

## B. C. BEAT

People! Christmas is rapidly approaching . . . how wonderful! Before we begin to talk about the ever so welcomed holiday, let's take a look at some past events.

The Annual Thanksgiving Ball was held on Friday following Thanksgiving. Those who attended seemed to have had a wonderful time — they liked the music and the general atmosphere. Of course our annual guests — the Morehouse Men — were here. The Morehouse Glee Club was presented in concert preceding the Ball. The concert was well done as usual and the audience enjoyed it as the group gave each song everything that they had.

The visit of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth I. Brown was indeed a rich one. They were a golden asset to our campus for a month because they had that unique aspect of sincerity in all of their contacts. The whole school family became attached to them. We all thrilled at Dr. Brown's gift of oratory and his knack of always finding appropriate words. We hated to see him and Mrs. Brown leave.

One particular speech of Dr. Brown's will linger in my thoughts. This is the one on "hope" presented on the occasion of the memorial service held in memory of our late President John F. Kennedy. Dr. Brown reminded us that nothing is certain for anyone.

I need not say much about the tragic death of Mr. Kennedy. Our students mourned him deeply as did the world. We lost a great friend and leader. He was youth

ful and his ideas and methods were new and energetic. The Kennedy family not only revolutionized the image of the "First Family" but they epitomized the ideal American family.

Quite a few visitors were on our campus for the Thanksgiving weekend. Some of these were Mrs. Margaret Erchart of the Class of 1961. Misses Mary Lane, Sonja Green, Bonita Davis, and Carol Martin. Guests from Howard University were Miss Anne Amos, a former Bennett girl and Miss Maxine Griffin, guest of Miss Phyllis Strong. Mrs. Allean Cutler and her daughter, Blanche, visited Claraleata Cutler. Miss Pat Mixon had a guest from Yale.

Congratulations to Marcia Johnson on her recent engagement. Vicki Douglas, please accept my humble apologies for omitting your name among those who went "over" the Delta line this summer.

Now a look toward Christmas. Our vacation begins on Dec. 20. Christmas is such a beautiful and exciting time of the year. I believe that those who don't have snow during the holidays are being cheated. It's a lovely sight to behold the lights falling and reflecting on the snow at night. One cannot help but feel good inside from experiencing such an event. In all of our celebrating let's not forget the real connotation of this holiday.

In our college community Christmas began early with the presentation of the "Living Madonnas" and the Annual Choir Concert. See you next year!! Have a Happy, Wonderful and Merry Christmas!!

## Bennett Frosh Resided In Japan

One of the outstanding features of Bennett College is its diversity of students, and the diversity of their experiences. An example of such is that of freshman Sylena E. Lester.

Sylena was able to live in Japan for one year and eleven months prior to her joining the Bennett Family. Sylena made this trip to Japan along with her family after her father who is in the U. S. Air Force was stationed at Itazuke AFB Force Base.

Sylena says that she attended school at the American school for military, civilian, and missionary dependents. Though she went to an American school she had many Japanese friends, some of her age and others older.

"My closest friends" she said "were those that I taught English conversation to at Minomi Hospital." Most of the students that she taught were in their first or second year of nurses training and some of them came to classes except when they had emergencies or medical conventions.

When asked about teen life and differences between Japanese and American teenagers, Sylena said that the greatest difference is that the Japanese teenagers stay closer to home and their families are closer. They do not go against the wishes of their parents until twenty-one years of age. There is no "night dating." Most dating is done in the evening.

Sylena said "that by knowing the Japanese, I had the privilege of going to many places of amusement, and a few of their most interesting cities such as Nagasaki, Kyoto, Asaka, Tokyo, and Kokakamo. Most of all, I enjoyed eating with them in their homes and restaurants where the food was most tasty and different."

Sylena's parents and sisters, (four younger ones) are still in Japan. She came back to attend Bennett, because she had already been accepted here and she was advised by her parents to return to the United States, where she is now living with her grandparents in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.



Misses Lilia Alphonse and Sara Birmingham are shown as they appeared on a Talent Show Nov. 16 sponsored by the International Relations Club. The young ladies sang "Para ti".



## BENNETT COLLEGE FACULTY PROFILE

Dr. Elizabeth Laizner was born in Vienna, Austria. She is the daughter of a lawyer in the Civil Service and her mother is a Roman Catholic although she comes of a Jewish family. Her father died when she was in her early teens. Dr. Laizner had been active with Anti-Nazi students groups, Catholic Students' organizations, etc. since she was sixteen years old.

She attended school in Vienna and studied for her doctorate degree at the University of Vienna. She received her doctorate in classical archeology and history. She had also taken an earlier degree in five languages — Greek, Latin, French, German, and English. After finishing the required courses, Dr. Laizner went to England to prepare for her dissertation and shortly after — she returned to Austria, her country was invaded by the Nazis.

After the invasion of Austria her brother was obliged to flee the country for political reasons. Although the writing of the dissertation and the preparation for the doctorate exam usually takes several years, she was obliged to complete her studies in one year. Sometimes she worked all through the night in order to graduate. Consequently, she received her doc-

torate degree at the unusually early age of twenty-three in the spring of 1939. She left her country shortly after her graduation.

For a few months, Dr. Laizner lived in French Switzerland and then went to France. In France she joined others who were working against the Nazis and was also a private tutor of German for university students. After a brief stay in Portugal, after the fall of France, she came to America.

In New York City Dr. Laizner was a jack-of-all trades and held all kinds of positions from a nursemaid to a tutor. While in New York she became a citizen of the United States of America.

In 1961 she came to Bennett as an instructor whose field of concentration is French and German. Since the fall of 1962, Dr. Laizner has actively participated in the program at the local chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality. She has been jailed four times.

Having fought discrimination all her life, it was only natural for her to join C.O.R.E. She loves America — her adopted home just as an adopted child usually loves its adopted parents.

In her few years at Bennett she has been very happy and has enjoyed her teaching experience here.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

An article by Charles I. Brown, assistant professor of education at Bennett College and Thomas G. Edwards of the Social Science department at Coahomo Junior College will be included in a book of readings tentatively entitled "Principles and Practices of Teaching in Secondary Schools."

This book is being compiled by Dr. Florence H. Lee of the Graduate School of Education, Rutgers University and is scheduled for 1964 publication by the Donald McKay Publishing Company.

On December 4 interested persons of Dr. Norriella's Spanish classes presented a program in chapel. The girls sang many familiar songs in Spanish as well as two unfamiliar ones — Los tres Santos Reyes and Hacia Belen.

Christmas festivities were enjoyed by members of Omicron Eta Chi, their dates and friends at their annual Christmas Party held on Friday, December 13 in the Student Union. Entertainment consisted of dancing, cards, and refreshments.



A scene at the Annual White Breakfast held on Thanksgiving morning. The Morehouse College Glee Club rendered two selections.

## SOCIETY INDUCTS TEN

Ten young ladies have been inducted into one of the campus' leading honor societies, Alpha Kappa Mu. The selection for membership in Alpha Kappa Mu is based on academic achievement. A student majoring in any field of interest may be eligible for membership in Alpha Kappa Mu, provided that she has the required scholastic

average. Membership may be attained as early as the junior year.

This semester, four juniors and six seniors qualified for membership. They are Misses Lilia Alphonse, Brenda Greene, Bertha Stokely, Catherine Bounds, Patricia Corry, Marie Nwanze, Wilma Giles, Joyce Dunn, Emma Brown, and Julianah Ajani.