



RIVERSIDE MINISTER SPEAKS AT SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Bennett College observed its traditional Service of Remembrance for David Dallas Jones on January 28, 1973 in the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel. The tribute is paid annually to the man who became the first president of Bennett College for Women in 1926.

The contemporary address was delivered by Dr. Robert L. Polk, Minister of Urban Affairs at The Riverside Church in New York City. This church gained national prominence by being the site of James Forman's announcement of the "Black Manifesto." The controversial document called for a \$500 million reparation from American churches and synagogues for the injustices suffered by blacks under slavery and capitalism.

Dr. Polk who formerly served as college chaplain and Dean of Student Affairs of Dillard University, paralleled the biblical success of David over the giant Goliath which symbolizes man's attempt to overcome his problems.

"Every man, every woman, every person faces some kind of Goliath. But you've got to conquer that problem before it conquers you," he stated.

Dr. Polk cited three elements which are essential to

combatting problems faced by all men.

"The formula for courage is to remember that the giant is always vulnerable and that you must be willing to admit that to yourself."

He further stated that each man must have confidence in his own judgment. "When a man faces a serious problem in his life he is well advised to seek counsel," he contended, "but he should fully understand that they are not going to solve his problems for him."

He said that this derives from having confidence in one's self, his parent's teaching, and from one's Christian faith.

The Chicago native added that the final element necessary to combat the problem is to face it, as he said, "No battle is ever won until it is begun."

He urged the College student to "use your education, your strengths, and your understanding of who you are to take that first step to rout out a number of the social problems" facing contemporary society.

A special musical tribute was rendered by Cellist Armelia Thomas, a member of the Music Faculty. She played Cedric Sharpe's "The Angelus" and was accompanied by Dr. Charlotte Alston.

1973 — AN IMPORTANT YEAR

1973 is both symbolic and practical in the development of Bennett College. It symbolizes a success story, for the College has indeed survived the hostilities of the region and the times and remains a fully accredited institution. It will be practical, as the College seeks to broaden its scope. It is as Dr. Isaac Miller says: "Colleges will not live in the future on the basis of their past, but on the basis of contributions they make to relevant social concerns and needs."

The aims of the year are very dependent upon the three-year capital fund drive which will be kicked off in May, 1973. \$1.5 million will be used toward the Endowment Fund to expand the fi-

nancial aid program and faculty benefits.

The other \$1.5 million will be used for campus expansion and renovation. This includes the construction of a new health center and landscaping. Already the Student Union has been painted and refurbishment proceedings taken.

Major financial commitments have been made by the following: Burlington Industries Foundation, \$50,000; The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, \$100,000; the Woman's Home Missionary Society, \$25,000; the Board of Education of the United Methodist Church, \$25,000; and R. J. Reynolds Industries, Inc., \$25,000.

Three Alumnae Named To Trustee Board

Mrs. Hortense R. Wells '41, Mrs. Lydia Jetton Rogers '38, and Mrs. Emma Coston Smith '48 were named to the Trustee Board during the last fall meeting.

Mrs. Wells presently serves as director of the Norfolk, Virginia Model City Educational Program. She completed her graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania and did further study at seven major universities. She is a member of numerous professional organizations.

Mrs. Rogers is a retired instructor of Home Economics and Textile Science at Howard University where she taught for 31 years. She did her graduate work at the University of Wisconsin and studied on the doctoral level at New York University.

Mrs. Smith is Supervisor and Placement Coordinator in the Foster Care Division of the Bucks County Department of Child Welfare in Philadelphia. For the past four years she has been president of the Delaware Valley Alumnae Association and presently serves as chairman of the National Alumnae Association Centennial Committee.

Exam Schedule

On January 31, 1973, Dr. Chauncey Winston, dean of instruction, announced a change in the final examinations schedule for students other than seniors. The final examinations will be held on April 25-28, inclusive, and April 30-May 1, inclusive, instead of April 30-May 4. The dates for final examinations for seniors will not be changed. Those dates are still April 25-28, inclusive.

YOBU DISCUSSES THE PLIGHT OF BLACK COLLEGES

On January 13 and 14, representatives from 14 major Black Colleges and the Youth Organization for Black Unity (YOBU) came together on the campus of North Carolina A&T State University. The students discussed their role in relationship to the plight that presently threatens the existence of Black Colleges across the country.

An assessment of the present problems that face Black colleges established that the major problem is a lack of funding necessary to aid in the development of services, facilities, and faculty that are required by modern relevant education. Also, there was a great deal of discussion around the repression and scare tactics that the students at Southern University, Grambling and Arkansas A. M. & N. are receiving because of their attempts to improve, alter and further develop the character of their campuses.

Having attended similar meetings in the past, the students recognized the need for a qualitative change in the approach to dealing with Black Institutions. It was decided that there was a need for a well planned, well coordinated national effort, that would involve all segments of the Black community in the struggle to save Black schools.

One of the initial steps will be to call together representatives from the 120 Black Schools across the country in an initial workshop-planning session to: (1) Define what we perceive as a quality education for Black peoples; and (2) Seriously discuss, outline and agree upon a national strategy that will deal effectively with the plight of Black Colleges.

One student said, "Black Colleges and Universities are being merged into Junior Partnerships with white in-

stitutions, they are forced to become white oriented institutions in an effort to receive greater funding. We as Black students must fight to maintain Black Educational Institutions."

The date that was set for the national workshop-planning session is March 16-18, 1973. The schools that were involved in the pre-planning session are: Arkansas A. M. & N., Clark College, Spelman College, South Carolina State, Southern University, Washington Technical Institute, Virginia State, Lincoln University, North Carolina A&T State University, Jackson State College, Central State University, Mississippi Industrial College, Bowie State, Bennett College and the Youth Organization for Black Unity. One representative was selected from each of the fourteen schools represented to form a national steering committee to coordinate the preliminary aspects leading up to the national conferences at which time additional members will be added.

Following the conference, the participants held a press conference where they issued the following statement voicing their concern over the present crisis and the growing repression of Black students at Southern University and other Black Colleges:

Since the reopening of the two Southern University campuses on January 3, 1973, the situation has been one of repression, intimidation, and harassment. Louisiana state and college officials in cooperation with the white news media have moved to keep present day activities from being publicized.

The students on the Baton Rouge campus after having signed a loyalty oath to the school are required to present two identification cards, ones issued since the November 16th murders, before
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