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## 14 Members Added To Bennett Faculty-Staff

The addition of several persons to the Bennett College faculty and staff has been announced.

Fred A. Eady, of Pineland, S. C., a graduate in drama of Howard University, has been named instructor in dramatics. Mr. Eady, who studied under playwright Owen Dodson, was president of the Howard Players.

Miss Doris Leake, of Reidsville, N. C., a home economics graduate of North Carolina College at Durham, with a M. A. degree from Howard University in religious education, has been named assistant director of co-curricular activities.

Dr. Robert Vlach, of Germany, has been named the instructor of languages. He received his B. A. in Czechoslovakia, attended the University of Paris, the University of Lyon, and the University of Prague.

A graduate of North Carolina College at Durham, Mrs. Arnieze Ramseur is an instructor in elementary education.

Named to the staff of the Children's House, the campus nursery school, is Miss Wynell O. Moore, of Burlington, North Carolina. A 1952 home economics graduate of Bennett.

Four new directors have been placed in the dormitories: Miss Precious Copening, Merner Hall; Miss Pearl McWhirter, Kent Hall; Miss Loretta Bennett, Jones Hall; and Miss Clara Mauldin, Barge Hall.

Miss Copening, a 1945 graduate of Bennett, received her B. A. in English and Sociology. She received a degree in elementary education from Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, and has studied guidance at Western Reserve, Cleveland, Ohio. A native of North Carolina, Miss Copening wrote for the Bennett Banner while a student at Bennett. She advocates more inter-dormitory competition on a friendly basis.

Miss Pearl McWhirter, at 1948 Bennett graduate, received her degree in sociology and history. A native of North Carolina, she has worked in a school for retarded children in Stamford, Conn., and done substi-

tute teaching in Washington, D. C. She plans to become a social worker. Miss McWhirter wants to create a friendly and homey atmosphere in the dormitory.

Miss Mauldin, a 1941 graduate of Bennett, received her B. S. degree in sociology and history. A native of Asheville, North Carolina, Miss Mauldin attended the Atlanta University of Social Work, studied psychology at the University of Pennsylvania, and worked as a probation officer in a juvenile court in Philadelphia before coming to Bennett. Miss Mauldin was active in the WAA while a student at Bennett.

Other staff members are: Miss Roberta A. Miller and Miss Geraldine Tillery, June graduates of N. C. C. at Durham, employed in (Continued on Page 4)

## Chalmers Addresses Opening Student Conference Session

"Student leadership has always been found on our campus, but just how effective has it been?" asked Jamesena Chalmers, president of the Student Senate at the opening of the Student Leader-

ship Conference September 8.

Speaking on the theme of the three-day conference, "Student Independence Through Effective Student Leadership," Miss Chalmers listed several attributes of effective leaders.

"An effective leader understands her responsibilities and seeks to carry them out efficiently," she said, emphasizing that each leader performing her own

task is a pre-requisite for effective leadership.

The responsible leader has a genuine interest in the organization she is serving lending her full support to its activities.

Courage and self-reliance were listed as characteristics of the type of leaders Bennett seeks. "Many of us become do-nothing leaders . . . because we lack the stamina to follow through with our plans," the Student Senate president stated.

"The leaders of an organization . . . should be able to work with a minimum of direction," she continued.

The speaker further stressed the importance of impartiality and fairness in leadership.

Miss Chalmers urged the clubs to make significant contributions to campus life.

"The organizations which you serve as officers can do much to achieve student independence," she said.

### Conference Consultant

To guide the conference members in recognizing some of the common elements of leadership was the aim of Conference Consultant Miss Dorothy Height, president of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Washington, D. C.

From definitions of leadership obtained from the 1958-59 officers who composed the conference, Miss Height illustrated the relationship between the members of the working group and the leader as an active member of the group rather than a person set apart.

Dr. Willa B. Player, president of Bennett College gave a commentary welcome under the heading, "The Importance of Student Leadership." The President cited the vast opportunities for effective leadership and the importance of all efforts being channeled toward the tasks nearest to us.

Workshop sessions where the officers could learn what their duties were and some techniques in carrying out these duties were provided.

## Faculty Studies College Program

A continuing search for areas providing greater opportunities for unity in the total education of Bennett College students was a goal agreed upon by the members of the annual faculty-staff fall conference held the first week in September.

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## Unity Stressed By President

President Willa B. Player stressed the importance of beginning this school year in a spirit of unity in her first chapel address to the Bennett College students, faculty and staffs.

To the upper classmen Dr. Player delegated the responsibility of helping create the happy climate in which all can march forward together. She urged all of the students to adopt wholesome and positive attitudes.

"We are striving to become responsible citizens . . . We will carry our share of responsibility," she continued, as she reminded the listeners of their duty to exercise a deliberate attempt to be helpful in maintaining a pleasant atmosphere on campus.

In commenting on what it means to enjoy membership at Bennett, the President pointed out the privileged position college youth enjoy, Bennett's dedication to the search for excellence with emphasis on resourcefulness, its accent on refinement, exercise of self-control, and sensitivity to appropriateness at all times.

A welcome was extended by Jamesena Chalmers, president of the Student Senate. After briefing the audience on the fall student leadership conference, she challenged the students to accept responsible roles in campus life.

## 144 Girls Enrolled In Freshman Class

The freshman roster numbers 144 girls, one of the largest classes in the history of Bennett College.

The geographical distribution of the freshman class of 1958-59 covers 20 states, the District of Columbia, and two foreign countries.

The states and countries represented are:

Alabama, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Nassau, Bahamas, and Taegu, Korea.

North Carolina has the largest representation with 78 girls enrolled from the state. There are 11 girls from Greensboro.

From a tentative inquiry, it was revealed that 10 students were valedictorians of their high-school classes; nine were salutatorians.

Six members of the class are sisters of Bennett graduates. Two have sisters now attending Bennett.

Sylvia Hodges, Parkton, N. C.,

sister of Helen Hodges Melvin, '46, Mable Hodges, '53, and Barbara Hodges Pierre, '55.

Elois Jones Harper, Lenoir, N. C., sister of Inez Jones, '59 and Edna Jones.

Lillian Lanier, New Haven, Conn., sister of Doris Lanier '57.

Grace Mitchell, Wilkesboro, N. C., sister of Ida Mitchell Ratley, '49.

Mamie Parker, Mebane, N. C. sister of Ida Parker, '57.

Catherine Rink, Morganton, N. C., sister of Evelyn Rink Bunton, '44.

Brenda Saunders, Gastonia, N. C., sister of Ann Saunders, '58.

Adelle Taylor, Charlotte, N. C., sister of Hazeline Taylor, '59.

Edna Partee of Landis, N. C., was "born into the Bennett family." Both her mother and grandmother attended Bennett.

Range of majors of the class of '62 are wide and varied, with the bulk of the class concentrating on commercial education, home economics, sociology, psychology, pre-medicine and elementary education.



Shown are members of the class of '62. The 144 freshmen constitute one of the largest classes in Bennett history.

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