



Mr. Norman Barbee and Mr. LeAnder Canady represented the college in a faculty art exhibit, as part of the Greensboro Regional Consortium Program. (Photo by Shelly Coston)

## 'Rushen has another smashing album'

Karen M. Heck

Big things come in little packages is an old cliché. Petite singer Patrice Rushen is an example of the overworked statement. Rushen's tiny voice explodes with delight on each song of her latest album "Posh" (Elektra).

Side one opens with the exciting cut "Never Gonna Give You Up." The rhythm section carries strongly throughout the song. Rushe's synthesizer also plays powerful notes. Wali Ali (guitarist) lends his vocal talents for a different sound.

The next song "Don't Blame Me" has sensual inuendos. Rushen's voice is a tone lower. The songstress tells her lover, "Don't blame me for wanting you."

The most commercially played song on the LP is "Look Up!" The lyrics invite all listeners to be cheerful. The melody provides a happy beat. When you are feeling down "Look up and enjoy."

This side concludes with "I Need Your Love." This love tune

has a slow tempo. The single receives occasional airplay over the radio. It has good chances of being a hit.

On side two Rushen becomes versatile. "Time Will Tell" has a rock sound. Another love song, Rushen is unsure of the possibilities. However, "Time Will Tell." "The Dream" has a beautiful beginning. Rushen plays her electric piano like a baby grand. It is apparent that she has had some classical training. The poetic words enhance charismatic tones of the song.

"This Is All I Really Know" is a song of self-reflection. Rushen pleasantly describes her feelings of her spiritual master. The background singers sound like a small Baptist choir. Again the piano is a vital part of the song.

All songs were co-written by Rushen. She was also the executive producer. She has come a long way from being a "Soul Train" dancer. Rushen (4'10") has another smashing album. Big things do come in small packages.

## Postage increase causes decrease in letters from Belles

Andrea Burch

At midnight of March 22, the price of postage increased all across the country. How do the Belles at Bennett College feel about the postage increase?

Mary Kirkpatrick, who is the postmistress at Bennett College said, "The increase takes a little getting used to in making change. Some students do not know the postage has changed. The postage change is eighteen cents for a first class letter, twelve cents for a postcard, thirty cents for an aerogramme, and forty cents for overseas letters."

Geraldine Nzeribe, who has been working in the postoffice for two years as a work study student, said, "A lot of girls have not really been coming to buy stamps now that they are eighteen cents. Lately, I have noticed a lot of postcards in the outgoing mail instead of letters since postcards are cheaper."

Roslyn Henderson, who is a junior, said, "Since the price of stamps has increased to eighteen cents for first class mailing, I will seriously consider not writing friends and loved ones as often."

Anita Coleman said, "I understand that with inflation the price

of stamps has gone up. I am not particularly pleased about it but I understand the necessity."

Leisha Thornton said, "I feel that if you add a few more cents to that you can make a long distance phone call."

Jeanette Hatch, who is a freshman, said, "I personally don't see why the prices of the stamps went up from eight cents to ten, then to thirteen, later to fifteen and now eighteen. If the price goes up anymore I think people will stop writing. We are college students and can't afford it. I can't at least."

Angie Cummings said, "The eighteen cents stamp should be twenty cent. An increase to twenty cents will also save time, money and energy when using stamp machines and making change for eighteen cents."

Lynn Powell who is a freshman, said, "I feel that penny pinching is not going to help resolve the problem of inflation. I feel that they should take a stronger stand on inflation by formulating a better governmental system and by having government officials cut back on their benefits."

Monia Pinnix, who is a senior, said, "I really think it's ridiculous but everything else is going up so why not stamps?"

Audrey King, who is a senior, said, "It's too much money to pay for a stamp. There should be a special rate for college students and senior citizens."

Yvonne Brown said, "I feel that the postal workers are well paid already and at the expense of the consumers they are developing new systems which are in my opinion totally unnecessary."

Lisa Pittman said, "The increase in postage has affected the consumer as well as the commercial market."

Beverly Griffin, who is a junior, said, "The more stamps increase the less I'll write."

Tara Murphy, who is a sophomore, said, "As a college student I hate that the price of stamps is rising. I feel that the cheapest way to communicate is letter writing, but if the price of stamps keep rising I'll be unable to send my average number of letters."

## Newsmakers

The Bennett Scholars' Program increased its membership with the induction of twelve members during a ceremony held on Thursday, April 2 in the chapel.

The inductees were Leslie Barr, Adriane Baughman, Dorothea Corpening, Sue Douglas, Yolanda Durant, Brenda Love, Linda Love, Sherry Spruill, Linda Walker, Angela Wilkins, Cheryl Williams, and Shelia Young.

The Bennett Scholars' Program seeks the highly motivated person who possesses "general intellectual ability, potential for working independently, overall emotional stability and maturity, as well as attitude toward academic achievement." Any freshman with a 3.2 average is eligible for consideration as a Bennett Scholar during the second semester of her freshman year. In addition, the student must take a general knowledge test and complete an interview with the Bennett Scholars' Committee.

The colors are green and yellow. The mascot is a fox. The official emblem is a scroll with the inscription BSP placed in front of a Scholars' cap and beside an inkwell with a pen.

The officers are Tina Jones, president; Wanda Dick, vice-president; Wanda Hawkins, secretary; Tonni Sullivan, treasurer; and Mrs. Anne C. Gillespie, coordinator.

Four full members and three associate members were inducted into Beta Kappa Chi national honor society on March 31, 1981.

The organization seeks to promote high scholarship, accurate research and scientific achievement. For full membership, a student must have a 3.0 cumulative average, a 3.0 average in the major area of study and at least 17 hours in one of the major areas of science. An associate member must possess the same averages but needs only 12 semester hours in one of the major areas of science.

The four students who achieved full membership were Juanita Harris, Wanda Hawkins, Tina Jones and Terri Phillips. The three students who achieved associate membership were sophomore Beverly Bell and juniors Valerie Callendar and Qundal Chambers.

Each inductee was required to learn the Greek alphabet and the meaning of the key and what it represented. In addition, they rendered a ten-minute presentation to President Miller, Dr. J. H. Sayles, Mrs. Jones, Dr. Perry Mack and Lisa Johnson.

Lisa Johnson serves as president of the organization; Pauline Nzeribe as vice-president; and Dr. J. Henry Sayles as advisor.

# College Ball recaptures the past

Years ago, the President's College Ball was one of the most exciting social events at Bennett College. The Dining Hall was the setting of flowing fountains, twinkling lights, good music, beautiful dresses, joyful laughter, and good fellowship.

Yes, the College Ball was an evening of fantasy. It was an event which brought faculty, staff and students together. On April 25, Dr. Isaac H. Miller will attempt to recapture the beauty of this traditional affair.

Committees have been meeting to plan for this event which was last held in 1972. Miss Venus McDowell has coordinated campus promotions and an informal escort service. Invitations have been distributed to members of the campus community and to special guests (some 100 extra male guests).

Dress for the evening? Traditionally, the Ball is formal (long dresses) and suits for the men (it's not necessary to wear tuxedos). In light of today's dress trends, some guests will probably wear very dressy pants or short dresses.

Faculty and staff involvement? Traditionally, they have assisted the president and his wife as hosts. This year, they are being invited to greet and mingle with the students. While students are critical of the lack of general faculty-staff support at student affairs, the planning committee is hopeful that most will attend the College Ball. The Refreshment/

Hosts Committee, chaired by Mrs. Annie Purcell and Mrs. Isaac H. Miller, is in the process of gathering volunteers to keep things moving throughout the evening.

Music? In order to respond to the "likes" of all age groups, the Entertainment Committee, chaired by Miss Phyllis Johnson, is negotiating with Dr. Donald Byrd, noted black musician, to make a guest appearance with some of his musicians. His performance is tentative and pending on his busy work-performance schedule. Al-

though live music is the accepted format for such an affair, some students requested a disc jockey. Miss Johnson is completing arrangements for this with attention being given to the musical preferences of everyone and to those "oldie, but goldie" favorites of faculty and staff.

Decorations? The committee, chaired by Miss Myra Davis, has adopted a rainbow theme. Volunteers are being sought from faculty, staff, students and friends to join the committee on Friday

evening, April 24 and Saturday morning, April 25 to hang streamers, lights, and other decorations. There will be some tables, but enough to encourage "a sit down" affair. Volunteers should contact Miss Davis or Miss Kathy Crosby for the decorating schedule.

While the planning committee hopes each student will have a date for the evening, it also encourages those young women without dates to attend. Dr. Martin, Dr. Tipton, Dr. Miller, Mr. Scarlette, Dr. McDonald, and Mr.

Browning are exceptional dancers and do not mind being asked to dance. "Be adventuresome." Also, share a date! It keeps the young lady from "becoming too hot" on those long dance numbers.

Students should respond to the Student Union Office (Miss Ruth Powell) in order that plans can be finalized and refreshments ordered. Drinks? No, hard liquor will not be served. However, negotiators are working on a delicious champagne-punch compromise.

## Assassination attempt sparks interest

Myra Jewel George

The assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan sparked nationwide interest and Bennett College students were no exception.

"I expected it," revealed sophomore Jacqueline Kennedy, "because of the way he treats people. He's just like a Republican."

John Hinckley, Jr. has been charged with the crime, which took place in the nation's capitol. The President was shot Monday, March 30, at the Washington Hilton and had to undergo surgery. However, he was reported to be in excellent condition and was able to walk into the hospital. Although the bullet did not cause any permanent injury, many students believe that the implications

are great.

"I feel that maybe this will make him (Reagan) look at things differently, like the way he treats people," said one senior. "Some of the programs he's cutting out are important. This (the shooting) will make him aware that people dislike the things he's doing."

One sophomore expressed skepticism over the incident. "I don't believe that Reagan got shot," Velvet Johnson claimed. "Look how long it took them to verify that he had gotten shot. And then they built him up to be John Wayne or some macho man by saying that he walked into hospital, had surgery, and the next day he was up signing bills and talking."

"I think he heard what the

public suspected and he thought to himself, 'How can I make this work for me?' I mean, I just don't believe that a man 70 years old went through it all as easily as Reagan claims to be doing."

A freshman took the complete opposite of that view. "I think that the President got hurt more seriously than his staff is willing to admit," she confided. "I'm weary of it all because there are very few pictures of what actually happened and how he's recovering."

"I think that Reagan is going to be harder than ever now," prophesied one junior. "He's going to try to avenge this shooting on all of us. If we thought he was bad before, it's going to be worse than ever now."

About the would-be assassin, several students were suspect of

his motives. Twenty-five-year-old Hinckley was found to have been arrested before for having three guns in his possession at an affair involving former President Carter.

"I don't think he's (Hinckley) crazy," said Beverly Wilson. "Every time a man shoots somebody important, the first thing they try to prove is that he's crazy."

In the shooting, Reagan and three others were injured. Also, an investigation has been initiated to determine whether the officials acted correctly.

Although the assassination was a failure, it may have serious repercussions. Said Wanda Baker, "I think it's a symbol that the Reagan administration is here to stay. It shows just how much power and control the President has overall."