

# The Bennett Banner

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the Recruitment Committee, in addition to acting as hostess to visiting guests on campus.

Houston will also take part in the activities of the student government. She says, "This year Miss Bennett is a more active part of the SGA, in that she is now a member of the executive cabinet as well as the student senate."

The members of the Royal Procession were also acknowledged during the coronation ceremony. They are: Miss Bennett Scholars — Stacy Copeland, '90; Miss Kappa Omicron Phi — Carla Saffoe, '89; Miss Omicron Eta Chi — Mikki Laster, '88; Miss Alpha Kappa Alpha — Jerilyn Williams, '88; Miss 20 Pearls — Ardrea Murphy, '88; Miss 1908 — Janice Smith, '88; Miss Zeta Xi — Penny Baldwin, '88; Miss Delta Sigma Theta — Antoinette Holman, '88; Miss Omicron Delta — Odette Johnson, '88; Miss Cradette — Odessa Henderson, '88; Miss Creme — Morgan Greene, '88; Miss Nine White Pearls — Dwan Harris, '88; Miss Zeta Phi Beta — Wanda Dilworth, '88; Miss International — Ruelita Woods, '89, who was a substitute for Elfrida Mensah, '88; Miss Freshman — Cheryl Childs, '91; Miss Sophomore — Hope Davis, '90; Miss Junior — Theodosia Hall, '89; Miss Senior — Veneatrice Jackson, '88; Miss Royal Blue and White (first attendant to Miss Bennett) — Karen Jones, '88; and Little Miss Bennett — Yvette Booker, a seventh-grader at Lincoln Middle School.

After receiving the crown, robe and scepter of Miss Bennett, Houston received gifts from the various classes and campus organizations.

Houston's future plans include attending graduate school, one day owning a CPA firm, and becoming the comptroller of the U.S. General Accounting Office.

## Ritual honors achievers

Dr. Ann L. Stanford urged students to return to traditional values as an antidote to self-indulgent behavior during the Fall Honors Convocation celebrating academic achievement on Nov. 5.

Stanford, who serves in the Department of State as an analyst for the undersecretary of management, said that many young people were "victims of a malaise" leading to drug and alcohol abuse, sexual promiscuity and the rejection of Christianity.

"Too many of today's youth have turned in upon themselves, making the self the measure of all things," the former secretary-consul to Kenya said, disturbed by a "decline in individual courage and commitment."

Stanford placed much of the blame for selfish conduct on the situation ethics popularized during the 60's and secular humanism, which replaces the love of God with the worship of man, she maintains.

As a solution, she advocated "a shift back to some of the values that have contributed to our excellence as a people and a nation."

She praised black women

of the past for inculcating the proper values in their children. Among the principles which black women practiced and preached were the love of God, respect for oneself and for authority, sexual morality and the importance of an education.

"They (black women) gave us a daily reminder of our responsibility to the human community," Stanford said.

A reawakening of high standards will lead to excellence instead of mediocrity, according to Stanford.

Another highlight of the program was the presentation of "Don't Quit," a poem read by sophomore Sondra Sells.

Sophomores Kathryn Marshall and Tamilia Stubbs accumulated 4.0 averages last semester.

The Honors List includes these seniors with a 3.40 average or above: †Martricia Batts, †Valia Blackwell, †Yvonne Breece, Gladys Forster, †Elayne Gibbs, †Karen Denise Jones, Elfrida Mensah, Ardrea Murphy, †Janet Shaw, †Janice Smith, †Audrey Speights, †Donna Williams, †Monica Wooley.

These juniors had a 3.30 average or better: †Michele de la Coudray, DeLisa Hill,

Kelly Holland, †Nora Hunter Moore, †Paula M. Johnson, †Talia McCray, †Dawnne O'Neal, †Mia Powell, †Miriam Whitehead, Rosa Thomas Williams.

These sophomores achieved a 3.20 average or above: †Lisa Beckwith, †Tonia Bolling, †Arii Boyd, †Stacy Copeland, †Lori Boyd, Veronica DeWitt, †Alicia Elam, †Yvette Freeman, †Adrai Fuller, †Jocelyn Hudson, †Kathryn Marshall, Angela Overstreet, †Charlie Pettway, †Taye Simmons, †Tamilia Stubbs, †Sabrina Williams.

Fulesie Artis and Debra Dilworth also made the Honors List.

The Dean's List includes these sophomores (3.20 or above): Monia Bond, Debra Bryant, Olivia Copeland, Dana Fluellen, Sonya Foster, Sharron Miles and Sondra Sells; juniors (3.30 or above): Yenetta Bell, Yolanda Cromer, Tracy Lett, Naomi Norris, Denene Pink, Elana Reams, Emily Rogers, Carla Saffoe and Robbin Walton; seniors (3.40 or above): Antoinette Dalton, Mikki McCrorey and Crystal Sadler.

†Dean's List for second semester



Summer Lynn Houston, newly-crowned Miss Bennett, epitomizes the ideal Belle (photo courtesy of Office of Public Relations).

## Queen crowned

by Yvette N. Freeman

"We are the essence of the black woman," said Summer Lynn Houston in her acceptance speech at the Miss Bennett Coronation Ceremony in Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel.

Summer Lynn Houston, a senior from Denver, Col., majoring in accounting, was officially crowned as Miss Bennett, Oct. 2 by President Gloria Dean Randle Scott.

Scott, who had briefly spoken of the essence of the early queens of North Africa as black women, praised Houston by saying that she "... is the essence of the black woman," here at Bennett.

As for being elected Miss Bennett, Houston says, "I am very happy and proud to represent Bennett." Houston will include being a member of the Pre-Alumnae Council and

## Public speakers impress audience

by Betty Ellis

Four Belles were recipients of first place trophies as a result of The Annual Evening of Public Speaking Oct. 29.

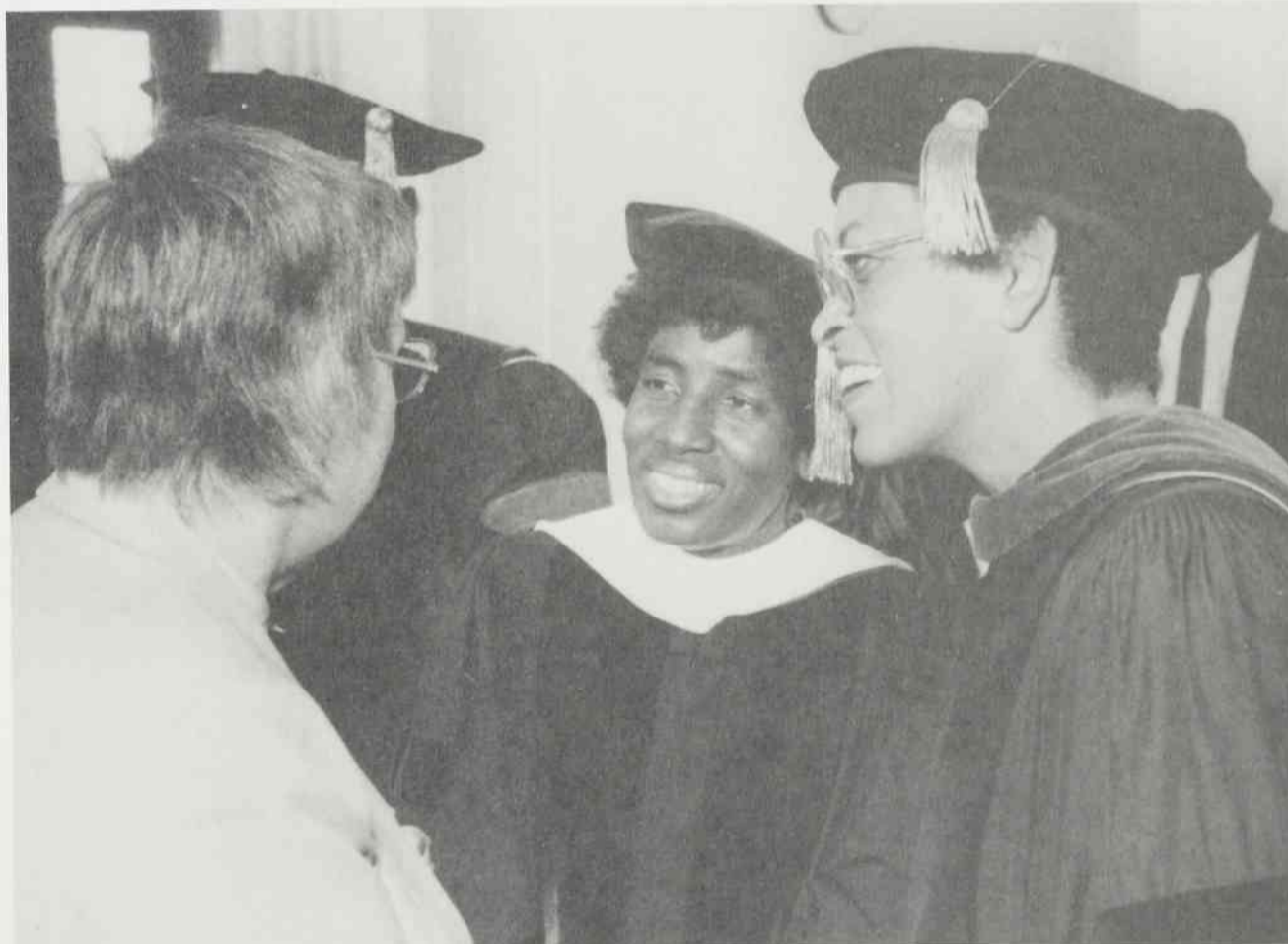
In the oratorical interpretation category, Karen Exum, a senior from Queens, New York, won first place with her interpretation of "There's a Cold Silence and Things are Never Like They Used to be," by Molly Timmins. Exum's presentation dealt with the controversial issue of child abduction by a parent. Exum's delivery of this piece was "... forceful ... confident ... positive ... assertive ...," says Michelle Bates, a sophomore. Other participants were Barbara Johnson and Tamilia Stubbs.

The dramatic and humorous reading category was won by Bernice Scott, a senior from Lake City, S.C., Scott gave an original presentation of selected poems—"Certainties," "Loved and Lost" and "She's Just Begun To Live." Joyce Richardson, a junior, said she really enjoyed the last selection which is a tribute to Scott's deceased mother, Sarah. Scott's presentations were "... touch-

ing ... moving ... emotional ...," says Jessica McDaniell, a senior. Other participants in this category were Stephanie Robinson, Tracy Sullivan and Kimberley Waller, Barbara Johnson and Angela Samuels.

In the original oratory category, Leondra Radford, a freshman from Indianapolis, Ind., delivered a monologue "Love to Hate." Radford's monologue dealt with the separation of two young lovers. "I wanted to die," says Radford in her monologue, "How could our love be over?" Radford's delivery of this original piece was "very dramatic," according to Jacquelyn Smallwood, a sophomore.

In the special issues category, Dale McClenton, a senior from Philadelphia, delivered a demonstration speech on the "Drug and Alcohol Awareness: A Time for College Students to Act and React." McClenton asked, "What is the difference between shooting yourself in the head with a gun and smoking a joint?" She answered, "The only difference (see page 3)



Meeting of minds and institutions: (left to right) Dr. Helen Trobian and President Gloria Scott welcome Dr. Johnnetta Cole, president of Spelman College, to Bennett's Founders' Day celebration. The two presidents are precedent-setters: for the first time, the two colleges have women serving as chief executives simultaneously. (photo courtesy of Office of Public Relations).

## Speech winners delighted

by Yvette Freeman

The Evening of Public Speaking was a happy occasion for winners Karen Exum, Bernice Scott, Leondra Radford and Dale McClenton.

Karen Exum, a senior who won in the category of oratorical interpretation said, "I'm really happy and surprised that I won because I was in it last year, and I had prepared for last year's and I didn't win. And this year, I didn't know I was going to be in it, so I wasn't as prepared."

Exum says she chose the selection "There's a Cold Silence and Things are Never Like They Used

to be" by Molly Timmins "after I read it and remembered seeing a lot of programs on television about children being kidnapped and their parents always wondering if the child is alive and all right."

Bernice Scott, also a senior, was "very shocked" when she won in the category of dramatic and humorous readings. She says, "I knew my work was good but never that good."

Scott dramatized three poems of her own—"Certainties," "Loved and Lost" and "She's Just Begun to Live."

"Each of those selections has really deep meanings for me. 'Certainties' was written at a really low time for me. I was pretty upset; therefore it showed just the way I was feeling. 'She's Just Begun to Live' was written right after my mother died last year. So those were the ones that had the most meaning to me," says Scott.

Leondra Radford, a freshman says, "I feel very good. I'm glad I won," in the category of original oratory.

Her selection was "Love to Live" (see page 3)