

# Briefs and Reviews

## For Your Information

### Faculty member's new book released

Kudos to Dr. Linda Brown, professor of Humanities. Her new book "Crossing River Jordan" has just been released and will be on sale in Bennett's bookstore Jan. 31. Dr. Brown will be on hand to autograph copies of the book.

### Coca-Cola gives to Bennett

Bennett has received \$20,000 to aid the Trustees Annual Fund Drive from the Coca-Cola Co. The soft drink company contributed to 34 organizations and educational institutions grants.

### 1995 Black College Alumni Reunion planned

The annual 1995 National Black College Alumni Reunion is March 23-26 in Miami. At the reunion company recruiters will seek students for entry level positions and internships. During the three-day reunion there will be a conference, seminars, dances, and a preservation ball. For more information contact Dean Smith & Associates at (305) 893-2582.

### Bennett heading to the West Coast

Bennett is scheduled to host the Western Regional Conference in Oakland, Calif., March 24-26. This year's conference "Women-Framing Our Own Future" is designed to provide participants an opportunity to focus on methods to maximize the full potential of women. For more information contact Hattie Carwell at (510) 486-4296.

### African American Art Festival underway

The ninth annual African American Art Festival is now underway through March 19. The festival consists of a series of cultural programs presented by galleries, colleges, universities and art agencies throughout Greensboro. Eleven programs have been scheduled including plays, concerts, and exhibitions. For more information call (910) 333-7440.

### Attention poetry writers

The Elizabeth Barrett Browning and Robert Browning annual poetry contest is currently accepting entries from any college or university student. To enter submit one original, unpublished poem of any length, style, or subject. First place prize is \$50, and a book will be awarded for the second and third place winners. To enter, send a poem to Dominic Tomassetti, Award Director, Browning Poetry Contest, 1120 Simmontown Road, Gap, Pa. 17527.

### Jane Addams fellowship

The Indiana University Center on Philanthropy is seeking student applicants for its Jane Addams Fellowships. The program awards each fellow \$15,000 for the year and 12 credits toward a graduate degree. Candidates must possess a bachelor's degree, demonstrate leadership potential, special interest in community service, and academic stability. Application deadline is Feb. 17. For more information call (317) 274-4200.

## This month in Black Herstory

Compiled by Christine Lewis  
Banner Chief Copy Editor

7 - 1955, Marian Anderson debuts as first black singer at the Metropolitan Opera House.

11- 1965, Lorraine Hansberry, author and dramatist, dies.

25 - 1851, Sojourner Truth addresses the first Black Women's Rights Convention, Akron, Ohio.

26 - 1892, Bessie Coleman, first black aviator, is born.

27 - 1961, Opera singer Leontyne Price makes debut at the Metropolitan Opera.

## Critic's Corner

### Movie review

## Singleton teaches a lesson

Crystal Simenton  
Banner Managing Editor

John Singleton has done it again and this time he has done it so well that a simple Oscar nomination will not do him justice. His new film is by far an academy award winner.

"Higher Learning" made its debut on the big screen Jan. 11 and the film could not have attracted a larger or a more versatile audience. That was understandable considering the socially diverse issues the film entailed. In this two-hour masterpiece Singleton managed to touch almost every social issue that affects college students today.

From racism to homosexuality to date rape, there were few issues that were not discussed or subconsciously tapped on. All students that observe this film can identify with at least one, if not more of the issues presented.

"Higher Learning" is based on several characters, black and white, that have entered a prestigious white university as freshmen. The characters are socially, racially, and morally different, so conflict is a major part of this campus and there are several

scenes that may affect viewers personally, even so the film keeps your attention through its entirety and when its over the message will be completely clear.

"Higher Learning" is a riveting, emotional, on-edge film that everyone, especially college students, should see.

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