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Victory over Indifference: Belles responded to the challenge of the Nov. 2 election by voting and working at polling sites. (Left to right) Gloria Harvey, Hazel McQueen, Denise Green and Monica Jones got involved. (photo by Theresa Roy)

## Voters attain change

by Deborah Lewis

Election Day 1982 marked an increase in political awareness on this campus according to respondents to a BANNER poll.

A reaction to Reaganomics propelled many Belles to the polls, and their votes contributed to the defeat of Republican candidates. The power of sisterhood and the renewed strength of the NAACP were instrumental in combating apathy.

Evelyn Wright, a junior home economics major from Georgetown, S. C., says, "I feel that the students have finally realized that their vote counts also. Some students helped motivate other students, and in return, we have more Democrats in the House of Representatives."

One student expresses gratitude toward her Bennett sisters. "A great number of people were very elated about the outcome of the 1982 election. This seems to be the beginning of the era of serious political awareness. I tip my

hat to my Bennett sisters who contributed to this affair. Let's keep on sticking our necks into the political arena and weeding out the bad apples," says Lynn Powell, a political science major from Washington, D. C.

Junior Sonia Wheeler, a pre-pharmacy major from Memphis, cites Reaganomics as the reason students took this election seriously: "The outcome of the election was overwhelming. It was in the best interest of the students to vote this year because of Reaganomics — contrary to previous years, where students seemed nonchalant."

Sheila Dockery, a sophomore biology major from Laurinburg, foresees change, as long as students keep participating in elections: "I feel that more black students are wanting to get involved in politics. . . . If students do get involved, I feel that a lot of good changes will come about for our race as a whole."

A freshman, who hadn't

planned on voting, received a persuasive word from another student which changed her mind.

Jennifer King, a sociology major from Cleveland, states, "I wasn't going to vote at first until I was encouraged by a couple of the volunteer drivers on campus. I think the outcome of the election was excellent because the Democrats got back into office."

Junior Sandra Cunningham, president of Bennett NAACP chapter, replies, "We were helping the Greensboro branch of NAACP, who was organizing a drive, to get people in different communities to vote, and transportation was provided. The flyers that were passed out to the students were very informative, as far as who to vote for in the election. The turnout of the election represented the hard work that the students did."

Some faculty and staff members expressed delight in the size of the student vote.

Mrs. Jacquelyn Jeffers, director of the Career Services Center, states: "I think our students played a tremendous part (in delivering votes). We had about twenty students, from our campus, to join forces with the local branch of the NAACP, to knock on doors, to get people out to vote. Our registered voters, here on campus, took advantage of the free rides to vote at the polls, and the campus chapter of the NAACP helped to coordinate all these efforts."

Dr. Ruth Lucier, associate professor of philosophy, observes, "I was very pleased with the outcome of our local elections. The Bennett College chapter of the NAACP worked hard to bring out the vote against Eugene Johnston because of his stands against the position of the NAACP. We supported Britt, but weren't at all certain he was going to win, since he had so much less campaign funding than Johnston. But the fact that partly through our efforts, Britt did win, shows that democracy can work at the grass roots level. It was very happy that the students were involved in making the election of Robin Britt possible."

## YMTF packs authority

by Rosellen Durham

"Rose model" may be too mild a description for Mrs. Loretta Fellers, who, as a member of the Youth Motivation Task Force (YMTF), spread the gospel of success Nov. 9-11.

"Authority" is probably a more accurate term for the vice president of the National

Alliance of Business and a former administrative aide to Lyndon B. Johnson during the Kennedy years.

Fellers' mission is to gain jobs for the disadvantaged, and her main interest is the acquisition of power for blacks.

According to Mrs. Jacquelyn Jeffers, director of career

counseling and coordinator of the task force, "The YMTF is designed to motivate students and provide them with insight into the realities that exist in the working world."

Fellers filled that bill. She's a reality teacher. What she has to say is powerful. "If you go out of here half-steppin', you aren't going to

make it (no matter if you're) black, white, blue, or green," she proclaims.

The graduate of Shaw University in Raleigh offered students a persuasive plan for finding career satisfaction.

She stressed the importance of polished communications skills and awareness of current events. "Communication in all forms and fashions is very important for your survival in the world of work," she insisted. Fellers urged students to read everything in sight in order to become sophisticated and versatile because "when you're talking about being a good employee, you're talking about being a well-rounded individual."

A graduate must also possess flexibility so that she can move with the times, and she must have the willingness to be mobile. Corporations expect workers to relocate: "You have to be able to pack your suitcase and say, 'Goodbye, mamma.'"

Assertiveness and confidence are crucial in landing

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## Show goes sour

by Dee Evans and Evelyn Sims

Popular singer Howard Johnson's Nov. 11 appearance in Greensboro wasn't "so fine."

It ended in an apology to Bennett for failure to deliver a promised concert and a cancellation at the A&T gym which couldn't provide the power for his band.

Howard's stop in town lacked "juice," but it did cause a stir among Belles.

Johnson was slated to appear on campus Nov. 11, according to Mrs. Edna Stanback, director of co-curricular activities, and SGA President Robin Dessaure, who planned a relocation to A&T.

Johnson's manager sent letters to both schools offering a free concert Nov. 11. Because Bennett accepted the concert first, the college entered into a written and verbal agreement with the manager.

Stanback learned Nov. 8 that the concert had been moved to the A&T gym, which holds more people than Goode Gymnasium.

Dessaure, angered by the switch, organized a demonstration. "Bennett College has produced women who have proved themselves in society, and it's not right for someone to come in and not treat us professionally," she stated. "It also questions the integ-

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## Achievers noted

by Rosellen Durham

Twenty-nine students were recognized for academic excellence during the twenty-first annual Fall Honors Convocation Nov. 11 in Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel.

Three seniors have maintained a 3.40 average or above for seven semesters of work. The women honored are Wanda Dick, Rose Nelson and Vickye R. Johnson.

Eight juniors have kept a 3.30 average or above for five semesters. The list is comprised of Donna M. Allen, Leslie Monique Barr, Joan Y. Davis, Sue E. Douglas, Yolanda T. DuRant, Jennifer S. Jones, Angela Jenkins and Cheryl B. Williams.

Eighteen sophomores have accumulated a 3.20 average or above. These achievers are: Geena D. Bounsell, Shelia P. Dockery, Zanyah Gailard, Tonya L. Horton, Cassandra D. Jones, Blanche J. King, DeMorris Norris, Linda G. Rivers, Lydia R. Roberson, Robbin R. Rowe, Carrie A. Scott, Michele D. Sims, Rosa M. Singletary, Maria Streeter, Sharon Timmons, Christiana J. Tumaku, Lynell M. Wellington and Lisa A. Williams.

The audience received a fiery and provocative speech by A&T Chancellor Edward B. Fort on the importance of remembering the long and anguished struggle for equality.

Fort stressed that the struggle has only just begun.



Honors Convocation: Sophomore Geena Bounsell receives the congratulations of President Isaac H. Miller, Jr. during the Nov. 11 ceremony, which was marked by a speech from A&T Chancellor Edward B. Fort. (photo from Office of Publications and Information)