

David D. Jones honored at annual vesper

by Guila B. Cooper

Who was David Dallas Jones? What contributions did he make to Bennett? Why is a service held in memory of him every year? These are questions that may have crossed your mind as you headed to the Sunday Vesper service this week.

David Dallas Jones was president of Bennett College from 1926-1955 and President Emeritus from 1955-1956. The goal of his administration was to educate young people to their highest capabilities.

When David Jones was elected president of Bennett, there was very little physical equipment, ten students and no money. Under his administration, radical changes took place. Bennett became a woman's college which grew and prospered. At the close of his presidency, the Bennett College plant consisted of 33 buildings and 42 acres of land. The endowment was close to \$2,000,000.

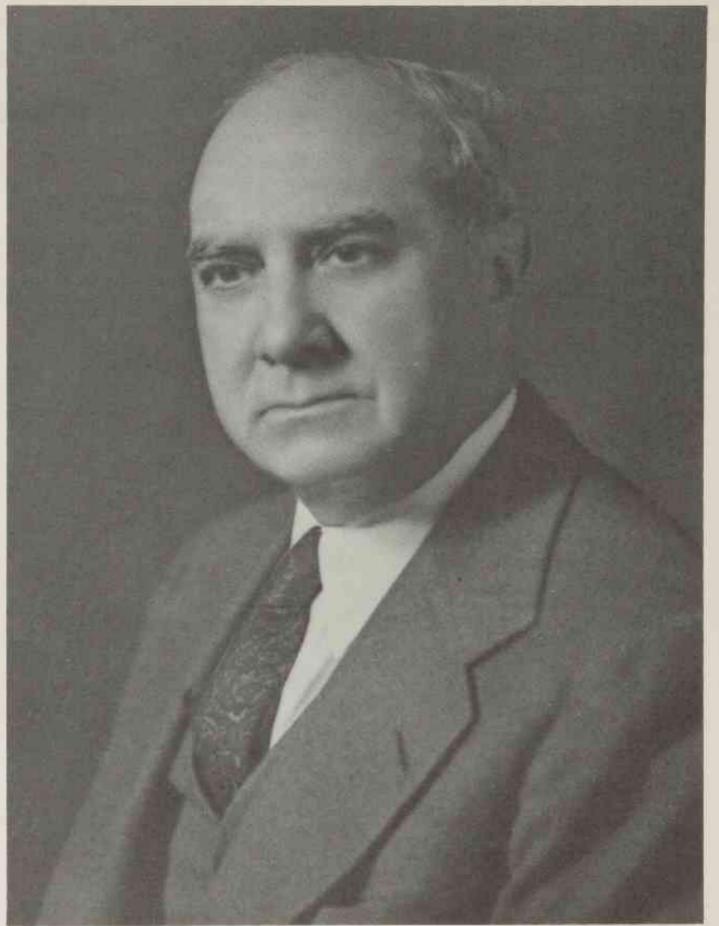
Not only was David Dallas Jones busy making Bennett the best college possible, but he was also participating in civic, religious and social movements. He encouraged

the faculty and students to do likewise.

He was Phi Beta Kappa at Wesleyan University. He received the Christian Education Magazine Award for Notable Service and has two buildings named in his honor including the Student Union Building on our campus.

Providing him with much needed support was his wife, Mrs. Susie Williams Jones. They had five children.

Dr. Jones died January 24, 1956 and the Bennett College family is honored to pay an annual tribute to the memory of him.



David Dallas Jones, president of Bennett College 1926-1955 and President Emeritus 1955-1956. He achieved greatness through struggle and through public service, as a builder and statesman in the field of higher education.

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Colston leaving Bennett

by Betty Brown

Elease (Browning) Colston, director of Alumnae Affairs will be leaving Bennett June 30 after 25 years of service.

Mrs. Colston will be leaving Bennett because she has remarried and will be joining her new husband, Marshall H. Colston, vice-president for Development and University Relations at West Virginia State College.

Mrs. Colston is a 1953 graduate of Bennett. Shortly after graduating she became manager of the bookstore, snackbar, and post office. Along with another student she worked every night and every other weekend until 10 p.m. In 1969 Dr. Miller asked her if she would do some part-time work for the Alumnae. Mrs. Eady had recommended her to him. The then-Mrs. Browning accepted the job.

Mrs. Browning began to visit other places to get chapters started. During this time there were seven chapters, but only three of them were active. By 1970, there were 16 new additions. These chapters gave the Alumnae Association \$7,000 and by August they had a total of \$16,500.

On September 15, 1970, Dr. Miller asked Mrs. Browning if she would take on the job full time. There was no secretary during this time. Peggy Oliphant, a student, came to help. Together, Peggy and Mrs. Browning worked for the alumnae, and by the end of

1971, Peggy was hired full-time. Today the Alumnae Association consists of 44 chapters. Out of this number 37 are active and seven are not.

Mrs. Colston said, "I'm going to miss Bennett." She added, "I feel comfortable with the work that has been done, and I have enjoyed it."



Photo by Myra Davis

Mrs. Elease R. Browning Colston, director of Alumnae Affairs. We hate to see you leave.

Western Electric presents grant

Bennett College is the recipient of a \$50,000 unrestricted grant from the Western Electric Fund.

Trustees of the private foundation, established by the company in 1971, make educational grants in five categories. Bennett is one of two institutions receiving the grant in the Predominantly Black Colleges and Universities categories.

The grants, payable over a five-year period, are made at the initiative of the trustees. They accept no applications or recommendations. Judgements are made after extensive evaluation of the institution's program. Academic ratings and financial need are among the factors examined. A spokesman for the Fund noted that Bennett received favorable support from a Ford Foundation source and Bennett alumnae employed with the Western Electric Company.

The initial gift of \$10,000 was presented to Dr. Isaac H. Miller, Jr., president of the United Methodist-related college. The presentation was made by Howard R. Jester, general manager of the Guilford Center Administration.

The grant will assist Bennett in upgrading its academic program in non-traditional career preparation for women. Among these special programs is the dual-degree

program in engineering with neighboring North Carolina A&T State University. Western Electric's Guilford Center personnel were instrumental in helping the Mathematics Department implement the program.

Career Placement offers fellowship

Julius A. Thomas Fellowship Applications for 1979-80 are available in the Career Services Center.

The Thomas Fellowship program was devised to provide minority students with the academic experiential exposures to serve as competent career counseling and placement officers.

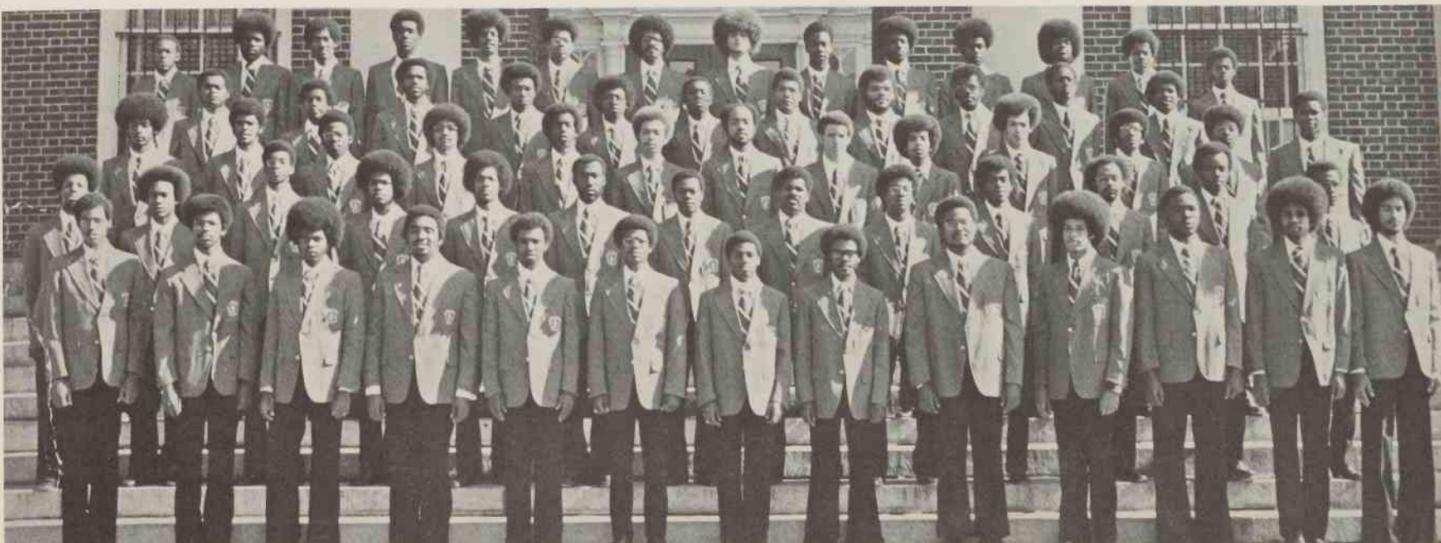
Applicants for the fellowships should have strong motivations to serve in the area of career counseling and placement and should seek a master's degree in the area of career development and/or counseling at one of the four graduate schools who are cooperating in the program.

These are: Florida A. & M. University, Tallahassee, Florida; North Carolina Central University, Durham, North Carolina; Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas; and Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia.

Fellowship awards have recently been extended to cover a two-year period for the completion of a master's degree. The amount of the award is up to \$2,000 for tuition and fees with reimbursement of up to \$150 for required books and materials.

Interested candidates should apply directly to the participating graduate schools (listed above) and, upon receiving notice of admission, should request application forms for the Julius A. Thomas Fellowship program from the admitting university or your Career Services Center and College Placement Service.

Brochures and application forms describing the program are also available upon request from CPS. The deadline for receipt of application forms at the CPS office is on or before May 1, 1979.



The Morehouse College Glee Club will perform in the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel Sunday, February 11, 1979 at 8:00 p.m. The Glee Club has traveled extensively throughout the United States. Their repertoire includes gospel, classic, folk, and popular music.