

Catchings Challenges Students

International Day Held At Bennett

by "Kool-Aid" Bartley

Bennett College's Women's Studies Program presented the annual **International Women's Day** on Bennett College campus October 7.

Dr. Dorinda Trader, coordinator of the International Women's Day program presided at the morning general assembly. In her opening address, Dr. Trader commented on Bennett's rich "heritage" in the education of women by saying, "Since the inception of Bennett as an institution for women, the college has geared its educational program to preparing women for service in numerous fields. Therefore, as a consequence of this rich heritage the college has extended its goals through the establishment of an interdisciplinary Women's Studies Program from a feminist perspective which is a belief in the rights, dignity, and power of women."

Dr. Trader also pointed out that one of the facets of the Women's Studies Program is to prepare women for leadership roles in the international services. She said, "The growing international dimension of women's power and influence necessitates that Bennett place greater emphasis on enhancing the global perspectives of its students."

A graduate of Bennett College, **Mrs. Rose W. Catchings**, executive secretary of the Ministry of Women's Office, World Division, Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Church gave the main address.

Mrs. Catchings shared in her address the many experiences she had had while a student at Bennett and traveling around the world. She challenged the Bennett Belles, "What ever your college has to offer, take it. What ever field you are in, make your goal excellence. If you give yourself you will be giving the best."

Mrs. Catchings has received awards for her distinguished performance in the arena of International Services. Among them are: The Woman of the Year Award from the Montclair, N. J. Y.W.C.A.; an award from Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority for Outstanding Community Service, Caribbean Church Women's award for Outstanding International Service to Women, and the Singapore American Community Award for Outstanding Community Work.

Exhibits were displayed all day in the David D. Jones Student Union. Original African traditional clothing, crafts, jewelry, and posters were furnished by Bennett College students and **Mrs. Mattye Reed**, director and curator

of the African Heritage center at the North Carolina A&T State University.

An international forum was held in Black Hall Assembly in the afternoon. The focus was "Present and Future Roles of Women: Views from Other Countries." **Mrs. Mary Scarlette** presided and the forum moderator was **Mrs. Rose Catchings**. Participants included: **Eva Ablorh**, Ghana; **Vajira DeSilva**, SriLanka; **Kamala Manchigiah**, India; **Mallika Maniam**, Malaysia; **Tokunboh Marques-Shonibare**, Nigeria; **Regina Sableh**, Sierra Leone.

Eva, a sophomore, talked about the roles of African women. "Lot of people have a misconception of African women as being inferior to their men, but this is not true. African women are treated as equal and in some respects superior to their men. Women are

superior in the economics business and trading."

Mr. M. H. Manchigiah of India talked concerning India as being the first civilization. He also commented on the position and roles of India women.

To end the day of festivities an International Dinner was prepared by the Bennett College Dining Hall.

Committee for Women for Leadership Roles in International Service are: **Dr. Ewa Eko**, **Mrs. Mary R. Scarlette**, **Mrs. Louise G. Streat**, **Mrs. Geraldine Totten**, **Dr. Dorinda D. Trader** and **Dr. George Breathett**, director AIDP.

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Please don't leave the side door open.

photo by Joyce Bass



Exhibits on International Women's Day. Hattie, you know you're not supposed to touch!

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What Time Best to Lock Side Door?

by Robin Stamps

Bennett College students each year regardless of classification have come in contact with a problem—the side doors.

The side doors of all dormitories on campus remain a problem. For security and safety reasons the side doors are locked and an alarm automatically turned on at 6:00 p.m. The doors in turn are unlocked at 6:00 a.m. and the alarm is automatically turned off. There are mixed feelings among Bennett students about the doors being locked.

Viney Calloway, a freshman from Atlanta, Georgia, states that, "it's a nice idea to have the alarm and doors locked, but they lock them too early." Viney feels they should be locked at 9 p.m.

Ramona Schuler, from Sunnvale, California, a freshman feels, "The doors should be locked at 9:00 instead of 6:30 because it's an inconvenience to have to walk all the way around the dorm to get inside. And sometimes one's appearance isn't presentable."

A different viewpoint comes from **Marion Johnson**, a sophomore from Cleveland, Ohio. Marion feels, "The side doors

should be locked at curfew because the front doors are locked at curfew, and the girls who live in the dorms have enough intelligence to know men are not allowed through the side doors."

A sophomore, Washington, D. C. native, **Janice Sellers** says, "The side doors being locked and having alarms on them is a very good idea because we have a lot of strange people roaming around campus." Janice also feels that those living in the dorms consider it to be their home and should have some means of protection.

Miss Patricia Baker, dorm director of Merner Hall, from Fayetteville, N. C. states, "The side doors should be locked at dusk because of wanderers who may just walk in the building unattended and cause harm to the ladies who live in the dorms."

Residence assistants are responsible for locking the side doors and turning on the alarms at 6:30 p.m. and unlocking the doors and turning off the alarms at 6:00 a.m.

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brief remarks on the program and the importance of proper speech.

During his remarks, **Dr. Kili-manjaro** said, "Every time you open your mouth to speak, your mind is on display." He also gave credit to the administration and the students for their efforts in this program of public speaking.

After this the selections were made and the awards were presented. First each speaker received a rose for her participation; then the winners were announced in each category. **Sierra Joye** received the award for the first category, and **Darlene Franklin** received the award for the second category.

Ending the evening of public speaking the Interdisciplinary Studies students presented a rose to **Dr. Lucier**. They also gave special thanks to everyone who helped them with the program.

Weaver Keynotes Black Colleges in Founder's Day Address

by Joyce Bass

"The so-called Negro college of today, serving as it does a predominantly black student body, is tempted to think of its challenges and problems purely in racial terms." These were the remarks of **Dr. Robert C. Weaver**, ex-director of the Department of Urban Affairs and current instructor at Hunter College, as he spoke to an attentive audience at the annual Founder's Day Service held in Pfeiffer Chapel on Oct. 10.

Dr. Weaver, while serving as a consultant to the Ford Foundation, was asked to make a survey of private Negro colleges and universities. During his analysis, he divided the colleges into three classes: "Those which had been doing a good job and continued to do so; those which had been mediocre and were improving or, lacking effective leadership, were marking time; and those which had been and remained inferior."

"Bennett fell into the category of the better Negro colleges," said Dr. Weaver. He said that since 1926, Bennett College has provided a strong liberal arts education. It, as a number of other higher education institutions, has

attempted to reconcile this tradition with the increasing pressure for an emphasis upon career preparation.

Dr. Weaver expressed a positive feeling towards career-oriented programs such as Bennett's. "A fundamental objective of liberal education is to develop facility in dealing with general ideas, ability to handle abstractions with comfort and confidence, and appreciate the inherent utility and relevance of knowledge," Dr. Weaver said.

For a century Bennett College, a church-related, liberal arts college has provided opportunities for growth in spiritual awareness designed to encourage the development of sound and enduring values, according to Dr. Weaver.

"We must always remember that the state of applied arts is fluid and techniques and approaches of today are very likely to be modified in a relatively short time. This is why I believe that professional and career programs should include a general, theoretical quality. For a person who understands the general principles of a field of work is usually better equipped to changes in that

field than the individual who is more narrowly trained," Dr. Weaver said.

He said that the final major issue that faces Bennett College is one that confronts all women's colleges: "It is whether or not they should exist. My judgment is that, as in the case of the black college and university, they provide unique experience for many who elect to go to them."

Dr. Weaver closed by commenting on women's ability to learn in an all feminine environment. "Some women will get their best higher education in a women's college; others will not. But it is important that they have a choice. For black women in America are experiencing simultaneously the impact of the black revolution and the sex revolution. Each presents opportunities and challenges."

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I have heard how decent and honest he is or was and that the only thing wrong with him is that he is incompetent for the job and the fact that he has presidential fever. Isn't it hypocritical for a government (and Ford does represent the government) to profess equality and the right of dignity to all its people and to go so far as to send Henry Kissinger to South Africa to change the tyrannical and prejudicial practices of that country and yet allow a man who was the secretary of agriculture, a person in the public domain to speak and to admit to speaking such ugliness that it can't even be repeated. And to remain without any punishment except a "strong reprimand."

At his resignation Butz said that "the use of a bad racial commentary in no way reflects my real attitude. This is the price I pay for a gross indiscretion in a private conversation."