

vocable, path.

A simulation of the nation must have felt was evident in the dormitories on Bennett's campus. Desolate faces and grim expressions reflected the horror, shock and disbelief of what had happened and what was yet to happen in the four years ahead.

One concern was about education. "With Reagan in office, the blacks don't have a chance," said freshman Rhonda Whitted. "Rea-

gan is a racist and he could easily now that the Senate is primarily Republican—could easily cut out BEOG as a part of government spending without hurting Black people per se."

Another prospect is of a war. "I wasn't particularly in favor of Reagan winning," said junior Carla Burley, "but I think he's more susceptible to starting a war."

Sophomore Felicia Clark is most concerned with Reagan's age, 69, (Continued on Page Four)

## Honors convocation recognizes 29

Myra Jewel George

Twenty-nine students were honored in Fall Honors Convocation held on Thursday, Nov. 13, 1980 at 10:00 a.m. in the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel.

Fall Honors Convocation recognizes the cumulative averages of students, rather than semester averages, as does the Dean's List. Sophomores must have a cumulative average of 3.29 or above for two semesters of work; juniors, 3.30 or above for four semesters of work; and seniors, 3.40 for six semesters of work. Freshmen are ineligible since they have not earned a cumulative average at the time that Fall Honors Convocation is held.

Thirteen sophomores were included in the ceremony. They were Adriane Elizabeth Baughman, Beverly Youtha Bell, Myra

Jewel George, Donna LoJoie Jessup, Jacqueline Elaine Johnson, LaVoris Ann McClary, Rose Lynn Nelson, Gloria Cecilia Nunnally, Wanda Gayle Parker, Jacqueline E. Schumpert, Nseobong Grace Usoror, Gwendolyn Carol Walker and Dawn Ruth Wilson. Myra George was recognized for maintaining a cumulative average of 4.0.

The twelve juniors included were Cynthia Annette Asbury, Valerie Dawn Callendar, Qundal Yvette Chambers, Olivia Lois Dabney, Wanda Yvette Dick, Juanita Harris, Sandra Maureen Ntjany, Debra Jean Moore, Pauline Ntjany, Nzeribe, Terry Lynne Phillips, Artreatha Tharrington Plummer and Iris Willette Settle.

Linda Faye Anderson, Lisa Ann Johnson, Mary Jane Simpkins and Linda Beatrice Smith were the four seniors honored.



Representatives of IBM, the CIA and other companies and agencies participated in the Career Awareness Program held on Monday, Nov. 10. Informing students about career options seemed to be more the issue than recruitment. Photo by Shelly Coston