

# Bennett loses sociology professor, role model

By Brooke Walker  
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"We will miss her," said President Gloria Randle Scott about Dr. Gloria J. Wentowski.

Wentowski, assistant professor of sociology died March 7, from complications from multiple sclerosis.

Wentowski is survived by her husband, Dr. David M. Johnson; two daughters Merrit

Jean and Marcyanna; her parents, Roger and Corinne Wentowski; three brothers, one sister, and a host of friends, colleagues, and admirers.

"It really came as a shock to everyone," said Victoria Burke, acting director of the sociology and social work department.

"When I talked to her, she was very positive about her illness and what she was

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## The impact of a black woman

Dr. Dorothy Height, president of UCNW speaking to seniors, faculty and others at the Charter Day Convocation March 20.

## Height speaks at Charter Day celebration

By Kim Hall  
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"I have a good feeling about Bennett College."

These words were only the beginning of what was addressed to the Bennett family and community by Dr. Dorothy Height, president of the United Council of Negro Women, on Charter Day March 20.

Charter Day which celebrates its 105th year is a traditional ceremony conducted at Bennett College where prominent African American women receive honorary doctoral degrees and officially become a Bennett Belle.

One of the objectives proposed in her speech was to someday create a national center for African American women. Height said that she wants to showcase the history of what our women are doing.

"The way we have achieved and organized all make a great part of American history that is too seldom told," Height said.

"Black women seldom do what we want to do but we do what we have to do."

Height also presented many analogies within her speech, specifically pointing out Mary McLeod Bethune, her friend and mentor.

"What each of us does helps move us ahead. If you have the benefits of education you have the responsibility to help others."

Besides focusing on women's issues she also touched on violence in America.

"KKK no longer stands for the Klan," Height said. "It stands for Kill Kids Kill."

"We simply cannot allow ourselves to destroy ourselves within our own communities."

Height also stated that she was bothered by gangsta rap because it creates a negative image about women, despite the fact that some rappers argue its a form of expression.

"Any message that calls us

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## Freshwomen protest calls decisions, policies into question

By Kim Hall and Christline Lewis  
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Rumors and confusion sparked a protest among approximately 100 members of the freshmen class March 23, at 8 p.m.

The protest resulted when the freshmen were informed that their March 26 party was cancelled and the Zeta Xi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc planned party, was to be followed as scheduled.

According to Samantha Dow, president of the freshmen class, The party had been cancelled late Wednesday, March 22 because the freshmen class didn't go through the right procedures to have one.

"All we asked was for the administration to treat us equally, to have a party and not be pushed aside," Dow said.

Protesters formed at the flagpole where they proceeded to form four lines, each separating to join in

front of the president's house and end their march outside of Goode gym.

"We are Belles too. Give us what is due," they chanted.

Along with their chants some carried signs marked, "What is really going on?"

After thirty minutes the protest began to filter out.

Police were called to the scene but no arrests were made.

"We stress, that our protest was done orderly and professionally. The freshmen were loud so that our voices may be heard, but in no way were we rowdy. We just wanted to be counted equally."

Dr. Tiajuana Mosby, vice president and dean of Student Development insisted that the freshmen were treated fairly, but they failed to apprehend the correct procedures.

"I treat everyone the same, my staff, my friends and the stu-

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## Choir tour features audience with Clinton

By Yvette Burton  
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The Bennett College's choir conducted its annual Spring tour singing in several major cities in the East Coast March 4-13.

The choir performed in Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and Washington, D.C.

The group was accompanied by Dr. David Pinnix, music department chair, Karla Scott, choir director, Ellease Coltson, alumnae affairs director, and Josepha Bethea, admission recruiter.

"Traveling with so many people for so long was like having a big slumber party," said Miss Freshwoman, Jori Johnson.

"It was like we were a huge family, but the constant moving about from city to city was draining," she added.

While in New York City, the choir performed for UNCF's 50th anniversary banquet.

President Clinton, the banquet's key note speaker, made favorable comments to Dr. Scott after the choir's performance.

"Singing for Bill Clinton was one of the highlights of this tour," said Karla Scott.

Other tour highlights included the choir's performances in Philadelphia, at Bright Hope Baptist Church and Beaver Middle School.

According to Scott the choir set an example through song.

"This was a positive tour," Karla Scott said.

"They had a good series of performances and they proved themselves to be disciplined. I was very pleased."

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