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Hill fills bill

by Avanti Allen

She is scholarly, reserved and well-rounded as well as highly respected by her peers. She is Miss Bennett. Penny Lynette Hill indeed lives up to the role.

Hill is a senior English major from Winston-Salem. She is the youngest of four girls. Penny is an active member of the Bennett Scholars, Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society, and the Pre-Alumnae Council. Her name is on National Dean's List. She has been recognized at each Honors Convention during her seven semesters here.

Although Hill fits the definition of a college queen, she is also unique. She strives for success in all aspects of college life.

A smiling face best describes Miss Bennett on a typical day as she lives up to the college's ideals. Finding time to help others is another attribute of Hill's: she tutors some of her Bennett sisters.

After a hard week of work, Hill looks forward to an enjoyable weekend at home with family and friends. Hill confesses "that there is no place like home." She enjoys going to the movies and football games. Penny is a loyal Tarheel fan. Going to the mall is another favorite pastime of Penny's. "I go to the mall every weekend and stay for

hours on end and come home with nothing," says Hill.

Personal inspiration to Miss Bennett has come from Joan Davis, a 1984 Bennett graduate. Davis' outlook on life captured Hill's interest. "She is not one to just accept what is said but to dig deep and find the true value of what is said," commented Hill. Davis was an English major who is now in law school.

Dr. Virginia Tucker has also inspired Hill. She commends the English professor for always being willing to lend a hand to someone in need as well as always being there when you need her.

With the influences and inspirations that Hill has received, she plans to motivate her Bennett sisters to get involved academically and socially.

According to Jocelyn L. Foy, admissions counselor, "I have had the opportunity to watch Penny constantly grow within the last three years. Penny is truly an excellent choice for the title of Miss Bennett."

Since Penny has been chosen as Miss Bennett, which she describes as being the experience of a lifetime, she wants to visit high schools to recruit students.

After completing her reign as Miss Bennett, she plans to attend Wake Forest and become a corporation lawyer.



Buoyant but business-like Miss Bennett: Behind Penny Hill's smile, there exists a serious, ambitious scholar who plans to become a lawyer. (photo by Keith Miller)

Jackson Appears

Rally for justice

by Mardell Griffin

Leading a Sept. 18 march, Jesse Jackson admonished investors with money ties to South Africa to "disinvest" their funds from the racially-torn nation and "protect" American jobs.

He also called for U.S. government sanctions against South Africa and consumer boycott of companies with South African financial holdings.

"Take the profit out of apartheid," Jackson said to a crowd of about 2,500 gathered at A&T for a protest against apartheid that included a demonstration in front of the NCNB building. "When you take the money out, you take the motive out."

"Slave labor undercuts organized labor," he said. "American steel workers are striking for \$9 an hour. They can't compete with South African workers who get 57 cents an hour for the same job . . . It's not just a black issue. We are tired of Americans losing their jobs."

Jackson accused President Ronald Reagan of "immoral" leadership and said he should impose sanctions against South Africa "until there are open, free elections for everybody."

"Every moral and ethical means used to stop the Third Reich in 1945 should be used to stop apartheid in 1985," he insisted.

Singling out the IBM Corporation as an example of companies with large South African investments, he said, "We must boycott their products. They cannot have South Africa and us at the same time."

Jackson who is a member of A&T's Board of Trustees, called on the board to "go on record against companies with investments in South Africa."

"We cannot ask of others what we will not do," he said.

The orderly crowd of mostly A&T students, but including groups from Bennett and other area schools proceeded down Market St. from A&T, shouting various chants. "Aggie born/Aggie bred/We won't stop 'til apartheid's dead" and "Reagan, get up off you chair/We all know you don't care" echoed along the route. Police estimated the marchers numbered 5,000 with the addition of people who joined along the way to Governmental Plaza.

Jackson left the demonstrators at the corner of Market and Elm Streets and entered the NCNB building. The crowd chanted "Take your money out of the bank," and "Don't walk through that racist door," and booed people entering and leaving the building.

"NCNB will not make any more loans to South Africa," Jackson announced upon rejoining the march. "They are also stopping all loopholes for private business."

Later an NCNB official at the corporate office in Charlotte confirmed Jackson's remarks. The bank stopped corporate loans to South Africa in February and used Jackson's visit to disclose plans to tighten bank policies governing loans to individuals with South African holdings.

"The position taken by NCNB is a forward-looking position," Jackson said at Governmental Plaza at the end of the march. He closed the program with his traditional "I am somebody" chant.

Speaking contest enters 11th year

by Carla Bannister

The communications department will sponsor the Evening of Public Speaking on Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the science assembly.

This will be the 11th annual competition which includes five different categories — a speech to persuade, a classical oration, an oral interpretation, a dramatic monologue and a creative work.

The speeches will be judged on quality of content and presentation.

All participants will be rewarded with a certificate, and

the five winners will receive trophies. In addition they will gain self-confidence, poise, experience and grace.

Mrs. Mary Hopkins, associate professor of speech and drama, said that she enjoyed last year's competition because the students really got involved and helped each other out.

One of last year's winners found the experience very rewarding. "I was truly ecstatic when I won first place last year in the Evening of Public Speaking," said Kathy Howell. "The audience was very receptive and that gave

me the confidence to present my speech and to present it well."

Howell is a junior pre-medicine major from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She will also participate in this year's contest.

"I'm looking forward to this year's contest with much enthusiasm," Howell said. "It is an opportunity for those who have creative and oratorical ability to share their works and thoughts with others."

"I just wish that more of my Bennett sisters would

participate and realize that if you cannot present yourself orally, you are a lost cause to our society."

This is the first year that the communications department will sponsor the event, which was previously coordinated by the Interdisciplinary Studies Program.

"This is traditionally one of the most exciting events on campus," says Dr. Virginia A. Tucker. "In addition, a poll last year showed that the Evening of Public Speaking was the most popular presentation on the college calendar among the students."

"The Lesser of Two Evils" brings quiz-show good to clever librarian

by Dee Evans

Most people only dream of hearing these magical words: "Come on down! You're the next contestant! This is the chance of a lifetime to win thousands of dollars!"

The dream became a reality for Mrs. Ednita Bullock, campus head librarian, who won more than \$3,000 worth of prizes on "Wheel of Fortune." The show, taped this summer, aired on Oct. 10.

She had the time of her life. But she was disappointed because she didn't make it to the bonus round at the end of the game as the big winner.

Unlike many contestants, the librarian was remarkably calm.

"I didn't jump up and down like the folks you see on T.V.," commented Bullock. "I wasn't even nervous. I thought I was calm. At least I felt calm. I thought I was. My aunt was

more excited than I was."

Bullock, along with her aunt and a friend flew to Burbank, Calif. for the show upon which she won \$3,358 in prizes, including a vacuum cleaner, a washer and dryer, small kitchen appliances, a T.V. snack tray, a \$129 Gucci gift certificate and several other prizes.

The winning phrase of the particular round swept by Bullock was "The Lesser of Two Evils."

Bullock went to Charlotte for an audition which included solving 15 puzzles in five minutes and playing a modified version of the game. Her reactions and ability to call out numbers were tested.

About five days later, Bullock received a postcard of acceptance. By this time Bullock says she was "excited and ready to win everything I could."

On the show, Bullock's anticipation was so high about winning that she hurriedly answered the background questions asked by host Pat Sajak, and she reluctantly didn't elaborate on such things as her three sons or her occupation. In contrast, most contestants try to tell their life stories.

Bullock remembered Sajak's advice that the more time the contestants spend on general conversation, the fewer games they play.

Bullock was prepared for the small talk. "One man could do impressions of Clint Eastwood. So he willingly offered to do one. On top of that, it was not a good impression," said the librarian. This unfortunately cut down time so Bullock and her competitors were unable to reach the fourth round.

Bullock says it was easy to work with the host and his assistant Vanna White. Bullock has been around celebrities before and she wasn't stunned by "stardust." She enjoyed meeting the people behind the scenes who did most of the technical work.

Many of Bullock's friends told her that they were shocked to find out that she would participate in a game show. "Everyone would come to me and say, 'I can't imagine you being on a game show. I can't wait to see this,'" said Bullock.

You won't normally find a librarian before T.V. cameras, but Bullock, like all contestants, believes in the All-American adage "What you have is never enough. More is better."

And certainly if it were her choice, she would have pressed her luck and gone for it all.