

After seven years



Photo by Phanalphie Rhue

Bill Cosby and Dr. Gloria Randle Scott discussing "Bennett business" before his performance in Greensboro, Jan. 21.

Dr. Scott finally meets Cosby

By Chilee Hailes
Banner Reporter

When entertainer and philanthropist Bill Cosby came to Greensboro Jan. 21, he was expecting to give a comedy concert. Bennett President Dr. Gloria Randle Scott had something else in mind.

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The impact of a black woman

Dr. Paula Giddings spoke to Bennett students about her latest project, "Ida B. Wells: The Making of an American Radical". Giddings, a national humanities fellow and author was at the college on an impromptu visit Feb. 16.

Psi Chi finds home on campus

By Brooke Walker
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A new chapter of Psi Chi the national honor society in psychology was chartered Jan. 23 during the David Dallas Jones Memorial vesper service.

Ten Bennett students and one faculty member were inducted during the ceremony conducted by Dr. Susan Shoemaker, professor of psychology at North Carolina A&T State University.

Donna Horbury, professor of psychology was appointed faculty advisor and assisted Dr. Shoemaker in welcoming the following students and faculty into membership: Shannon Coe, Indianapolis junior; Tene Davis,

Jacksonville, Fla., junior; Melissa Dicks, Sumter, S.C., junior; Angeline Gordon, Philadelphia, senior; Tonya Hill, Washington, D.C., junior; Deirdre Pecchioni, Louisville, junior; Antoinette Rochelle, Vancouver, Wash., junior; Katina Simmons, New York, junior; Yvette Taylor, Columbia, junior; Brooke Walker, Greensboro, senior; and Dr. Michael Reed, professor of psychology.

Officers inducted were: Deirdre Pecchioni, president; Tonya Hill, vice-president; Yvette Taylor, secretary; and Shannon Coe, treasurer.

Davis, Dicks, and Simmons were absent and their certificates were accepted by Walker and Taylor who

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Bennett selected for new federal loan program

By Christine Lewis
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Bennett College was one of the five Historically Black Colleges and Universities that was recently selected to take part in the new Federal Direct Student Loan Program.

Christine Evans, assistant director of Financial Aid Office, said, "Bennett College applied and was selected from over 1,000 schools nationwide to participate in the first year of the Federal Direct Program.

"The Direct Loan Program goal is to enable first-time borrowers and their schools 'one-stop shopping' for their loans," Evans said.

The student borrowers will only have to go to the financial aid office at their school to get their loan approved.

Repayment will be simpler because the borrower will send the students payments to the same place when the student leaves the school, even if the students take out other Direct Loans to continue their education.

For the previous borrowers

under the Federal Financial Educational Loan Plan (FFELP) and whose schools are participants in Direct Loans, may have a combination of FFELP and Direct Loans. When it is time to repay the loans, FFELP and Direct Loans can be consolidated into one Federal Direct Consolidation Loan.

The loan is beneficial to the students.

"It enables the U.S. Department of Education to make loans through the school directly to the student," Evans said.

The Direct Loan was started

"We are dealing with about 10 bank sources and this program will collapse it down to one bank source," Glee said.

"The loans will be processed more efficiently and funds will be disbursed in a more timely manner," Evans said.

The Direct Loan Program is a pilot program and is scheduled to start July 1.

A determination may be made by the Federal Government at a later date on whether the program can continue, or how long the program will last. The Federal Government

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Christine Evans

as a result of re-authorization legislation by the Federal Government. The loan program is reviewed every four years to determine the effectiveness of the program.

Dr. Ulysses Glee, new Financial Aid consultant at Bennett said, "The Direct will be beneficial to the college and the college will gain from the program."

has arranged several different ways to repay a Federal District Loan.

The Direct Loan must be paid after the student graduates or leaves school. The participating schools will provide the students with detailed information on Direct Loans, including information on interest rates, deferment conditions and sample repayment plans.

Children at "House" to perform black play

By Crystal Simenton
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The children at the Children's House celebrate Black History Month with more than just discussion and learning.

In the past the preschoolers performed skits, dances, and recited poetry, but according to Pamela Franklin, a instructor at the Children's House, the children may do a little more this year.

This year, their seventh year, the staff of three decided to perform a play that will focus on African Americans who have contributed to North Carolina such as Micheal Jordan and Maya Angelou.

The play will also focus on local contributors to the black community like Sandra Hughes and Joe Dudley.

The play, which will be performed today in the Pfeiffer Science Assembly at 4 p.m., is open to the public.

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