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Bennett College Observes 82nd Founder's Day

Freshmen Tops In Endowment

The Freshman class topped the three upper classes by raising \$426.19 in the 1955 drive.

Dramatic presentations culminated the activities of the Endowment Drive.

The classes which arrived early actively participated in singing a number of the school songs. Among them were "Give Me That Old B. C. Spirit" and "The Preference Song."

Following group singing each class was presented.

Elizabeth Pope, chairman of the Freshman class, represented her class. Elizabeth, in jest, stated, "One girl's father is Rockefeller, another girl's father is Vanderbilt, and another had a father named Ford. But, you know what? He could never own a Cadillac." This statement was to explain where the pecuniary forces of the class lay.

The Sophomore class presented a short skit with Christine Williams and La Verne Gee stealing the show.

The Junior class' presentation was a more serious view. The class paid tribute to Dr. Jones by reciting an original poem to the musical accompaniment of "As Time Goes By." Participants included Christine McGimpsey, Geraldine Parrish, Thelma Simpson, Paula Edmunds, Anne Stewart, Betty Bragg, Evelyn Gary, Judith Ortis, and Mayme Ellerbe.

The Senior class countered with a skit depicting a court scene. Show-stoppers were Ellen Perry, Betty Burgin, and Dorothy Robinson.

Following the skits, Loretta Free, president of the Student Senate, announced the contribution of each class to the Endowment Fund. They were as follows: Freshmen, \$426.19; Sophomores, \$157.06; Juniors, \$89.80, and Seniors, \$158.00.

Dr. Player then gave a few words of appreciation and the session was closed with the singing, by request, of "The Preference Song" and the "Alma Mater."

Four British Schools List Summer Program

Announcement has been made of a joint program of four British University Summer Schools for 1956 for undergraduate and undergraduate study.

Cooperating are the universities of Birmingham at Stratford-upon-Avon; the University of London, the University of Oxford, and the University of Edinburgh.

A limited number of scholarships covering about one-half of the total fees, but not including travel cost, are available. For further information, write to the Institute of International Education, 1 E. 67th Street, New York 21, New York.

Theater Guilds Score Hit In Comedy-Drama

The Bennett College Senior and Freshman Theatre Guilds combined their talents in presenting "Ask For Me Tomorrow," by Joseph Hayes, on the nights of November 17 and 18.

Though the play was a comedy-drama that provided adequate humor, it concentrated upon the mother-daughter relationship involved therein. Geraldine MacMillan, played by Delores Johnson, was a young college graduate who was unable to make decisions for herself because of her domineering mother, a divorcee. Her mother's dislike for the young man of her choice made way for much turmoil and tension in Geraldine's mind.

"Mac's" two girl friends, who were spending the summer with her at her Long Island home, provided the humor. When Mac finally met her father for the first time, she realized just how domineering her mother had been. The playwright confronted the audience with problems in affairs of human emotions.

Others in the all-female cast were Muriel Darrell, in the supporting role of Kay Adams; Jean Horton, Carolyn Brown, Anece Faison, Julia McClain, and Margaret Benton.

The production was directed by Miss L. Constance Bowles, instructor in drama and speech.



KICKOFF TIME — Demonstrating just how things would be were Bennett College of Greensboro, N. C., to resume participation in intercollegiate football are Misses Lois Ingram (holding ball) of Greensboro, and Dorothy Robinson of Southern Pines. Prior to 1926 when Bennett became a woman's college, the school was a member of the North Carolina Intercollegiate Athletic Association, winning the championship in 1920.

Bennett Sends Out 63 Teachers

Many of the seniors have gone out to take their places as "school marms" in Greensboro schools and schools in the neighboring communities. For a period of six or eight weeks they will be given an opportunity to gain practical classroom experiences under expert guidance and supervision.

These experiences will enable them to broaden their knowledge of the actual work of the teacher in the classroom, in the guidance program, and in out-of-class activities. There will be an opportunity for them to learn of the role that the teacher must play and the responsibility which she must assume in connection with students, co-workers, and the community.

The elementary education majors have been assigned to four schools in the city and to the Sedalia and Pleasant Grove High Schools. The assignments are as follows:

- JONESBORO SCHOOL: Barbara Babbs and Marie Hawkins.
- SEDALIA HIGH SCHOOL: (Mrs.) Helen Cumbo Cook.
- J. C. PRICE: Maxine Gilchrist, Nannie Pinnix, Charlotte Brown,

Ruby Wright, Bernadine Wheeler, Floydella Farrish, and Ida Johnson.

WASHINGTON STREET: Gertrude Gill, Felishia Thornton, Juanita Martin, Juanita McLeod, Evelyn King, Dorothy Sanders, and (Mrs.) Elestine Drayton Powell.

PLEASANT GROVE HIGH SCHOOL: Edna Jeffries.

CHARLES MOORE SCHOOL: Delores Cox, Della Thomas, Geneva Porter, and Delores Barnes.

The secondary education majors are assigned as follows:

LINCOLN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL: Lila Barber, Adelia Hammon, Josephine Hunter, Shirley Reamey, and Irene Russell.

DUDLEY HIGH SCHOOL: Barbara Brown, Mary Brown, Odessa Brincefield, Loretta Free, Alice Ann Foster, Mary Graham, Ruby Grant, Charlie Harvey, Lois Ingram, Doris Humphrey, Emily Montgomery, Christine Oliver, Ruth Reese, Nurry Turner, and Wilhelmenia Webb.

RENA BULLOCK: (Mrs.) Betty Davidson, Dorothy Robinson, and Ellen Perry.



MISS DOROTHY HEIGHT

MSM Conference Held at Bennett

Bennett College was hostess to District II of the Methodist Student Movement Conference, November 5-6.

The theme of the conference was "Revolution and Redemption" which Dr. Gitlin, instructor of religious literature at the University of North Carolina, explored at an assembly on the opening night of the conference.

Following the session with Dr. Gitlin the conference went to the Union for recreation and refreshments and a brief worship service to close the day.

Members of the MSM joined Bennett at Sunday School and morning vespers, where Dr. Gitlin's speech culminated the MSM conference activities.

Students from High Point, Pfeiffer, Davidson, A. and T., Greensboro, Woman's College, Guilford, and Bennett Colleges participated in the activities of the conference.

Commending the faith and spirit of the founders of Bennett, Miss Dorothy Height, a staff member in the leadership department of the Y. W. C. A., delivered the annual Founder's Day address on November 11.

Along with praising Dr. and Mrs. David D. Jones for their dedication to the college, Miss Height paid tribute to Dr. Player. "It is a tribute to Dr. Player that one can be so devoted to service above herself."

The speaker brought out the point that while many were questioning the value of higher education for Negro women, the founders of this college had faith in the dignity and worth of every human being. With this ideal in mind, they established Bennett.

Miss Height stressed the complexity of the modern world, expressing the opinion that adults, as well as young people, should face difficulties together. Women can no longer influence the community by remaining in the home. They, too, must assume responsibility and cooperate with each other. In this materialistic age, it is important for them not only to study the teachings of Christ, but to live by them.

On the subject of integration, she declared that regardless of the decision of the Supreme Court, our fate depends upon ourselves. Persons who are either too bitter or too satisfied with their fate have little to contribute to the cause of equal rights.

Miss Height advised students that the basic human needs are the same as they were in the past, but the factors affecting those needs have become much more complex. The Bennett girl should see her purpose clearly, measure herself against the needs of the world, and offer her services to the world.

"Degrees in sociology are especially useful in the work of the Y. W. C. A.," stated Miss Dorothy Height in an interview.

Miss Height, herself, is a graduate of N. Y. U., New York, and because of her valuable experience with groups she has worked her way to a national staff position.

The prerequisite for becoming a "Y" worker is very general. Experience in working with groups is the main prerequisite. Work as a junior counselor in a day camp, Vacation Church School worker, or advisor to a teen-age group can serve as the experience necessary for becoming a worker in the Y. W. C. A.

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December 11