

Belles meet NBC talk show host Gumbel

BENNETT COLLEGE PUBLIC AFFAIRS/MARKETING-- Michelle Gailliard, senior English major from Massachusetts, and Tia Smith, a junior mass communications major from Washington, D.C. joined NBC's *Today* co-anchor Bryant Gumbel and several sports and entertainment celebrities during the annual Bryant Gumbel/Walt Disney World Celebrity Golf Tournament in Orlando, March 1-3.

The two students are the \$5,000 recipients of the Bryant Gumbel/Walt Disney Scholarship from UNCF.

The event marked the seventh year for the tournament which is held to benefit The College Fund / UNCF by providing financial support for the Bryant Gumbel Scholarship.

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Senior Gertrude Setumba, receives a hug from her sophomore "little sister" Latrice Swearingen as they prepare to enter the Chapel for the Senior Day Vesper.

Seniors have their Day

Yvette Burton
Banner Editor

"We've Come This Far By Faith" the theme for Senior Day, one of the most anticipated vespers of the year, was sung by graduating senior Monica Bush March 21 in the chapel.

The program featured more than 100 seniors and their sophomore "little sisters," who presented their "big sister," seniors with the academic attire to be worn during graduation exercises. This traditional ceremony is one of the beginning steps toward graduation day, May 19.

President Gloria R. Scott, speaking during the event, said, "Our charge to you is that you always love and cherish your alma mater, Bennett College."

The senior class sang a tribute to the faculty and staff during their rendition of,

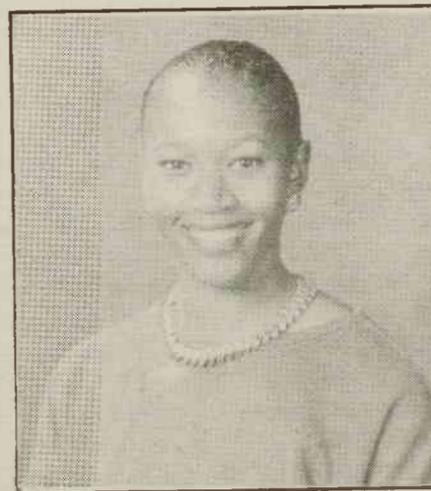
"Thank You" by Boyz II Men. Tears were shed and hugs were given during the singing of, "I Know I've Been Changed," a tribute to the families in attendance by Ursula Cobbs and Alicia Hubbard.

Delivering the appreciation was Shantisse White, a senior psychology major from Maryland. She challenged the senior class to spend the rest of their lives restoring hope. "Become the hope of the future," she said.

"I thought this was an excellent ACES," said Anita LeDeaux, a junior business major from New Orleans. "But I was disappointed because I wish that all of the seniors would have participated," she added.

Following the ceremony, a sit-down dinner in the cafeteria for the friends and family of the hopeful graduates was hosted by the sophomore class.

Farris to commentate at 1996 Summer Olympics



Jennifer Farris, Miss Bennett and Summer Olympics commentator

Tahja McVay
Banner Sports Editor

Jennifer Farris, the reigning Miss Bennett College, has had an exciting year.

Not only is she currently featured in the March issue of *Ebony* magazine along with campus queens from other Historically Black Colleges and Universities, but she is one of 1,200 interns from the Clark Atlanta Summer Program chosen to be a commentary systems assistant at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

She will be communicating with the commentators on the field and and their host stations from different countries.

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Choir prevails in snowy spring break tour

Paquita Herring
Banner Reporter

Grueling, tiring, and successful have been words used to describe the Bennett College Choir's tour of the Midwest. The members of the choir spent their spring break (March 2 -10) singing, promoting and recruiting for Bennett.

Before hitting the Midwest the choir traveled south to Atlanta to perform at the alumnae white breakfast. Then they took a 12- hour ride to Marietta, Ohio where it began to snow. That was only the first of many inches of snow that they saw as the tour continued to Columbus, Detroit, Chicago, and Indianapolis.

"Besides the cold weather I found the tour to be successful and lots of fun. We met a lot of people that had never heard of Bennett and it gave us a chance to tell them about it," said Page Nicols, a freshman performing arts major from Charlotte.

Some of the students that did go home for spring break were able to see the choir perform. "It felt good to see my sisters perform so beautifully in my hometown. It gave me a chance to show off what Bennett has to offer to my family and some younger girls that may be considering a women's college after graduation," said Starr A. Allen, a freshman psychology major from Detroit.

The choir will be touring the East Coast next year.