



Bell exhibit opens

Bells of every age and descriptions will be featured in the Bennett College Belle Exhibit, which opened Dec. 8 in Holgate Library.

The exhibit, which opened with a public reception will run through Jan. 31.

Some of the bells have interesting histories and will be included in the section of unique bells from around the world.

The exhibit is one of the College's 126th anniversary celebration events and will help ring in the new millennium.

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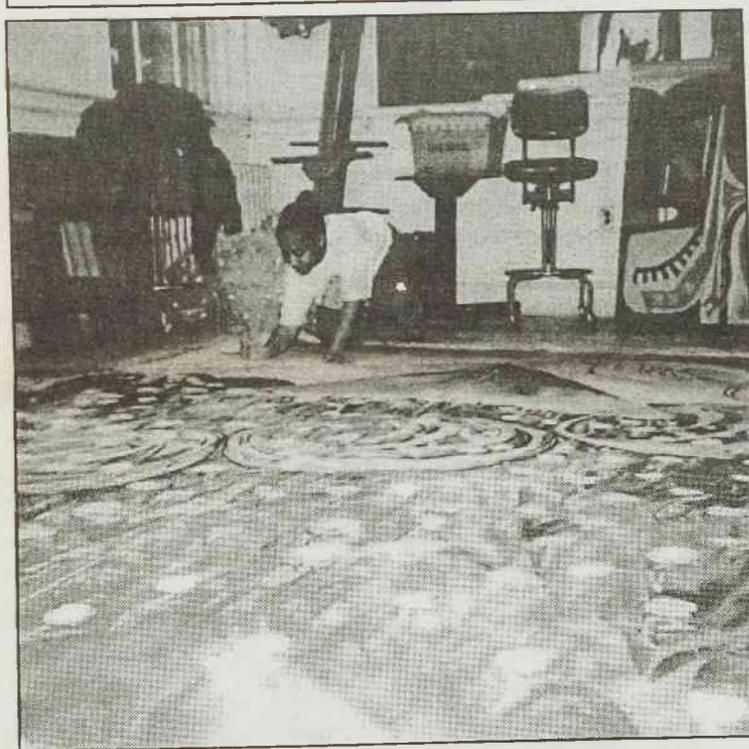
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Meonil Crenshaw, senior, arts management music major, from St. Louis, Mo. prepares a copy of the "Annunciation" by Mirlam Guevara to be used as a scene for the Living Madonnas. Photo by Marie Smith, Chief Banner Photographer

'Living Madonnas' to be presented

BY CARLA BROOKS
Staff Reporter and Staff

With Christmas trees, the sharing of gifts, and a Santa Claus in every possible color, the real meaning of Christmas is often forgotten.

The Visual Arts Department' presentation of the "Living Madonnas," at 7 p.m. Dec. 12 is one way of remembering the real reason for the season.

The production will take place

in the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel.

The Living Madonnas production, presented biannually, is a Bennett College tradition, which dates back to the 1940s.

This year's theme is "New World Living Madonnas." The production will feature 27 students and professional artists as models in front of reproduced scenes of

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Belles, faculty, staff assist Greenville flood victims

BY CANDACE EVANS
Staff Reporter

Six Belles, one faculty and two staff members traveled to Greenville, N.C. for a fair Dec. 5 but it wasn't the usual fair: It was the Community Recovery Fair.

The Bennett group went to the fair to volunteer to assist the residents of Greenville with housing and food. The fair was sponsored by the United Way and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Some of the group members helped the residents fill out forms for federal assistance, while others spent time with Greenville children.

Dr. Roxanna Scott, acting chair of the psychology department, said that she was angry with FEMA because that agency had not provided assistance in a timely man-

ner.

"I don't understand how people are still in distress at this point in time," Scott said.

"I don't understand why citizens in Greenville still don't have an acceptable roof over their head....I don't understand how a person who lost everything, who doesn't have a house nor food is required to fill out stupid forms," Scott said.

"What type of country do we live in? I expect I will get help a lot quicker overseas than in Greenville, NC. A man who is a flood victim told me he didn't qualify for FEMA. I don't get it," Scott said.

Tameka L. Hoyte, a sophomore mass communications major from Brooklyn, N.Y., said she had an "eye-opening" experience at the fair.

"This experience has helped me

to appreciate what I am blessed with, food, shelter and clothing," Hoyte said.

"As a Bennett Belle I feel that there should've been a larger amount of volunteers. Bennett students should've sacrificed their weekend to help this community. Furthermore, the FEMA agency were giving the Greenville residents the run around," Hoyte said.

Although most students said they were displeased with FEMA's response to the Greenville residents, Barbara J. Moore, director of Career Planning and Work-Related Experiences center disagreed.

Moore said there that 33 counties were affected by flood damage and the Greenville area wasn't as damaged as the other counties.

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17 seniors to participate in first fall commencement

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Editor

For the first time ever Bennett College will have a fall commencement program. Approximately 17 seniors are expected to participate in the commencement ceremony that will take place in the Little Theatre Dec. 12.

The commencement speaker is

Joretha McMall Capers, the assistant general secretary of the Black College Fund and Ethnic Concerns Office.

Mary Scarlett, chief protocol officer, said the commencement was approved to allow students who are eligible to finish matriculation do so before the new millennium.

Scarlett said this commence-

ment is also unique because there will be a valedictory address. The valedictorian is the student with the highest grade point average.

Other fall commencement activities include a dinner with President Gloria R. Scott Dec. 11, where Capers, guests, and the graduates will participate in a cake cutting ceremony, and a photography session.