



Profiled freshman, Pam Reid, strolls to class.

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Profiles

Pam Reid new face on campus

by Hattie Purnell

Upon us this semester are at least two-hundred new faces whose names and personalities must be instilled in the minds of upper classmen.

The freshman class of 1978-79 has arrived, and all of us upper classmen should do our special part in sharing with them some of the Bennett charm and tradition which we have acquired during our stay here at Bennett. This in turn will insure that the Bennett tradition and the many fine qualities of the irrepressible "Bennett Belle" will be passed on in years to follow our departure from "dear" Bennett.

Slim, dark-haired, bright eyed, Pam Reid, a freshman from Charlotte, North Carolina, is one of those many new faces which has come to Bennett for various reasons. As a newcomer, Bennett's many traditions are all very new and different to Pam and not always easy for her to comprehend without further elaboration from someone who is familiar with it all. But her hope is to become more acquainted with Bennett and its many facets, for this would enable her to be a part of the Bennett family.

Eighteen year old Pam, is a business administration major, with hopes of being successful in her studies to accomplish her main goal: to be on the Dean's list.

With two sisters already in college and both of them seniors, one at U.N.C. at Charlotte, and the other at Winston-Salem State, Pam is well aware of the sacrifices, trials and benefits to be reaped from a "college experience."

"I chose Bennett College because it was small. I felt if I needed special attention in my studies, I would be able to receive the help needed. Being a number at a large university was certainly not an appealing thought," said the Belle smiling and giving the matter some more thought. "I feel that I will grow from my experience here at Bennett. Learning to live with my peers, as well as others, will definitely be a challenge. We are all here for one reason, let us pursue this goal and learn to live together." This is a philosophy which Pam really believes in whole-heartedly.

In high school Pam was an active member of the N.A.A.C.P. and served on her sophomore class executive committee. Graduating from Independence High School in Charlotte, Pam was a part of the Cooperative Office Program.

Participating in this program, she was allowed to attend school on a half-a-day basis and work the rest of the day in a business atmosphere. This, in a sense, served as a prerequisite for preparing her for some of the courses she enrolled in this semester.

Pam is a new face, with new ideas and goals; and it is up to Bennett and all the Belles to help Pam achieve her goals and to provide her with a learning experience that will always be retained. But it is also up to Pam to contribute to Bennett College some of her innovative ideas and creative abilities. This would definitely be a positive contribution to the preservation of "the" Bennett Belle.

Eight added to faculty

by Barbara E. Jones

For the 1978-1979 academic year, Bennett College has received eight new additions to the faculty.

In the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department, new faculty are Vivian Fuller, Germaine McAuley and Judith Cole. Ms. Fuller is an instructor in the department. She received the B.S. degree from Fayetteville State University and the master's degree from the University of Idaho. Ms. Fuller is the adviser to the Women's Recreation Association.

Ms. McAuley holds the new position of activities assistant. She received the B.A. degree from High Point College and is presently enrolled in the master's program at A&T. Mrs. McAuley plans to coach a winning volleyball team this year.

Ms. Cole, an instructor in the department, received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Ohio University. Ms. Cole is currently enrolled at UNC-G.

In the Humanities Division, new faculty are Anne Gillespie, Michael Gaspeny and Norman Barbee.

Mrs. Gillespie, a part-time instructor in English, received her B.A. from Shaw University and her M.S. from Columbia University.

Gaspeny, also an English instructor, received his B.A. from Randolph-Macon College, the M.A. from the University of Richmond and the M.F.A. from the University of Arkansas.

Dr. Moss visits Africa, becomes part of culture

Dr. Mattie E. Moss was rather apprehensive about participating in an African study experience. Although she wanted to tour the countries, she questioned studying West African cultures. After all, she is a professor of college mathematics.

Realizing the opportunity being offered to her by the dean of the college, she accepted. Dr. Moss, chairman of the Mathematics Department at Bennett College, was one of 20 college professors in the Phelps-Stokes Fund West African Ethnic Heritage Summer Seminar. The Fund provides college students and professors of minority institutions the experience to broaden their knowledge of African and Caribbean cultures.

"Our group visited the Ivory Coast, Upper Volta and Sierre Leone," she said. "Our living arrangements allowed us to become part of the cultures during the seven weeks."

She noted that prior to departing from the United States, the entire group underwent a two-week comprehensive briefing.

"However, it was the actual tour that allowed me to verify old notions and to discard misconceptions about African cultures," she said.

The Phelps-Stokes organization sponsored lectures on traditional West African cultures, health problems, education systems, the arts, governments, economic development and religious practices.

Dr. Moss said, "I was quite impressed by the skilled craftsmanship of people who have passed these skills down generation after generation. One can only marvel at the weaving, tie-dyeing, wax printing and wood carving. We see these things on exhibit in the States and through the African students around our colleges, but to actually witness the work in its proper setting has great impact on the viewer."

When Dr. Moss returned to Greensboro, she had quite a few souvenirs for close friends and relatives. In fact, she is still

amused at the system of bartering used to acquire them.

"Few Americans, if any, know this traditional form of purchasing items. In the marketplaces of West Africa it is a way of life. It's interesting to hear people attempt to barter in high school French," she said.

Dr. Moss, a native North Carolinian, noted the continuing influences of the former colonial powers on the two French speaking countries, The Ivory Coast and Upper Volta, as well as on English speaking Sierre Leone.

"There is also a marked difference in the economic development of these countries. The Ivory Coast is one of the most prosperous countries in Africa, while Upper Volta is certainly one of the poorest," she said.

She also was feted at some very different meals. The African dishes often generated a great deal of uneasiness for the tour party, she pointed out.

"We were served one-dish meals in many places," she explained. "This implies all of the people in attendance at the meal eating from the same bowl with their right hands."

Dr. Moss explained that in most areas toilet paper is a luxury item; therefore the use of the left hand is reserved for this personal task. She noted that these are the kinds of customs one must familiarize herself with. "You should not extend your left hand for most things, although in many cases it is a custom left over from old days."

She has interesting, humorous stories to tell of Americans in West Africa. One of the significant points of the orientation was to explain certain rules and folkways of the countries to be visited. "However, some one is always going to do the wrong thing. One of the men in our group was chased by an elephant after being warned not to get too close to them. The same person was chased by an irate husband with a machete after he took a picture

of the African's wife," she said.

One of the first things most American blacks do when visiting in Africa is to purchase a native costume. "One of the program participants decided that she would wear her costume to a worship service and when we arrived at the church, she was the only person dressed in native costume," she said.

During the trips to the back country, Dr. Moss best remembers "lost shoes in water falls, scraped knees from climbing, mosquito bites and the heat." However, she hopes to share her experience with the students at Bennett in spite of these minor discomforts.

"I ate African dishes, witnessed tribal dances and learned some African folkways. I want the young women at Bennett to gain a better appreciation of their African heritage and to seek opportunities for such international travel-study."

Career Center has two staff changes

Thelma T. Miller has been named coordinator of the Career Services Center and Elaine Ivery is now secretary-assistant for placement in the Center.

Mrs. Miller, who was acting coordinator of Career Services, and Mrs. Ivery, who was in Word-Processing, were appointed to their new positions during the summer.

Mrs. Miller invites all students, especially seniors, to come in and pick up their registration packets as soon as possible. This is information that is needed to enable seniors to be interviewed by company representatives, school systems and graduate schools. Schedules will be passed out to each senior notifying her of different recruiters that will be available.

All seniors are urged to watch their mailboxes for notices announcing seminar dates for October. Some of the seminars to be presented are Interviewing Techniques, Resume and Application Letter Writing, Graduate School Requirements and Processing Information, Pre-Law, Education, and What Can You Do with a Liberal Arts Degree?

There will also be Cooperative Education seminars for freshmen and interested upperclassmen.

Fuller, Gaspeny discuss objectives

by Betty Brown

Vivian Fuller and Michael Gaspeny are two new additions to the college faculty.

Ms. Fuller, of Cedar Grove, N. C., is the new gym instructor and director of the intramural program. She taught previously at the university of Idaho. Ms. Fuller stated, "I enjoy my work at Bennett building the W.R.A." Her main goal is to encourage the girls to have endurance.

"The faculty is friendly and the facilities here are great," Fuller said. She urged everyone to attend the flag football championship game Thursday, Oct. 12, at 5:00 p.m., on the field behind the gym.

Gaspeny, who is from Norfolk, Va., is an English instructor. His objectives include trying to get the students to be able to write in a

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New Physical Education Instructor, Judith Cole, demonstrates the improper position for holding the tennis racket.

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