

## Bennett Sisters Remember February 8, 1968

In Orangeburg, S. C. on Feb. 8, 1971; the Orangeburg - Sharpeville Rally was held. The four purposes for the rally were "to honor three brothers killed by South Carolina highway patrolmen in Orangeburg; to honor the 83 of our brothers and sisters killed in Sharpeville, South Africa protesting against the pass laws on March 31, 1960; to inform and educate students about the liberation movements in Africa and to shed light on the concept of Pan-Africanism.

Three black students were slain in the wake of student protest on Feb. 8, 1968. Henry Smith, 18 from Marion, South Carolina, Samuel Hammonds, 18 from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. and Delano

Middleton, 16 a high school student from Orangeburg, S. C. These brothers were killed by state highway patrolmen who fired into a group of retreating blacks students on campus wounding 55 others.

The program for the rally included workshops, lectures and a keynote speech by Howard Fuller of Malcolm X Liberation University. Later in the day, Fuller was on a panel with Bro. Nelson Johnson, national chairman of the Student Organization for Black Unity SOBU and former Student non-violent Coordinating Committee organizer Cleveland Sellers.

The Orangeburg - Sharpeville Rally was attended by students from throughout the state of South Carolina and others.

## Mbala Speaks on Angola

During Soul Week part I, a representative of the Revolutionary Government of Angola in Exile, visited our campus. Raymond Mbala spoke to an assembly of about twenty Bennett Students and other visitors, on the Angolan Revolution. He presented a portion of the historical background of Angola and brought us up to date on the progress of the revolution since its beginning in 1961.

Angola has been under Portuguese rule for over 500 years. The natives were divided into two groups; assimilatoes (mulattoes) and indigeious (99% if Black people). Only the assimilatoes are allowed to attend the same schools and eat in the same restaurants as Portuguese.

A type of slavery existed under the term "forced labor." All Angolans were taken from their homes and 93% of the land was taken over by Portuguese farmers. Each native from the age of fourteen on was required to work on a plantation for thirty days every year and had to provide his own working tools.

Natives must carry identification cards which show that they have completed their work for the year.

The revolution started on March 15, 1961. The Angolans have fought with crude homemade weapons and machetes. The two former political parties united to form the Revolutionary Government. The National Liberation Front became fighting army with over 40,000 men.

Since 1961, the Portuguese planes have bombed and destroyed 50,000 villages. The Angolan army has liberated 400,000 square kilometers. There are over 950,000 refugees in the liberated areas and in the Congo.

The Angolan Revolutionary Government has set up schools, medical centers and shelters for the wounded fighters and refugees. The women are contributing a great part to the revolution. They bring food, supplies, ammunition, and other essentials from the Congo on their heads and backs because of the lack of railroads.

"Like it or not, we are all Africans from the same great, great, great grandfather," said Mr. Mbala as he came to his closing statements. He added that was glad for a chance to speak here and that Bennett's invitation and hence expression of interest would be appreciated in Angola. He reminded those present not to put themselves down because as women they have a role to play in the Black Liberation struggle no matter where they are.

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TASTE TELLS

## Winston-Salem Attorney Heads Trustee Board

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Attorney Richard Cannon Erwin of Winston-Salem is the new Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The announcement came at the end of the Fall Trustee Meeting held October at the college. Mr. Erwin receives the gavel from Dr. Frederick D. Patterson who has been Board Chairman for well over twenty years.

Mr. Erwin holds the B. A. Degree from Johnson C. Smith University, and the L. L. B. degree from Howard University. He was admitted to the Bar in 1951. His professional associations include membership in the following: The United States



Mr. Richard Cannon Erwin, new Chairman of the Board of Trustees, talks with the past Chairman, Dr. Frederick D. Patterson.

Middle District Court of North Carolina, the Forsyth County Bar Association, the North Carolina State Bar, Incorporated, the Southeastern Lawyers

Association, and the North Carolina Bar Association.

A sponsor for the Forsyth County United Negro College Fund drive, Mr. Erwin works closely with educational development. He is also chairman of the Board of Trustees of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem.

Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, Attorney Erwin's predecessor, is President Emeritus of Tuskegee Institute, and is the founder of the United Negro College Fund and the Phelps-Stokes Fund. He is, perhaps, the dean of fund raising for black education having worked for many years in this area. Members of the Board of Trustees at Bennett College expressed to Dr. Patterson their appreciation for the magnanimous service rendered by him as Chairman. He responded by saying, "I have gotten great inspiration and pleasure out of my association with members of the Board as Chairman." Dr. Patterson continued as he commented that Bennett College is an important responsibility, and it is "always a source of deep personal satisfaction" to work for its success. He further pledged his continued membership on the Board and offered to aid in any capacity possible.

The Bennett College Board of Trustees will meet again in the spring at which time its new chairman, Attorney Richard Cannon Erwin will preside.

### ADDITIONS TO BENNETT (Cont. from page 3)

Delores Corsey, Cotman, Shirley Jean Francis, Joycelyn V. Johnson, Freya Lineberger, Mary Jane Marshall, Dorothy Anna Moore, Ora L. Tillman, Sharon Gittens, and Pricilla Young.

We hope that Bennett College will inspire each student to use her full range of powers in becoming a mature and resourceful Black woman.

### Sacrifice

From A Teachers Corner:

We ate well,  
Slept comfortably  
We dressed well,  
Were educated  
adequately

It was rough,  
but not enough  
for all the things above  
we sacrificed-love.

Frank Bouleware



Interested students listen to Mbala speak on the Angolan Revolution. Left to right are Carol Waters, Brenda Franklin, and Shirley Davis.

## Dr. Bardolph Interviewed

Dr. Dorothy Bardolph, chairman of the library committee was interviewed by a staff reporter to learn how this organization has been functioning this year.

"What is the purpose of the library committee?" "What is the purpose of the library committee?"

"Nobody as far as I know has given any exact purpose to the committee, but it is a liaison between faculty, students and the library. One of its aims is trying to prevent books and periodicals from disappearing in the library. This is one of our immediate concerns this year because we feel if students cannot find books it is terribly discouraging."

"Who makes up this committee?"

"The faculty membership of the committee is appointed with representatives from each division and 13. The faculty membership of the committee is appointed with representatives from each division and 13-CCP. Student members are chosen through classes, but so far only 2 classes have appointed representatives. It has been hard to get the students to participate. Two meetings were held last semester. Another meeting will be held very likely the end of the month.

"What proposals have been made?"

"One thing to be done is organizing and relocating periodicals so they will be more protected and readily available. We have over the year tried to fit library hours to the students request. We also

try to find out why students hate to use the library, because it should be a center of activity." These are general kinds of things we try to do something about."

"Have any of these been implemented?"

"I don't know how much progress has been made. This is left up to the library staff, however, these were to be implemented immediately. We will discuss in the next meeting to the extent these have been achieved. The library committee does not run the library. This is the job of the professional librarians. We do try to work on the more serious complaints.

"Why is only one member of the library staff on this committee?" "In the past there were two members of the library staff, but now only one and I think it is as a result of a recommendation of Southern Association. If there is dissatisfaction on the part of the library staff, they should have more representation."

"Do you think the Committee could be more effective if more of the library staff were members?"

"I think it was of value to have more than one member and it should be reconsidered. There are probably many more ways of strengthening the committee."

"What measure might be taken by the Bennett College community to facilitate the work of the committee?"

"Student complaints and constructive suggestions should get to the library committee or taken to their own student representatives."