



WLI to sponsor presentations honoring Women's History Month

The Women's Leadership Institute is sponsoring three different presentations during March 22 and 23 to celebrate Women's History Month. The theme of the presentations is "Women Putting Our Stamp on America." The presentations will be conducted in the regularly scheduled classes by professors from various disciplines and departments including Dr. Jewel Cooper, an assistant professor in the Curriculum and Instruction Department, and Dr. Audrey Ward, an assistant professor of English and Research Associate.

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Spring-like
During the early weeks of February, Bennett College experienced unseasonably warm weather, with temperatures ranging between the lower 70's and the lower 50's. Shown is the Annie Merner Pfeiffer chapel. Photo by Leah Whaley-Holmes, Banner Photographer.



Tannenbaum-Sternberger Room formally opened

BY BRANDY JONES
Editor

The formal dedication of the Tannenbaum-Sternberger Foundation Conference Room in the basement of Carnegie Negro Library took place Feb. 12. Approximately 25 people were on hand to participate in the ceremony.

The Tannenbaum-Sternberger Foundation is a philanthropic organization that funds projects that focus on higher education. The foundation has donated funds to 13 colleges and universities for many years.

Bennett, one of the long-time beneficiaries of the foundation, used a \$25,000 gift that was

awarded in November 1998 to defray the cost incurred by the renovation of the Carnegie Negro Library. The renovation was completed in the summer of 1997.

The Carnegie Negro Library also known as the "Old Negro Library" for four decades, was once the only library in Greensboro accessible to African-Americans for learning and social activities.

During the dedication, Provost Charlotte Alston talked about the importance of the renovation of the library. She said that the Carnegie Library should be utilized to continue the rich tradition of educating and community outreach.

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Fryar crowned as new Miss UNCF

BY RUNGANO NYAJEKA
Staff Reporter

Elizabeth Fryar, a junior from Winston Salem, who is majoring in biology was recently crowned as Bennett College's Miss United Negro College Fund 1999-2000.

Fryar also placed fourth runner-up for the title of Miss National UNCF, at the National Alumnae/National Pre-Alum/United Negro College Fund Conference in Atlanta Feb. 4-7.

Eligibility requirements for the campus crown include a contestant who is an active pre-alumnae council member and raise at least \$600 by Jan. 4: Fryar raised \$2,650.

Fryar said that she is very enthusiastic about assuming her new role in the pre-alumnae council. "I am very confident that my fund-



Elizabeth Fryar
Miss UNCF 1999-2000

raising skills will help the PAC raise funds effectively," Fryar said.

As a UNCF campus queen, Fryar is required to represent Bennett at the annual UNCF conference.

Bennett College had held the

Miss National UNCF title the past two consecutive years, until 1998.

Jamila Mcfarlane held the crown of Bennett College Miss UNCF 1998-1999. Mcfarlane a senior from Queens, N.Y. who is majoring in business administration ranked first runner-up at the past year's conference.

"I have enjoyed my term as Miss National UNCF and especially competing for the national title," Mcfarlane said. "I have gained something other students wouldn't have gained — I came out with more than I went in with."

Each institution's ranking is calculated per capita. The contestants are judged by the total amount they collect in direct correlation to their institution's stu-

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Dance ministry troupe debuts

BY MONYA TOMLINSON
Staff Reporter

The campus ministry has added a new attraction to its repertoire — dance.

Feb. 7, the 11-member dance ministry troupe made its debut in the Chapel performing an interpretive dance routine to the song "More Than I Can Bear."

The idea of a dance ministry came from Claudia Pearson, a freshman biology major from Washington, DC.

"Reverend. [Shirley] Canty said she wanted to find a way to expand membership in the campus ministry," Pearson said.

"I suggested that we start a

dance ministry so that people can express their love of God through dance." The Rev. Canty, the campus chaplain, said that she is very excited about the newest ministry on campus.

"It's [the dance ministry] a way of getting more students involved," the Rev. Canty said. Pearson said the dancers will probably use more fast-paced, lively music, like Kirk Franklin for the next scheduled performance.

After the first performance, "I'm excited about being in this ministry because I've been looking for an organization like this at school," said Melvette Melvin, a freshman social work major from Washington DC. "I finally found one."