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The Bennett (College) Underground

They don't have the polish of the Temptations nor the fine costumes of the Supremes, but they do have the determination, the talent, and the dedication of seasoned performers. "The Bennett Underground" is the latest addition to Bennett College's Music Department.

The group performs jazz, pop, blues, rock, and gospel music on the campus in Greensboro, N.C. and for activities elsewhere, including several radio appearances.

Members of the group are: Juliet Smith, Goldsboro of N.C.; Sheila Ginn of Estill, S.C.; Donna Edwards and Kim Clark of New York, N.Y.; Brenda Greer of Washington, D.C.; Bernie Sisco of Philadelphia, Pa.; Jacqueline Hemphill of Buffalo, N.Y.; and Johanna Lee of Montclair, N.J.

"The Bennett Underground" symbolizes a distinctive change in the image of Bennett College. It represents a nontradition outlet for expression on a church-related campus while at the same time begin a learning experience and a fundraising effort.

## On Sickle Cell Anemia

### Doctors Urge End To Misleading Statements

ATLANTA—Writing in the December issue of Urban Health, two physicians have urged "confidentiality in sickle cell screening" and "an end to dissemination of information on sickle cell anemia that is inaccurate, unduly alarming or misleading."

Dr. Rudolph E. Jackson, director of the National Heart and Lung Institute's National Sickle Cell Program, and Dr. Charles F. Whitten, president of the National Association for Sickle Cell Disease, are among seven prominent physicians who have come together in articles appearing in the current issue of Urban Health to discuss sickle cell anemia.

IN THE introductory article, Dr. Jackson points out that "discriminatory tactics have made confidentiality a prerequisite for all testing programs," and that all participation in sickle cell screening programs should be on a voluntary basis.

In another article, Dr. Whitten points out that efforts to provide mass information on sickle cell anemia "have not

been as valuable as possible because some of the information has been inaccurate, unduly alarming and misleading. Both physicians call for "an accurate, sound understanding of sickle cell anemia and sickle cell trait by the public."

The December issue of Urban Health marks the first time that a professional journal has devoted an entire issue to discussions of sickle cell anemia.

IN ADDITION to Jackson and Whitten, articles for the issue have been written by Robert M. Schmidt, M.D., director of the National Hemoglobinopathy Laboratory; Roland B. Scott, M.D., director of the Center of Sickle Cell Disease at Howard University College of Medicine; Marilyn Gaston, M.D., director of the Sickle Cell Center at Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio; Robert F. Murray, director of the Genetic Counseling Section of the Howard University Center for Sickle Cell Disease; and Joseph R. Phillips, M.D., associate professor of

psychiatry at Meharry Medical College.

The series will continue in the February issue of Urban Health with articles discussing ophthalmological and urological aspects of sickle cell anemia, vocational rehabilitation of sickle cell patients, and community involvement in sickle cell programs.

AUTHORS FOR the concluding articles are Maurice Kabb, M.D., of the University of Illinois Sickle Cell Center; Robert E. Blyea, M.D., Washington, D.C. urologist; Calvin H. Smette, M.D., and Ruth Gillman of the Harlem Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center; and Edward J. Hicks, Ph.D., of the University of Indiana Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center.

Urban Health is a professional journal dealing with medical care and a wide variety of issues related to health and medical care delivery in the black community. Additional information on the sickle cell edition may be secured by writing The Journal of Urban Health, Atlanta, Georgia, 30311.



Gavel Passing Makes History

Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, chancellor of A&T State University, Greensboro, N.C., receives gavel from Dr. Robert Parks, president of Iowa State University. Dowdy became the first black to serve as president of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. (Dick Moore Photo)

## Concern Noted For Disabled 'Nam Veterans

A nationwide effort to insure that the full spectrum of VA benefits has been used to the maximum toward helping the individual veteran overcome disabilities.

The Veterans Administration pays disabled veterans who are drawing compensation an additional \$170 per month while they are in school.

Acting on a letter from President Nixon in which he expressed concern for suitable careers for disabled veterans, VA Administrator Donald E. Johnson has mailed employment questionnaires to 41,000 of the 368,000 Vietnam-Era veterans who have service-connected disabilities.

Designed to identify 10 percent disability to as veterans who want further training to qualify for jobs or those who want help in finding a suitable job, the questionnaire will be sent to all Vietnam disabled veterans during the coming months.

"Special help - over and above the VA survey, the above GI Bill education is available to veterans with service-connected disabilities," said H. W. Johnson, Director of the Winston-Salem VA Regional Office.

"This is a follow up to who want jobs will be referred to a NAB job opening. Suitable job training programs will be found for others.

### 'Push-Out' Is Challenged

ATLANTA — Federal agencies, state departments of education and local school officials responsible for guaranteeing non-discriminatory education are being challenged to bring a halt to the pattern of racial discrimination and arbitrary actions of school authorities emerging in desegregated Southern schools — a phenomenon known as "the student pushout problem."



Miss Saint Augustine's College

Miss Pauline Darlington (left, a senior history and government major from New York, receives her crown as "Miss Saint Augustine's College" from Miss Jacqueline Jackson, a graduate of 1973, outgoing queen from Wilmington, N. C. The occasion was the Sixteenth Annual Coronation of "Miss Saint Augustine's College" on November 16, in the Emery Health and Fine Arts Center. Seated are: Little Miss Rhonda Partin, crown bearer (far left) and Master Bryan Jenkins, her escort (far right).

## NAVY ROCK BAND TO PLAY SATURDAY

NEW YORK, N.Y. -- The Long Island Sound is much more than the placid body of water abutting the New York and Connecticut shoreline. It's also the name of the U.S. Navy's newest and most exciting rock band which is appearing in High Point, Saturday.

The band is in town as part of a community activities program to show area youth that the service has lived up to its slogan, "Be Someone Special in the navy." Long Island Sound will give a free public concert Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at High Point College Cafeteria.

The nine-piece band was formed late in 1972, but not primarily for concert enter-

tainment. Its purpose was to accompany two Navy patrol boats which were enroute from New York to Chicago via the New York State Barge Canal. According to the band's director, Warrant Officer John Geary, the tour with the patrol boats was such an overwhelming success, that Long Island Sound was made a permanent unit of the Third Naval District Band. During the year, the Navy's musical ambassadors, headquartered in Brooklyn, N.Y., made twelve road trips in New York, Connecticut and New Jersey, playing more than 350 performances.

Most of the band's performances take place in high schools, colleges and

at public functions. Audience reaction, as Geary terms it, is "wild." "We do all rock music," he said, "and our style can be compared to a mixture of Chicago, Blood, Sweat & Tears and mandrill. After our concerts, it's not unusual for the audience to mob the stage. They're really enthusiastic."

Geary credits much of the audience acceptance to the band's professional, quality sound. "Most all of the musicians were professionals before they entered the Navy," the band director explained. "However, all the band members have graduated from the Navy's School of Music in Norfolk, Virginia. I believe that the training we received in music is typical of all the opportunities the Navy offers in any of the 70 job specialties we have available."

All members of the band are active duty sailors and performing is their only duty. On tour they can give as many as five concerts a day and often work for 12 hours at a stretch. As Geary noted, there are compensations. The sailors are now making twice the salary that recruits used to make and receive such extras as free medical and dental care, 30-day paid vacations each year, housing, food and automatic pay raises.

## Grant Given A&T Professor

GREENSBORO-- Dr. W. J. Craft, an engineering professor at A&T State University, has been awarded a \$23,199 federal grant to develop a ceramics handbook for the engineer-

ing profession. The renewable grant was awarded to Craft by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California, through funds supplied by the National Aeronautics and Space

Administration (NASA). Craft, on a loan to A&T from the Martin Marietta Corporation in Orlando, Fla., said the new text will carry design information on such areas as modules of

elasticity, coefficient of expansion, thermal conductivity, and fracture surfaces versus temperature.

"The ceramics are becoming increasingly important in the continuing development and refinement of everything from exo-atmospheric rocket missions to the pursuit of more efficient, cleaner internal combustion engines," said Craft.

He said that one reason ceramics are desirable is they have a generally low thermal conductivity, which can be used to reduce heat loss from combustion processes.

"If food design data were available," said Craft, "then the ensuing selection of a ceramic would prevent cracking or fracture. Ceramics are also replacing certain other materials due to their toughness, hardness and reduced cost."



James Farmer With Officers Of 54th Class

James Farmer, second from left, who spoke at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk recently, is shown from left with Majors Charles H. Bailey of Los Angeles, Richard Mashburn Jr. of Chatham, Fla. and Normal A. McDaniel of Greensboro, N.C., members of the Staff College's 54th Class.



A&T Foundation Awards Mr. And Mrs. Parker

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Parker of Mt. Gilead, N.C. (at right) hold award presented by the A&T University Foundation. The Parkers sent a record 10 children to A&T State University, Greensboro. With them is the A&T alumni, Dr. William C. Parker, a businessman and teacher at A&T. (William Peeler Photo)

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