



"Black Monday" marchers proceed to the Capitol Lawn in Raleigh, N. C. (SOBU News Service)

Church Proposes More Aid

On November 5, 1971, a promotional meeting for the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church was held on the college campus to discuss the proposal of raising money for Bennett which could amount to nearly \$75,000.

The United Methodist Church is undertaking a drive to raise funds for twelve predominantly Negro colleges. The Negro Colleges Advance seeks to raise \$4 million dollars annually for the institutions of which Bennett has yet to become a legal member. The money raised is used for improving libraries, modernizing laboratories, developing curriculum, increasing faculty salaries, and student aids.

The Negro College Advance is an interim effort geared to operate through 1972 after which a new fund-raising drive may be undertaken.

Bennett hopes to become a full-pledged member, as stated by Dr. Miller: "Other colleges receive annual appropriations from the conference while Bennett does not have the legal basis for such a philanthropic undertaking."

Bishop Earl G. Hunt spoke on the intrinsic value of Bennett College, which is why the conference should support it.

"There is a need for black colleges. This is the way in which black identity, awareness, and the community equip themselves. Black colleges serve as strategic way-stations along the way to the places we hope to get. . . Bennett is a good investment. It will survive and develop as one of the distinguished church-related institutions. Black youths deserve and must have the best educational opportunities."

In closing his speech, Bishop Hunt stated that the Conference has an obligation to accept Bennett into full membership.

A question and answer period was held during the conference in which the president of the college answered questions from concerned

Chairmen of Conference Boards and Commissions, District Directors, and Ministers and Laymen. Several delegates were interested in finding out about Bennett's involvement in the United Negro College Fund and its funding from the Ford Foundation (\$140,000) which terminates in 1974.

Before adjourning to lunch, Dr. Miller ended the Conference by reading excerpts from a piece he recently wrote for a church-related magazine.

"Black administrators, ignoring the logical dollars and cents realities, succeeded in educating generations of blacks who would have otherwise been by-passed by the

mainstream of American higher education. Their faults were individualizing instruction and developing ingenious approaches to student motivation long before improvisation and compensation became viable concepts in education.

Send your contribution to:
United Negro College Fund
55 East 52nd Street
New York, New York 10022
or your local UNCF campaign office

Wide Turnout Supports "Black Monday" March

Over 4,000 students participated in the "Black Monday" march held in the state capital to protest the bill for Reorganization of Higher Education in N. C.

Singing popular black movement songs, the group marched from the campus of Shaw University to the Capitol Lawn. At the Capitol the crowd heard seventeen local prominent Blacks. The main speaker was Howard Fuller, MXLU President.

Fuller stated that he disliked the bill because while whites claimed to be reorganizing higher education for the benefit of all, it is known "that whites don't do nothing because it's justice; they do it because it is in their interest."

Fuller (known to some blacks as OWUSU Sadaukai) pointed out the two reasons whites support the bill:

1) leaving blacks alone, they might learn something about the white system and gain an education in the process.

2) the war costs enough money to run two separate systems.

HATCH LEADS FRESHMAN CLASS

The Freshman class have organized for the year and have announced their planned calendar of events. The officers for this energetic class offer much optimism and energy for a good class of varied personalities.

Janice Hatch, president, is from Atlanta, Ga., and is part of the Interdisciplinary Studies Program with an Early Childhood Education major. Janice, who toured Spain this summer, has a sister in the senior class, Joyce. "I am really optimistic about this year at Bennett," says Janice. "The class of '75 has so much potential. Once we get together, we will be super bad!"

Serving as vice president is Renee Simpson who is from Salisbury, Ma. A Physical Education major in the 13-CCP, she sees room for great improvement and wants more unity from the freshmen along with more activities on campus. Renee is also dorm president of Barge Hall.

Jackie Hemphill, class

treasurer, hails from Buffalo, N. Y. A music major of the Interdisciplinary Studies Program, Jackie says, "Sometimes an environment is what we make it. With a little more love, hope, determination, confidence, and faith, the class of 1975 will be the most triumphant example of sisterhood and developed potentials Bennett has ever prepared."

Class parliamentarian is Gwen Johnson who is a Biology major from Augusta, Ga. She is a member of the college choir and sees "great hope for Bennett."

Valerie Tillman, a student of the Interdisciplinary Studies, is secretary of the class. She is from Buffalo, N. Y. Her assistant secretary is Perdita Jay who is from Atlanta, Georgia and is a member of the 13-CCP.

This class has pledged itself to making worthwhile contributions toward the betterment of Bennett and "to become the best class ever."



Backrow left to right: Theta Pollock, Jackie Hemphill, Renee Simpson, Perdita Jay; seated, Gwen Johnson, Valerie Tillman, and Janice Hatch.

"A Rewarding Experience"

"It has enough discouraging, disheartening moments believe me, but I wouldn't trade the experiences and the kinds of insights that I've gained for anything. Not only has the challenge itself been meaningful to me, more so the opportunity to get to know and constantly interact with so many members of the Bennett family has proven to be one of the most rewarding and satisfying experiences I've ever had."

Student Government President Connie Hammond discussed her office and the experiences she has gained from it since last year when she had to step into replace Carla Friend.

Connie, who works in the toy department at Sears and Roebuck, is also involved in a field studies project with the Greensboro Association of Poor People (GAPP). "My general duties include assisting the Director in dealing with some of the problems faced by Blacks in the community," says Connie.

"I have been assigned to head a clothing bank which is part of a community program being initiated. I enjoy the work, but I don't have much time to put in at the agency."

Connie's main concern at this time is revising the SGA constitution which is a time consuming task. She has also been working on a Cleanup Campaign. This will entail working to improve the general campus appearance (hedge trimming, leaf raking, etc.) With a look of seriousness Connie added, "We think such a project will not only serve the purpose of making our campus look better, but we also view it as a continued effort to promote a sense of UJOMA (familyhood)."

Connie feels strong about promoting loyalty and unity on the campus. She sums it up by stating, "I'd like to feel that I had some small part in promoting a sincere sense of loyalty and sisterhood here at Bennett."