

# Bennett College Helping Women Enter New Fields

Bennett's president, Dr. Isaac H. Miller Jr., believes that black colleges have a unique mission in the higher education community which is challenged by a setting which finds many American youth rather "inhospitable to serious scholarly endeavor."

He says, "The problems that face youth generally are specifically acute for black youth, who seek access to the mainstream of the American enterprise."

Although many enter college well prepared and highly motivated, others bear the permanent scars and negative effects from segregation in integrated public school systems."

As a result of their early education backgrounds, he asserts, many black students enter college with negative self-concepts and a limited desire to excel.

"Many have reached college lacking the positive influence of successful heads-of-families or community leaders as role models, and often, many feel that no matter how well educated they may become, the system is really not for blacks."

The Bennett Colleges in our nation, conceived in the black experience, address these unique concerns more directly than their counterparts in higher education.

Therefore, when the alumnae of Bennett College are asked "why Bennett College?" many will conclude that it was an opportunity to be in the majority while they developed the self-confidence and competencies needed to succeed in America's mainstream.

Says Dr. Miller, "We accept a disproportionate share of the re-

sponsibility for encouraging and motivating promising young black women who may be under prepared emotionally and academically to negotiate in the competitive higher education community - young women who want a chance to prove their worth."

Established in 1873 as a co-educational normal school for the children of newly freed slaves in Greensboro, N.C., Bennett College became a college in 1889.

It was reorganized under the aegis of the Women's Home Missionary Society and the General Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1926.

## Winston-Salem

### State Juniors Set

### Gospel Expo

WINSTON-SALEM - The Junior Class of Winston-Salem State University will present a Gospel Expo Sunday, March 22, at 3 p.m. in the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium. Performing guests include the

Union Baptist Gospel Choir of Lexington, the Sycamore Temple Gospel Choir of Asheville, the Supreme Voices of Salisbury, the Macedonia Gospel Youth Choir of Winston-Salem and the WSSU Fellowship Choir.

Tickets are on sale at the Student Activities Office in Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium. Ticket prices are \$2 in advance, \$3 at the door, and \$1.50 for children under 12 years old. Proceeds will be used to finance class projects.

The first president of Bennett's as a women's college, David D. Jones concluded, "We take each student where she is and treat her as if she has already come to the place where we wish her to be, thus confirming our faith in the dignity and worth of the individual in her capacity to grow."

The college holds faithful to this

goal. As a result of the educational and personal experience of the women who attended Bennett over the years, most have achieved in their respective careers and in leadership positions in their communities.

Present students are resisting the temptation to seek employ-

ment rather assured traditional positions available to women to branch out into such areas as engineering, computer science, medicine, actuary science, and law.

The science division alone reports a 50 percent increase in the number of students pursuing degrees in the health sciences.

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