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## Spring Festival Transports Audience to Outer Space

As the astronaut's rocket zoomed off after the "Countdown", the on-lookers at the annual Spring Festival at Bennett College, on May 5, were off to a visit with imaginary people of the stars and planets. "Lift off" first stop was a brief visit with the quiet Moon, pale and cool. On the Moon, the Bennett College ensemble entertained the Moonites with a medley of tunes. Then "orbiting" the Sun, a group performed a delightful dance which was illuminated by the brightly shining sun. Gymnastic stunts were watched on Mars, the mighty, warlike, and strong planet. A dramatic production was witnessed on Jupiter entitled "Lima Beans." On Venus the on-lookers watched a special dance which was performed with a graceful and brilliant stride. Finally "zeroing" to the Earth, the astronaut's flight was proclaimed to be the best of the year.

Honored at the "Countdown" was Queen Grace Mitchell after being crowned by Mrs. Susie W. Jones. Queen Mitchell is a senior elementary major from Wilkesboro, N. C. The Queen's court included Valaida Wynne, maid of honor; Patsy Gilreath and Gloria Keene, senior attendants; Brenda Wilkerson and Joan Harris, junior attendants; Zereta Madison and Joyce Young, sophomore attendants; Edna Smith and Jean Bailey, freshmen attendants. The attendants and ROTC men of A&T College formed the honor guard for the Queen and her maid of honor.

To climax the gala affair, the Air Force "Raiders" Drill Team of A&T College performed with superb skill.

## Lincoln Choir, Guests Visit

On May 7 during the chapel period, Dr. William J. Trent, executive director of the UNCF in New York, greeted the Bennett family and commended the college choir on its excellent performance at the recent UNCF convocation. Dr. Trent is recently touring some of the southern schools connected with the UNCF.

Travelling with him were Mr. John Spencer, an associate of the Rockefeller Foundation in New York. In a short statement, Mr. Spencer noted the importance of colleges as a seed or starting point. Mr. Richard Moll, also with Dr. Trent, recited a motto which might prove helpful to all college students. "The man, who has done what he set out to do, did not set out to do enough." Mr. Moll is connected with a foundation which aids African students in American universities and colleges.

The music for a program was provided by the men's glee club of Lincoln University of Lincoln Pa. Under the direction of Mr. O. C. Suthern who was a teacher at Bennett. The group sang three songs from *South Pacific* by Richard Rodgers and others from religious scores.



Sheila Brinkley

## Yearbook Given By Junior Class

On Monday, April 30, the first edition of the college yearbook was presented to Dr. Player at the regular chapel program by Jean Franklin, the editor.

The student body received their copies beginning Wednesday, May 2, at 3:30 p.m.

## "Become Perfect" Is The Challenge

"You must become perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect." This statement formed the basis of a sermon presented by Dr. L. A. Brown. Dr. Brown is the district superintendent of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. He stated his title as "Growing Christian."

Although limitations block human perfection, there remains the Master's challenge to his followers. This is something to work for. It is important, said Dr. Brown, "to set your goal or aim to the highest."

Becoming is not as difficult as remaining Christian. The rewards for faith, however, are great. They include life-long growth and freedom from spiritual labor. Dr. Brown emphasized the importance of man's quest for perfection.

The sermon was presented on Sunday, May 6 at 4:00 p.m. in the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel. The college choir provided the music.

## Wedding Music Is Enjoyed

On Wednesday, May 9, a program of wedding music was presented. Mr. Whiteman was in charge and played portions of several processional and recessional. Thelma Spruill sang the "Song of Ruth" and the college ensemble sang "O Perfect Love" and "Set Me A Seal". Mimeographed sheets of wedding music were passed to the students.

## Bennett Banner Heads Elected

Barbara Whitfield, rising junior, English major has been elected editor-in-chief of the Bennett Banner for the school year 1962-63.

Working with her as associate editor is Sheila Brinkley, rising junior pre-law major.

Other members of the staff are: Vivian Kirven, exchange editor; Linda Powell and Grace Wallace, circulation managers; Nancy Wiggins, social editor; Dorothy Mason, cartoonist; Carolyn Ward Juanita Jackson, Hazel Abron Verna Venson, Frances Campbell, reporters. Serving as typists are Brenda White, Serita Hariston, Sylvia Duncan, Myra Phillips.

The new editor and her staff will publish the June issue.

## President Receives Honorary Degree

The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon Dr. Willa B. Player, president of Bennett College during a spring convocation held at Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pa., on May 3.

Dr. Player delivered the principal address at the convocation which gave recognition to the place of women in American education. Dr. D. Frederick Wertz, president of Lycoming College, conferred the degree.

## Core Presents Program Here

On May 3 the Freshman English Core presented readings and dramatizations in the Little Theatre. The selections were from *The Apology* by Plato, *Antigone* by Anouilh, and *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller.

The cast for *The Apology* included: Veronica Carpenter, Patricia Murray, Carolyn Ward, Jean Bailey, Linda Blackman, Linda Frazier.

The cast for *Antigone* included Delores Langley, Jean Jones, Marie Hawkins, Marcia Johnson, Del Tricia Curry, Beatrice Perry, Shirley Smedley, and Helen Miller.

The cast for *Death of a Salesman* included Elizabeth Hansberry, Sonja Hazard, Lillie Madison, Maxine Twitty, Regina Carpenter, and Linda Pearson.

## Children Featured At Wed. Vespers

Wednesday vespers, May 2 were under the auspices of the Bennett College Children's House under the direction of Mrs. L. H. Richards.

The program consisted of the invocation, "Song of Thanks;" opening song, "God's Gifts"; closing song, "A Little Bird"; and the prayer, "Song of Thanks."

## EXHIBITS, LECTURES, FILMS HIGHLIGHT SCIENCE WEEK



Barbara Whitfield

## Drama Quartet Appears Here

The Sullivan Street Drama Quartet was presented in the Little Theatre on Friday, April 27 at 8:00 p.m.

This group appeared in connection with college lyceum series.

The players presented a program in two parts. The first part consisted of scenes from Shakespeare's plays in costume.

The scenes were from *Taming of the Shrew*, *Richard the Third*, *Othello*, *Troilus and Cressida*, and *As You Like It*. The second part of the program consisted of a presentation of the history of the theatre and Shakespeare's life and times.

The players were Andrew Milligan, Neil Flanagan, Ellen Maris, and Helen Honkamp.

## Science Institute

A group of 15 outstanding scientists will compose the faculty of the Summer Science Institute for talented high school students to be held at Bennett College June 18-July 27, Dr. J. Henry Sayles, director, announced this week.

Eleven of these teachers have earned the doctorate, it was revealed. Some of them will carry a full teaching program and the others will be visiting lecturers.

The complete list follows: Dr. Wayne A. Bowers, professor of physics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Dr. D. J. Fluke, professor of radiation physics, Duke University, physics; Dr. Frederic R. Crownfield, Mrs. Clara H. Echols, both of the Bennett faculty, and Chang Lo Wu, mathematics;

Dr. Douglas Humm, professor of physiology at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, physiology; Dr. A. R. Vick, of the Bennett faculty, botany, and W. L. Young also of the Bennett faculty, bacteriology; Dr. James Pendergrast, Dr. Gladys Royal, both of the A&T College, and Lois Walters, chemistry; Dr. Henry S. Roberts, professor of zoology at Duke University and Dr. Nityanada Pati, professor of zoology at A&T College, zoology.

The ninth annual Science and Life week was held May 7-11. The theme was "The Space Age Challenges the Scientist."

The Science and Life Week was sponsored but the Science Seminar Club and the Beta Kappa Chi Honorary Scientific Society. Monday, May 7, a film session was held. This was followed by a general discussion.

Tuesday, May 8, Dr. E. Merzbacher, professor of physics, UNC, spoke on the topic of "Nuclear Forces."

On Wednesday, May 9, Dr. Douglas Humm, professor of physiology UNC spoke on the topic, "Zoological Investigation in Cancer Research."

On Thursday, May 10 a film session and discussion was held. "Problems of Cell Division" was the topic discussed by Dr. H. S. Roberts, professor of zoology, Duke University on Friday May 11.

The visiting lectures during the week were sponsored by the Collegiate Academy of the North Carolina Academy of Science.

The science exhibits during the week were provided by the Monsanto Chemical Co., St. Louis, Mo.

## AKM Sponsors Birthday Dinner

The final birthday dinner of the year, which honored faculty members and students born in May, June, and August was presented under the auspices of Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society on Friday, May 11. The theme "Spring into Summer Ecstasy", was carried out by a bulletin board display of silhouettes illustrating various well-known spring and summer scenes, and by a medley of spring and summer songs which were sung by Thelma Spruill.

A special feature of the program was the presentation of gifts representing the Alpha Kappa Mu symbols to the persons born in the various months.

The college songs which were sung in spirited zest appeared to be enjoyed by all. The remarks announcing the birthday honorees were made by Dr. J. Henry Sayles.

A.K.M. was honored to have seated at the guest table Dr. Breathett, the advisor, Mrs. Ralford, Dr. Sayles, Dr. Winston, the heads of our departments, and Mrs. Jones, director of Admissions.

The atmosphere of the evening was gay and exciting, and quite characteristic of the season. The theme seemed to express exactly the mood of the evening.

The members of AKM are Dorothy Bacon, president, Jean Hayes, secretary-treasurer, Lola Goolsby, Rosalie Stanley, Freddie Stukes, Patricia Brown, Juanita Wheeler, Carolyn Walker Elizabeth Riegs, Evalina Williams, Leslie Doty, and Hazel Abron.

Paintings and sculptures by Eva Miller were on exhibit in the Fine Arts building from May 7-15.