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Dessaure takes SGA top spot

Victors vow reforms

by Myra George

Improved academics will be the main priority of the newly elected Student Government Association, according to the president and vice-presidents.

The 1982-83 SGA will include Robyn Dessaure, president; Jacquelyn Johnson, vice-president; Nedra McGee, recording secretary; Sherry Spruill, corresponding secretary; Patricia Massey, treas-

urer; and Andrea Burch, parliamentarian.

"I want to address a lot of social issues," said Dessaure, a junior Chemistry major from Freeport, N. Y., "but academics is most important." One of the first plans that she hopes to implement next year is "a better way of evaluating teachers."

"If the teachers are more accountable, academics will improve," she said. Dessaure would also like to see the col-

lege hold "an old-fashioned ball."

Of the 52.9 percent of the student body that voted, Dessaure attributes her victory over Wanda Parker to the freshman class. She added that Parker was "a formidable opponent who will be an asset" to the SGA cabinet.

Vice-president-elect Johnson, a junior Accounting major from Baltimore, also plans to concentrate on academics and social functions in the coming year.

"I'd like to see more students involved in all areas instead of just social life," she said. Her plans for the upcoming year include organizing study groups according to majors and creating Saturday functions and birthday celebrations. "I'd like to promote the spirit of togetherness and the family image that the college is known for."

Johnson, who ran unopposed, hopes that the students will push the cabinet next year. "If we work together," she said, "there is nothing we can't accomplish."

In Student Union Board elections, Mary Cook defeated Theresia Snelling in the presidential race. There were no candidates for the other positions of the Board.

Edmonds to key Graduation day

The President's Office recently announced that Dr. Helen G. Edmonds, a renowned state educator and Black publisher, will deliver the 1982 Commencement Address on May 9.

Dr. Edmonds has distinguished herself in the fields of higher education, journalism, and public service. Having taught history at North Carolina Central University from 1941 until 1977, she has been the recipient of a number of honorary degrees, fellowships and grants, and honors. Trivia buffs will remember that Dr. Edmonds was the first Black woman in history to make a presidential seconding speech. This event occurred at President Eisenhower's nomination for a second term. Her involvement in international affairs has been recognized through a number of presidential appointments, including membership on the U. S. Department of Defense's Advisor Committee on Women in the Armed Services. She is also the publisher for the *Carolina Times*, a Black newspaper in

Durham, N. C.

Other activities for Commencement Alumnae Weekend include the Executive Committee Meeting of the National Alumnae Association, Thursday, May 6 at 3 p.m., Holiday Inn-Four Seasons; Alumnae Workshops, Friday, May 7, 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., headquarters; and the Annual N.A.A. Meeting, May 7 at 2:45 p.m., headquarters. The Choir will present a concert on Friday evening in the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel, 7 p.m.

Saturday is another full day of fellowship activities: White Breakfast, David D. Jones Student Union Dining Hall, 8 a.m.; Class Reunion Pictures, 12 p.m., Poolside, headquarters; the All Bennett Luncheon, 1:30 p.m., headquarters; President's Reception for Seniors, Parents and Alumnae, 7 p.m., President's Home; and Las Vegas Night & Dance, 8 p.m., headquarters.

Commencement will be held on the campus quadrangle on Sunday, May 9 at 3 p.m.

Nunnally elected Miss Bennett

Winner plans change

by Myra George

Cecelia Nunnally, a junior Special Education major from Pelham, N. C., will reign next year as the fifth Miss Bennett College. Rose Nelson, also a junior Special Education major, will be her first attendant.

"I would like to portray Bennett students as being intelligent, lady-like, ambitious and well-rounded," Nunnally said. "I want to represent the college and do a little bit more."

The newly won title is one of many that she has won over the years. In junior high school, Nunnally was second runner-up in a beauty pageant. As a senior, she was a high school homecoming queen and during her first year at Bennett, she was elected "Miss NAACP."

She stresses, however, that the race for Bennett's title is "definitely not a popularity contest." Next year she hopes to represent the campus in

city and church functions. She would also like to visit other schools and participate in the Big Sister program.

Reflecting on past titleholders, Nunnally hopes she will be "better able to relate and work with more students." She feels that student apathy will be her biggest obstacle in the coming year.

Nunnally admits that she will have to make a few personal changes next year. "Probably the main change," she says, "will be to attend more college functions, get out more and make myself known to other students."

"The hardest part of being Miss Bennett," she says, "will be trying to please everybody. There will always be someone who will say I'm not doing anything."

Working closely with Nunnally will be her attendant Rose Nelson, a native of Alexandria, Va. In addition to sharing the same class and

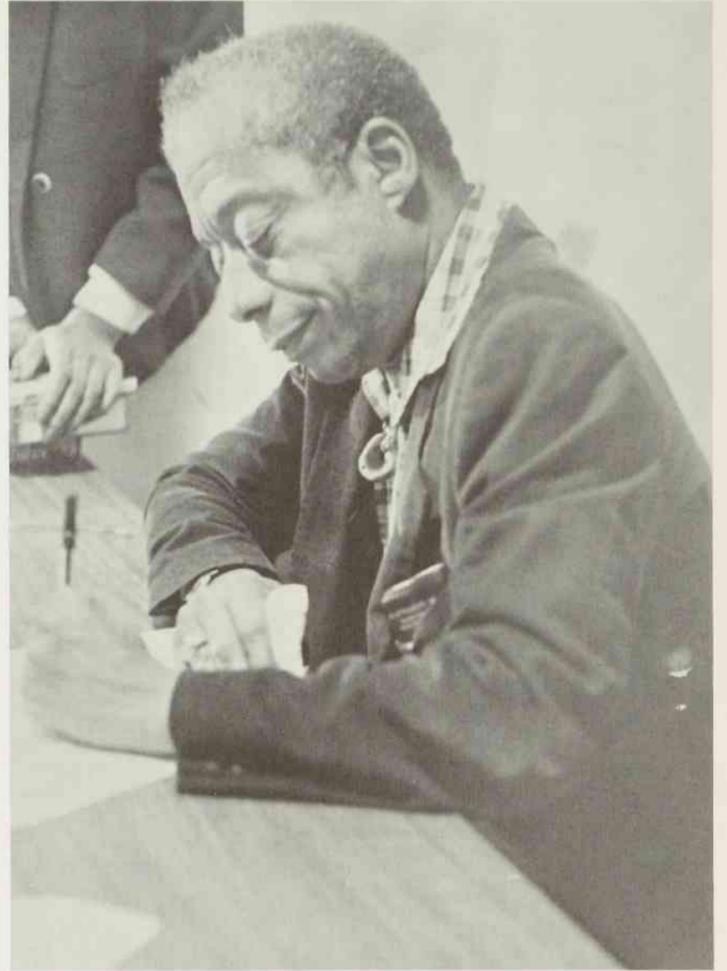
major, the two have a number of other common interests.

Both are members of the Council for Exceptional Children, the NAACP and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Both are counselors—Nunnally in Pfeiffer and Nelson in Barge.

Nelson believes that similar interests will help them form a strong team. "I hope that both of us can get together and work on projects," she says.

"I plan to be an assistant to Miss Bennett," says Nelson. She already has tentative plans to raise funds for the college and charity.

Nelson hopes that in the coming year she can foster an image of the first runner-up that will last for future titleholders. "The most important point I'd like to impress upon the students," she says, "is that the first runner-up is not a loser. She can still play an important role in planning and organizing."



Better late than not at all: Having missed an appearance here last fall, celebrated novelist James Baldwin made amends April 19 in the chapel. His eleventh-hour visit was prompted in part by the importuning of Miss Wilhelmina Gilbert's Business students, who wrote highly persuasive missives to the author. Baldwin's lecture cum question-and-answer session was well received. (photo by Sheila Foxworth)

Students sweep awards

by Rosellen Durham

Over 45 prizes and honors were awarded during the annual Recognition Day and President Isaac H. Miller announced plans for more awards next year.

President's Excellence Awards, for students who lead their respective classes in cumulative grade point

averages, were awarded to freshman Tonya Horton, sophomore Yolanda Durant, junior Vickye Johnson and senior Pauline Nzeribe.

The Jane Miller Jones Scholarship Cup, awarded to the class attaining the highest scholastic average, went to the Senior Class who held an average of 3.034.

Faculty Scholarship Awards, to rising juniors or seniors in each of the four divisions of instruction, were won by Vickye Johnson, Education; Leslie Barr, Humanities; Margaret Crudup, Science; and Adriane Baughman, Social Science.

Freshman Tonya Horton won the Belle Tobias Scholarship and Lula Donnell certificate of merit for outstanding scholastic record.

Sophomore Yolanda Durant was awarded the Cressie Havens Scholarship for maintaining a high average and dem-

onstrating satisfactory personal growth.

Junior Jacquelyn Johnson won the Catherine Waddell Scholarship, which is granted to a rising junior or senior for scholarly achievement, exemplary character and satisfactory personal-social growth.

Senior Sherrell Larry received the Rose Karfoil Award.

A number of other awards were given from the Home Economics department, Interdisciplinary Studies department, Beta Kappa Chi, Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, Bennett Scholars, Business and Economics, and the Marshall Board, among others.

Miller announced that a number of new awards would be included in next year's program, including one from the Palmer Memorial Institute estate which the college acquired a few years ago.

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