

American Library Association President Speaks in Chapel Observance of Library Week

On July 1, 1976, a new figure will take the position of president of the American Library Association. That new president will be Mrs. Clara Stanton Jones, the first black and the first woman ever to be elected to this position, who spoke in the chapel on April 9 as part of the campus-wide National Library Week observance.

Mrs. Jones, who is presently director of the Detroit Public Library and whose entire career has centered on several levels of library work spoke on "Reflections of an Old Urban Hand," in which she historically examined the black movement for equality.

She feels that it is necessary for black Americans, like herself, to reflect on the peaceful movement of Dr. Martin Luther King and its accomplishment as a motive not to give up hope in the face of today's injustices.

Mrs. Jones credits King's peaceful ethics for her success in the professional world, but declares that "the masses of black people have not reaped the benefits of the peaceful protest."

"The heart of King's movement was non-violence, so blacks endured police beatings, the water hoses and the dogs," she explained. Mrs. Jones said that the conscience of America was touched and the movement had popular support from everybody until King went to Chicago and "violence was waged against the peaceful marchers," she recalled.

She added, "It was fine as long as the nation was pointing its finger at the 'White Only' signs in the South and was ignoring the North."

In addition to her address in the chapel, Mrs. Jones met with students and faculty in an in-

formal session the previous evening in the Instructional Media Center. Library/Media Education students from both Bennett and UNC-G had the opportunity to talk with her at that time.

Mrs. Jones has served on numerous committees in the Detroit area and has various membership to many professional organizations. Among the organizations of which she holds membership are the Michigan Library Association, American Civil Liberties Union, NAACP, Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

She was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the Detroit City National Bank.

Her husband, Albert D. Jones is a Case Worker Supervisor at the Wayne County Juvenile Court.



Mrs. Jones enroute to chapel before her speech. photo by Cheryl E. Johnson

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Seven Co-Operative Education Seniors Are Honored At Annual Banquet Celebrating Success in Assignments

by Joyce Bass

With the theme, "Do You Know Where You're Going To," the Cooperative Education Department of Bennett College honored seven senior members of its program Tuesday, April 27 in the Holiday Inn-Four Seasons.

This banquet is held annually to honor those seniors who have successfully completed co-op assignments. This year marked the third year of the program's existence.

The program began with opening remarks by the master of ceremonies, A. H. Peeler, followed by the welcome given by Mrs. Mae H. Nash, director of career services and coordinator of the cooperative education program. Peeler then introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Jacqueline Means.

Ms. Means, a native of Atlanta, Ga., is the director of CIMPEAT, which is the Committee to Increase Minority Professionals in

Engineering, Architecture and Technology.

Following the address was the presentation of co-op awards by Mrs. Mae Nash. The seven honorees were as follows: Esther Lyfrock, special education; Teresa Torrence, psychology; Gisele Bounsell, social welfare; Phyllis McCarley, business; Robin Jones, business; Angela Richards, social welfare and Fernaundra Ferguson, political science.

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HUD Official Will Speak to '76 Grads

Glendora McIlwain Putnam, deputy assistant secretary of Housing and Urban Development, will deliver the baccalaureate - commencement address on Sunday, May 9.

She is over the fair housing and equal opportunities section of HUD.

Having completed her undergraduate studies, she received the Juris Doctorate from Boston University Law School before assuming her present position, Mrs. Putnam served as chairman of

the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination.

From 1963 to 1969, she was assistant attorney general for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, chief of the Division of Civil Rights and Liberties.

Other activities for the outdoor ceremony will include special recognition of Bennett's first graduates as a college for women as part of the celebration of Bennett's fiftieth year as a woman's college. Honorees include Mar-

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Miller: 'You Wouldn't See a Woman Any More Than You See Me'

by Cheryl E. Johnson

"Regardless of whether the president of Bennett is a male or a female you would not see that person on campus any more than you see me," says President Isaac H. Miller, Jr.

He made this remark in response to an editorial that appeared in the last issue of the BANNER and dealt with the idea that Bennett needs a woman president as well as more females in key campus positions.

Said Dr. Miller, who finds being away from the campus and representing the college as a fund raiser, public relations person and image builder among the more distressing aspects of the job, "my heart lies in teaching and being with the students."

Prior to coming to Bennett as president ten years ago, he taught at Meharry Medical College and was one of the leading bio-chemists in the country.

Dr. Miller would not comment on the history concerning the number of males in key positions as the statistics related to information about his predecessors, nor would he entertain negative questions as he said he wanted this to be a positive interview. However the historical data

around the office of the president and other key administrators is, that before Dr.

Miller, when Dr. Willa Player, a woman, was president all the positions presently held by

men were also held by men then.

He said that the "Lament which I am making is that the role of this office has become so much in the external community and the role of working to develop college style and tone is too often neglected and left to others." He added, "then these responsibilities become delegated and in the process, the man or woman who is president frequently does not come through to those whom he wants to communicate to."

More Women Administrators

Specifically concerning the matter of more women on this campus in administrative capacities he said, "As we move ahead we would feel that as vacancies develop that more women would be recruited for more administrative roles. I see that more women would be a sound investment in terms of the impact which they could have in administration and on the young women coming along." He also added, "I am aware that a college for women needs to have strong women in key positions as well as other positions."

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Spelmanites Lock-up Trustees

(Reprinted From AP)

Spelman College students released 14 college trustees they had locked in a room for 26 hours after the trustees agreed Friday to discuss student demands for a black woman president.

Faculty member Millicent Dobbs Jordan, a spokeswoman for protesting students, teachers and alumnae at the predominantly black woman's college, said the trustees agreed to meet with four students and two representatives each from the administrative staff, faculty and alumnae.

Mrs. Jordan, aunt of Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson, said the board would discuss the possibility of organizing a new search committee and rescinding its appointment Thursday of Dr. Donald Stewart, a black who is now a dean at the University of Pennsylvania.

The lock-in began Thursday when the trustees named Stewart to succeed Dr. Albert Manley, also a black. The protesters lashed the board room doors shut with a rope after learning that the board had ignored demands for a black woman president.

An estimated 500 to 600 stu-

dents at the 1,200-student campus spent the night in the halls outside the room.

"We're going to make the trustees believe that Spelman women mean business," vowed Jeta Edwards, a senior majoring in philosophy.

Some faculty members and alumnae brought food to the students. The captive trustees—seven men and seven women—apparently sustained themselves on snack food they had brought to the board meeting. The demonstrators supplied trustees with drinking water, bedsheets, toilet paper and trash cans intended for use as toilets.

On Friday morning, the students allowed Manley and Board Chairman Francis B. Rogers to re-enter the board room and negotiate with trustees. Both had been allowed to leave Thursday because of poor health.

Manley is retiring at age 68 after 23 years as president. He was preceded by four white women presidents.

"Dr. Manley has been dedicated to training young women for leadership . . . and this school has (Continued on Page 4)



President displays sense of humor as he remarks that everyone coming to BC should not be ground through a sausage press.

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