

## And the honors go to...

More than 100 Students were acknowledged at the Annual Spring Honors Convocation Feb. 23, for their academic achievement.

Ninety-two students were placed on the Honors List and 103 were placed on Dean's List for the previous semester. (See Page 7.)

There were some special cases where there were two students with 4.0 cumulative averages, and 13 full-time students with "A" averages.

Dr. Yvonne Freeman, associate administrator of the Equal Opportunity Program at NASA was the speaker of the event.

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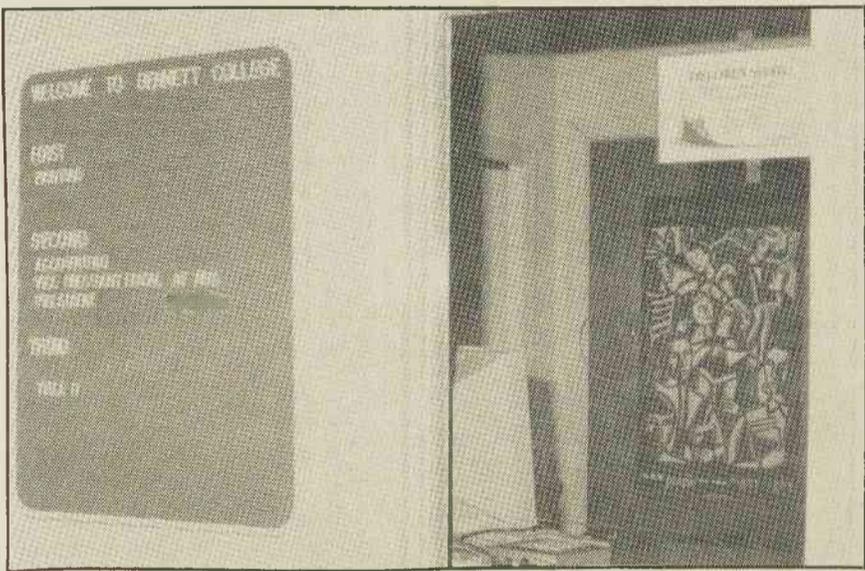
# The Bennett Banner

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The cashier's office located at the entrance of the business office in Race Hall is not a busy place these days due to the recent burglary.

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## Wade-Gayles delivers explosive message

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"Nothing splinters the soul more than the feeling that you are not loved."

This was one of the many powerful messages given by Dr. Gloria Wade-Gayles, speaker at the ACES program Feb. 9.

The program focused on empowerment and enlightenment within the African American society.

"The mission and goal of this experience today is to broaden our collective knowledge while assisting each of us in understanding how critical it is for us to take notice of what is being said and done in our nation," said Dr. Lenora Brogdon-Wyatt, Humanities Division chair.

The Reader's Theatre began the enlightenment as they presented a spirited reading entitled, "Null and Void." The group stated that the media is pollution and they chanted "No" to many of the controversial debates going on in 104th Congress.

During Gayles' moving speech, she spoke about the "Contract With America" written by a small group of white men calling themselves the moral majority.

"They are what I call the wrecking crew," Gayles said. "They are placing dynamite at appropriate stress points in the welfare system."

Gayles also spoke about the contro-

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## Business office break-in delays student refunds

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Burglaries are always an inconvenience, but the recent burglary involving the theft of refund checks and other items from Bennett's business office has become a nightmare for students.

The checks [credit balances due students] and several other items were stolen from the Race Hall business office Feb. 23.

As a result of the incident many students have had to change their spring break plans.

"Airline tickets have to be cancelled, bills have to go unpaid and the only

response I'm getting from the business office is that I have to wait," said Crystal Proctor, D.C. junior.

According to Richard Hopkins, director of Public Safety, burglary took place between 9:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

"Apparently, he (the suspect) entered by using a key because there were no signs of forced entry," Hopkins said.

Hopkins also said that the suspect was found at an area bank attempting to cash stolen checks -- from somewhere else.

He became the suspect in the Race burglary because he had three Bennett

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## Illegal parking can cost Bennett an extra \$25

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Illegal parking may seem quick and convenient, but at whose expense?

Bennett College is paying the price for illegal parking by students.

Students are now parking in front of the dumpsters, blocking the dump trucks from performing their jobs.

"I park near my dorm because security takes too long to escort me to my dorm the majority of the times that I come on campus at night," said Samecia Johnson, Atlanta junior.

"Bennett is on a monthly contract in which the college pays \$831.49 and is assessed a fee of \$25 for each extra visit that the dump trucks make," said Richard Hopkins, administrative liaison of Public Safety.

There are five parking areas for faculty and staff and one parking area for students, according to Barbara Simmons, Chief of Police & Public Safety.

"The campus police are now placing memos on the cars that are blocking the dumpsters," Simmons said.

"This will be done for a limited time to prevent students from getting ticketed or towed and many students have been cooperative."

"I often have to resort to illegal parking because I live off campus and there aren't usually many spaces when I get to school," said Rhonda L. Jackson, Detroit junior.

"Now that I know that my parking may be costing the college, I'll look harder for a space."