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PROCTOR APPEARANCE: Dr. Samuel D. Proctor gave a stirring speech at the David D. Jones Service of Remembrance before an outstanding turn-out. The guest is flanked by Rev. Addo and senior Valerie Pruitt. Dr. Isaac H. Miller, Jr., and Jackie Johnson, SGA vice-president, complete the notables. (photo by Theresa Roy)

Faith needs revival

by Deborah Lewis

Christians are evading the morality of their religion, warned Dr. Samuel D. Proctor at a convocation address January 16.

Proctor was the guest speaker at the David D. Jones Service of Remembrance.

Proctor expressed the idea that "we are not being authentic in our titlship of Christianity; therefore, we've lost our moral thought . . . and that's why we cannot make up our minds about the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King."

His message "The Bottom Line" maintained that salvation isn't based on how prestigious you become in your life, but the way you have

treated your brother while you were here.

"Inasmuch as you do unto the least of my brethren ye have done unto me," says Proctor.

One example Proctor gave of Christian immorality was his attack on the Goldsboro Christian School.

He says, "They have the audacity to use the word Christian in their title, and then they find themselves emerged in the national press because of their practice of barring young black students from attendance."

Proctor explained that the people who call themselves the moral majority are contradictions of their titles.

"We have some of the

meanest and anti-Christian people in America running around calling themselves the moral majority," claimed Proctor.

The people of America will be lost in a world "where the rich will become blind to the need of the poor," says Proctor, if so-called Christians continue to stray away from the church.

Presently, Proctor is the Professor of Education at Rutgers University and the senior minister at the Abyssinian Baptist Church of New York.

He served as president of North Carolina A&T State University for four years.

Proctor is the author of the book, *The Young Negro in America*.

Belle sells school

by Monica Ellers

"Belle sells school" was at the top of Staci Rowland's Christmas list, and when she returned from the holidays, the sophomore English major brought the institution \$250 in application fees and 25 potential Belles.

Rowland is one of about 20 student volunteers in recruiting who are helping to implement a system emphasized by Director of Admissions Phyllis Johnson since her arrival on campus almost four years ago.

Calling Rowland's success "fantastic," Johnson stresses the valuable contributions of all her volunteers: "We appreciate their efforts. We need them. All 20 are very vital to our program."

Staci, with the energetic assistance of her mother, hosted a wine-and-cheese reception for 30 high school students in Harrisburg, Pa.

The event was handled in a first-class and "out front" manner from the beginning. Drawing on Mrs. Jeanette R. Rowland's expertise as a public relations worker for the United Way, the invitations mentioned the \$10 fee for guests choosing to apply.

Staci, who has an adventurous spirit, "figured the worst I could possibly do was that no one would fill out the applications. I knew that the school needed money."

The fact that 25 out of 30

guests responded attests to the success of Staci's presentation. After a social hour, she spoke candidly about the college and then answered questions.

She believes that her honesty impressed the audience. Her talk centered on three qualities which she feels make the college appealing.

"If you come for the education," she told the women, "it's conducive to getting your work done. You're not distracted by guys running around. It's a congenial atmosphere."

She stressed that "the faculty in my major are pretty competent" and that Greensboro was a good place to be. "It's small enough to be country but big enough to be city. It has a little something of everything," she stated, as well as proximity to major metropolitan areas like Washington and Atlanta.

Unwilling to "snow" her guests, Rowland cited her dislikes — the need for better food, modernizing of the library, and more enlightened rules governing students' social life. "I would hate to find out that I had deceived them and say, 'Well, the girl told us things were the other way and she's a liar.'"

Following her talk, Staci distributed applications and said: "Would you please fill these out for me? And they did."

Martin Luther King is remembered As guiding light in black quest

by Deborah Lewis

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has not as yet been honored with a national holiday, but his significance as a courageous leader is revered on this campus, according to a BANNER poll.

Nedra McGee, a junior psychology major from Chattanooga, Tenn., says, "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. fought for the freedom of black

Americans oppressed by the reins of segregation. His struggle proved significant to all Americans denied of their unalienable rights. Dr. King believed in his dream for freedom and led the battle non-violently."

Some students felt strongly that King's devotion to non-violence was instrumental in gaining civil rights for blacks.

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Dancers are tap city

by Dee Evans

Reaganomics has apparently hit yet another program—the Bennett College Dance Company.

The group, under the direction of Ms. Susan King, has no budget to work with this year. This is the second year in a row that the dance group was not allotted money from the school.

During the 80-81 year, the company worked with a stable budget. The money left over from that year was used for the budget the following year along with money from fundraisers. This year, however, only 83¢ was left in the account and no more has been added.

A request of \$150 has been made to Dr. Phyllis Forte Ethridge, dean of student services, and Dr. Dawn Chaney, chairman of the physical education department. "Things look bleak at this time because everyone seems to be tap-dancing around so we haven't got any money," said Ms. King.

Mrs. Edna Stanback, direc-

tor of co-curricular activities, is also working diligently to obtain some money from the student activities budget.

"As far as the money situation is concerned, the future cannot be foretold; however, no matter what happens, we can do a lot more for the service of the college. Money, of course, is still the big issue," stated Ms. King.

Because of the money situation, the dance company has had to perform old dance numbers. The group is looking forward to choreographing new dance pieces, but it would cost a great deal for new costumes, music, tape and a light technician.

Cheryl Williams, president of the company, feels that costumes do a lot for a dance. "When a dance is made up, we need new costumes. With no money, we can't afford new ones; therefore, no costumes affect our performance," she said.

Since the dance company does not want to perform old numbers on campus, it is forced to perform in the community. According to Ms.

King, "It's not imperative to perform for Bennett students when we can take what we have and go out in the community and recruit." Ms. King still strongly emphasizes that even off-campus productions take money.

The company has thus far performed in Chapel Hill at the invitationals, Smith High School and Winston-Salem State University.

The group also hopes to travel extensively within the state and possibly outside of North Carolina for recruitment purposes. The itinerary would include Greenville, Gastonia, Hickory, Shelby and Florence, S. C.

The members of the company are: Williams, a junior from Brunswick, Ga.; seniors Kathy Lewis, troupe vice-president from Chicago, and Donna Jessup of Greensboro; sophomore Wendy Bonds, Georgetown, S. C.; and freshmen Kelly Davies, the company sweetheart from Springfield, Mass., Donna Athias from Silver Springs, Md., and Allyson Berry of Leesburg, Florida.



COMPANY IN SEARCH OF CAPITAL: The Dance Company has grand plans, but it needs a modest budget in order to make ends meet. Ms. Susan King, troupe adviser, is hoping for a change in fortune.

(photo from Publicity Office)