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Campus Mourns JFK Death

Memorial Service Held For Kennedy

Saturday, November 23rd, at twelve noon a little more than twenty-four hours after the tragic death of President John F. Kennedy, the Bennett family assembled in Pfeiffer Chapel to commemorate the memory of this fine and noble American.

This somber occasion was presided over by President Willa B. Player. Reverend John G. Corry read the Scripture passage and prayed for the grief-stricken people the world over. A selection by the Bennett College Choir enhanced the sacredness of the assembly.

A beautiful tribute to the dead leader was given by Rev. A. Knighton Stanley. Rev. Stanley spoke of the greatness and magnitude of the respect which the President held the world over. Mr. Kennedy, the man, was a warm and personable individual whose dignity and dedication brings only praise from those who opposed him.

Hope was injected into the service by the words of Dr. Kenneth I. Brown who emphasized the responsibility that the citizens of this nation have, to uphold the principles of freedom, justice and world peace for which John F. Kennedy gave his life. Dr. Brown said that all Americans can have a sense of pride in our governmental structure which functions effectively even in time of gravest emergency and deepest tragedy.

Student Teaching Involves Seniors

School bells are ringing for seventy-two Bennett College seniors who began their student teaching on November 4, in twenty-three public schools in North Carolina. This educational venture is to continue through January 11, thus giving the seniors eight weeks of first hand contact with pupils in the classroom. Fifty-four seniors are teaching on the secondary level.

The fields of subject matter represented are business education, science, home economics, mathematics, English, French, physical education, social science and music. There are eighteen seniors doing their student teaching on the elementary level.

These seniors are under the supervision of Dr. Chauncey G. Winston and Mr. Charles I. Brown on the secondary level and Miss Mary Ann Rogers on the elementary level.

There are many opinions shared by the seniors on this challenging experience. To many it has been more than an assignment. It represents forward steps into their future careers.

Scholars Spend Month On Campus

During the month of November our campus was enlightened by the presence of two distinguished guests, Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth I. Brown of St. Louis, Mo. The Browns resided in the campus Home Management House and actively participated in all campus affairs. On numerous occasions they broadened our activities with accounts of their many and varied experiences.

When inquiry was made concerning the nature of the visit, it was learned that Dr. Brown, who was for ten years the executive director of the Danforth Foundation, early became interested in Negro education. This interest grew in the last five years of his administration in the foundation. After his retirement the Browns went for a two-month study tour of Africa and while they were there they were impressed with the generosity of the people and their friendliness. Upon returning to the states, Dr. Brown decided to invest some years in the study of Negro education.

Dr. D. A. Beittel, president of Tougaloo College had known Dr. Brown as a college administrator and invited him to Tougaloo to spend a month among the students and faculty. "That month was successful both from the college's point of view as well as our own," said Mrs. Brown.

Shortly after this occasion, Dr. William Trent, then head of the United Negro College Fund, asked the Browns if they would spend four months on four U.N.C.F. college campuses. They accepted, and Bennett along with Livingstone and two other colleges, not yet revealed, were selected.

Dr. Brown has a varied background and, prior to his affiliation with the Danforth Foundation, he taught for five years at Stephen's College, Columbia, Mo. He was president of Hiram College in Ohio for ten years. He was also president of Denison University and the first executive director of the Danforth Foundation.

Dr. Brown and his wife have much to offer in the area of traveling experiences. They have made two trips around the world, spent time in Africa in 1961, made three trips to India and visited Europe, Burma, Thailand, Hong Kong, the Middle East and numerous other places around the world.

In expressing their opinions and impressions of Bennett, the Browns said that they thoroughly enjoyed the life on this campus. Having spent some twenty-five years on college campuses, they consider the campus their second home. The Browns found the Bennett family friendly, cooperative and gracious. They were glad to be accepted as a part of the family for a whole month. They felt very welcome and the students were thoughtful

in speaking to them and introducing themselves.

Dr. and Mrs. Brown expressed admiration of the beauty of our campus including the foliage and commented on our "beautiful situation." One thing which impressed them most was the kind of enrichment in education that they found on the campus. A variety of courses along with dormitory discussions and other features provides the enrichment that comes in part through special projects such as the Book Fair and the Annual Homemaking Institute. Also found impressive was the Wednesday Night Vesper Service.

Bennett anxiously awaits the next visit of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth I. Brown who endeared themselves to the campus.

Annual Fall Honors Convocation Held

The Annual Fall Honors Convocation was held Friday, November 15 at ten o'clock in the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel, honoring the students who had achieved academic excellence throughout their years at the college. President Player presided while Dr. Kenneth I. Brown, retired executive director of the Danforth Foundation, gave an inspiring address in which he encouraged academic achievement by the entire student body. Assisting with the presentation of awards was Dr. Chauncey G. Winston.

The following students were recipients of the awards: four seniors who maintained an accumulative average of 2.4 or above, Lilia Alphonse, Emma Brown, Linda Powell, and Bertha Stokley; thirteen juniors who maintained an accumulative average of 2.3 or above, Mary Adams, Patricia Corry, Johnnie Mae Dalton, Marthalia Dunn, Wilma Giles, Nancy Glymph, Velma Harris, Gloria Hayes, Mary Lownes, Marie-Teresa Nwanze, Bertha Otey and Beatrice Perry;

Twenty-two sophomores who maintained an accumulative average of 2.2 or above, Marsha Bullock, Carolyn Conway, Patricia Greene, Rachael Henderson, Gail Hickerson, Amanda Houston, Freda Isaacs, Brenda Jackson, Sandra Johnson, Marian Kelly, Carolyn King, Mamie Lias, Carolyn Maddox, Gwendolyn McQueen, Viola Owens, Burnadette Purvis, Ernestine Reddick, Eva Rice, Sandra Satterwhite, Lily So, Wei Lie So and Annie Suite.

The Honors Convocation was sponsored by the convocation committee chaired by Miss Dorothy D. Boone.

COMING EVENTS

Coming Next Year!! Watch for two new features in the January issue of the Bennett Banner. Ahs and Ends by Jewelle Merritt and Family Album by Pat Greene.

We learn to do not by doing or thinking, but by thinking about what we are doing.

A Tribute To John F. Kennedy

We come to pay tribute to John F. Kennedy. We mourn his death. He was our friend. We loved him well . . . I remember well the occasion on which I met him. He was good to look on. He was big and tall, and held himself upright. His eyes looked his own height. He moved with the grace of an athlete. His skin was tanned by a wholesome outdoor life, and his eyes were clear and wide open. Physically, he was a prince among men. Somehow, gentle though he was, he was never familiar. He had a kind of innate nobility which marked him out.

He was democratic, yet he was the justification of aristocracy. Those of us who met him knew instinctively that he was our superior — a man of finer temper than ourselves, a Chief Magistrate in his own right. I suppose that was why he could be so humble without a loss of dignity. For he was humble too, if that is the right word, and I think it is. No trouble that troubled the world was too small for him to attend to.

But on November 22, our friend, John F. Kennedy, met his last foe. His soul rests. He has become a part of eternity because he loved all men; a part of God because, like God, he knew not race, or religion, or region or prejudice. In this world he discovered what portion of God men had gained for themselves and judged them by this quantity. Out of the unknown he enters again into it. Out of the mist of one mountain range he passes into the mist of a second. But we knew him while he tarried with us in this better lighted valley which lies between.

As God has always spoken through history in judgment against the sin of institutions and men, so even now through this heinous deed he speaks to us again . . . For the same evil, recalcitrant forces in our world which enslaved and sought to destroy the ancient Hebrew People, killed John F. Kennedy. The same sword that beheaded John the Baptist assassinated our beloved friend. The Roman lions which drank the blood and ate the flesh of the early Christians walked the streets of Dallas on November 22.

Man's inhumanity to man which made captives of black folk from Africa on American shores lifted its vicious head again. John Wilkes Booth appeared in Dallas on November 22. In his company were the Pharaohs, the Ceasars, the Pontius Pilates, the Judases, the Hitlers, the Mussolinis, the Beckwiths, the States Righters, the Bigots, the Right Wing-ers, the Conservatives, the Burchites, the Impeach Earl Warreners, the Klu Klux Klaners, the Eastlands, the Wallaces the Faubuses, the Barnetts of all history and time— These were the forces of evil and recalcitrance which conspired against a great and earnest man of work and vision who sought to cancel and annul all that these conspirators against God's action in history stood for, were and are.

But you and I were also there to fire the fatal shot . . . Churches and Universities were there . . . Families and Governments were there . . . Beggar men and Mighty Kings were there. Preachers, priests, and gambling men were there. Indeed, every man who has not sought to establish the Good, the Beautiful and the Just, and True with all of the Power and in all of Time which God has given him was there. Every man who does not work for the disestablishment of evil, recalcitrant forces in our world, was there. Indeed, you and I were there . . .

But God gives to His children an extra measure of Grace in a time of deep need. It is incumbent upon us, the living, therefore, to rise up in the face of this judgment of God upon history and upon ourselves with new vigor and dedication the building of His Kingdom on earth, never asking what God and our country and our world may do for us. But asking what, in the face of world revolution and human need, we may do for God, for our country and for our world.

In the Spirit of John F. Kennedy, let not the purpose of God be halted in this tragic hour. Let not the Good of God which John Kennedy embodied and acted upon be concluded in the desert of futility and despair. But let us move on with irresistible purpose to the consummation of all that is partial, to the completion of all that is fragmentary, to the revelation of all that is hid in Him from Whom all life is come forth, and to Whom all life is set to return.

In the name of the Father,
The Son, The Holy Spirit
Amen.

—A. Knighton Stanley
Delivered at Bennett College
November 23, 1963