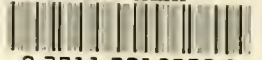


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Greensboro, North Carolina*



The Student Body of 1926-1927

Beacon of Today, Challenge for Tomorrow

I am the Bennett griot,
The spiraling repository, the memory
Of this community. I house the memories,
The ambitions, the aspirations, the ideals
And the deeds of our presidents, our students,
Our faculty and staff. The past, the present
And the future of this institution
Survive through my eloquence

I was there at the birth of Bennett College
In the unplastered basement of the St. Matthews
Methodist Church with the Freedmen's Aid Society
and W. J. Parkinson. I was there when we were
Known as the Bennett Seminary. I was here
With President Player, with David D. Jones,
And I am here today with all of us and our hopes.
I have come through the spiral
From 1873 to 1973

And to President Miller and the rest
Of the Bennett community, I say:
There is no knowledge without doing.
The spiraling repository, the memory
of this community.
You are the dead,
The beacon of today.
Let my tongue tell the future celebrants
What you learned from yesterday
To contribute to the present
To be the challenge for tomorrow

Keorapetse Kgositile
Jean Brown, '75



1973

The Changing Scene

This is not just another yearbook which highlights the year it represents. The 1973 Bennett Belle is dedicated to the centennial celebration of Bennett College. This book includes the highlights of that celebration and a special section - 100 years of Bennett - which links the past with the present.

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*Fall '72 . . .
We Have Only
Just Begun!*

"A peaceful existence."



"What a way to start the day!" Students are on their way to class.





Chatting briefly after 10 o'clock chapel in front of Merner Hall are Mrs. Armelia Thomas, Dyora Thomas, Rev. Peter Addo, Mrs. Barrett, and Mrs. Ouida Scarborough.



"Getting off on the good foot, the sophomore way."



"Flying higher . . ."



"Mother nature adds her touch of winter white." A January 1973 snow scene of Pfeiffer and Jones Residence Halls.

Registration and class scheduling are a part of each student's headaches. (Above: Dr. Trader assists Polly Ashley, a sophomore.)

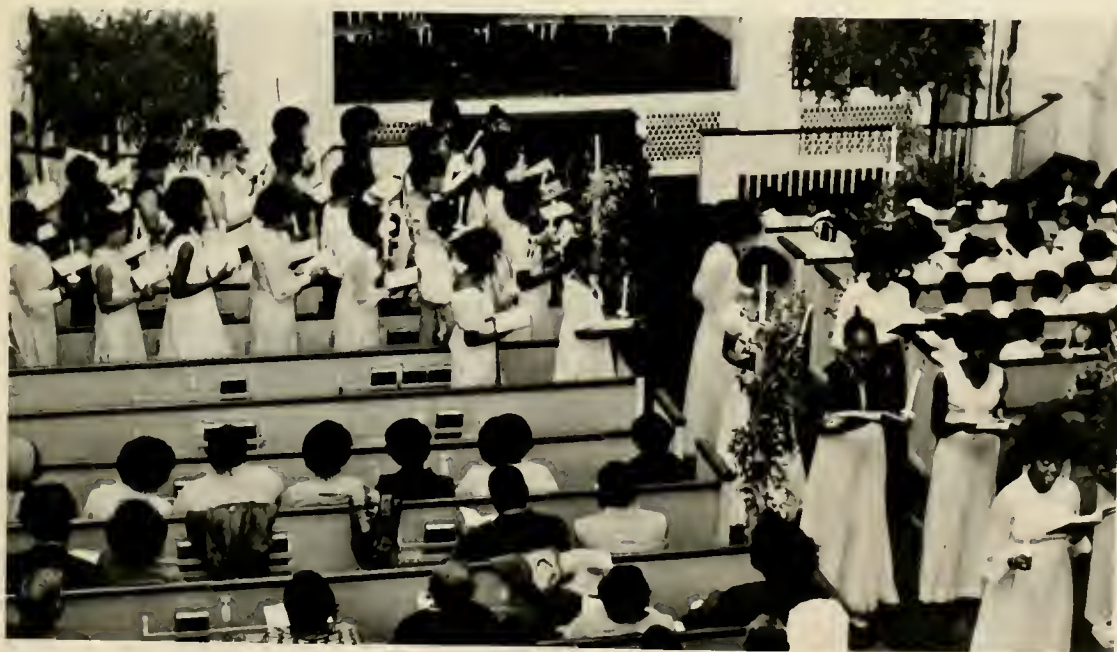




The Winter Wonderland

A scene from "Living Madonna", once a traditional event at the college recaptured as one of the Centennial year activities. (Model) Gina McAdoo, a sophomore from Efland, North Carolina.

Members of the Bennett College Choir at the Annual Candlelight Ceremonies.





Remember those days waiting for your bus here in the rain? "Twenty cents . . . correct change only!"

Putting her A-V skills to use, Patti Leftridge is shown here with a class during her Student Teaching assignment.





*Spring
is in the
Air . . .*

Warm spring days bring out many beautiful flowers around campus, one of them Cynthia Woodruff.



Spring also brings out the young art enthusiast. Our little art lover is Kay Miller, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Isaac Miller.



Construction of the David D. Jones Student Union

The Changing Scene

Demolishing the Thurkfield Gym — 1913





Architect's Drawing of Chapel



*New Faces
at
Old Places . . .
Registration
&
President's
Reception*

Relaxing at the President's House during the Freshmen Reception.

Students "taking care of business" in the Business Office with Mrs. Frederica Sayles.





Dean Harold Bragg . . . "Bennett College Wants You!"

Shown in the picture are the students who came to the Fall College Day.

*Bennett's Tomorrow?
Recruiting
Freshmen for '73*



Mrs. Mary Eady directs troop of Bennett "hopefuls" on College Day.

Pictured from left to right are Geraldine Fleming and Myra McCoy members of Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society.



*Beta Kappa
Chi Scientific
Honor Society
and
Science Seminar*



The members of Science Seminar from left to right are Geraldine Fleming, Myra McCoy, Jennifer Wilkins, Carolyn D. Johnson, Ruby Ballentine, and Karen Hampton.



The Science Seminar sponsored a get-together which gave freshman Science majors a chance to talk with upperclassmen about the science program offered here.



The Co-op Club members are (1ST ROW) Renee Carrington, Vice President, Phyllis McCarley, Secretary and (2ND ROW) Queen Simpson and Wanda Wells. Other members not pictured are Charlean Mayes, Eunice Franklin, Sherita Blackstock, Linda Hill, Marilyn Roberts, Deborah Tolbert, B. Lorraine Evans, Loreatha Graves and Sedell Williams.



Carolyn Floyd and Evelyn Cohens speak on the opportunities offered by the co-op program.

Careers in the Making

"Spiking the punch, ladies?" Mrs. Zepplyn Humphrey and Cindy Jones prepare the punch at Career Day reception.



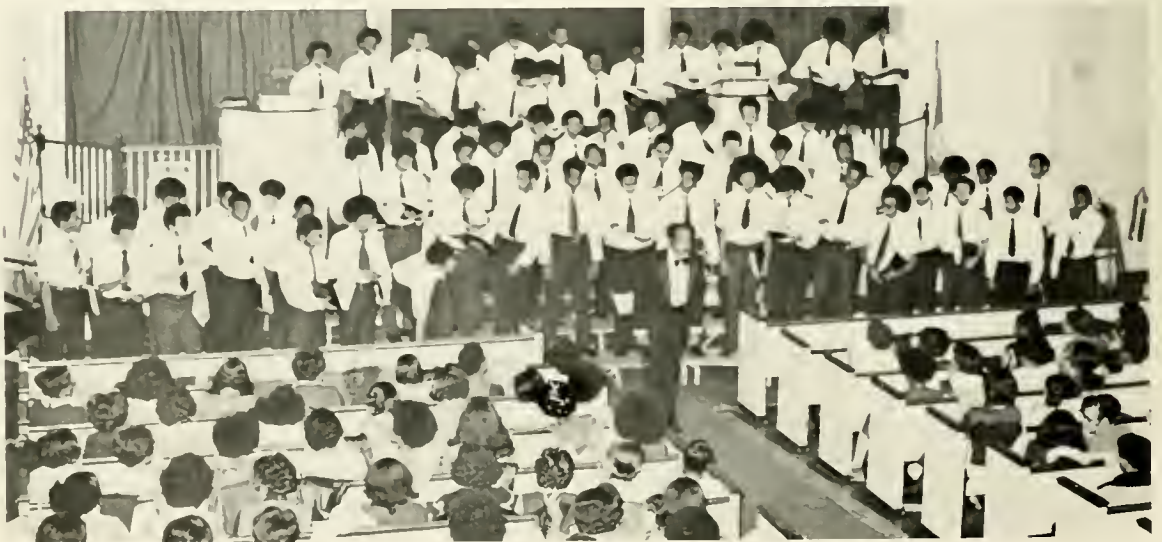
Some of the Career Day speakers prepare to enjoy lunch.





The Children's Choir performs at the annual candlelight Service directed by Mrs. Barbara Walker, accompanied by Miss Jacqueline Hemphill '75 and assisted by Miss Yvonne Webb '75.

The Morehouse College Glee Club performs in the Chapel. The director is Dr. Whalum.





Vanessa Curry and Shirleen McCoy do last minute packing for choir tour while Doraleena Sammons waits patiently for the bus to arrive.

Bennett College Choir

The 1973 Bennett College Centennial Touring Choir traveled to Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, New York, and Pennsylvania on its annual tour. The choir also made appearances at local churches and churches in nearby cities. Members of the choir appeared in the Brahams Requiem and hosted the Morehouse College Glee Club.

The Bennett College in Concert — The members are from left to right: **First row:** Juliet Smith, Yvonne Webb, Colette George, Gail Parks, Priscilla Lemons, Gail Taliaferro, Celestine Wilson, Beverly Wake, Regina McAddo, Betty Whitted, LaRita Sprott, Bonita Chavis, and Debra Palmer; **Second row:** Sabrina Woods, Deborah Herbin, Elaine Jones, Beverly Wright, Dyora Thomas, Patricia Murray, Gloria Quick, Camilla McDougal, Gloria Duckett, Gwendolyn Johnson, Kristan Dennard, and Loyce Harper. **Third row:** Esther

Max-Orumbie, Suzanne Owens, Doraleena Sammons, Patricia Johnson, Linda Hill, Teresa Torrence, Pamela Coleman, Diane Lively, Jeanette Branch, Yardly Nelson, and Treda Berry. **Fourth row:** Gwendolyn Hill, Effie Jones, Johanna Lee, Vanesa Curry, Angela Richards, Norma Robinson, Sylvia Miller, Patricia Beaufort, Deborah Tolls, Clarenca Simmons, Dasretta Gadson, and Sharon Hadrick. The directress is Miss Susan Dilday.



Gospel Choir

The Gospel Choir traveled with the College Choir on its annual Spring tour. The Gospel Choir was invited to appear at the North Carolina Chapter of Music Education Convention in Wilmington, N.C. and the music workshop at University of North Carolina at Greensboro. The Greensboro Chapter of the Bennett College Alumnae Association featured the Gospel Choir in Concert as a special Centennial event. The director and founder of the Gospel Choir is Miss Loyce Harper.

The members of the Bennett College Gospel Choir are (1st row from left to right) Linda Hill, Linda Brown, Loyce Harper, (2nd row) Yvonne Webb, Veita Bland, Bonita Chavis, Terri Taylor. (3rd row) Doraleena Sammons, Celestine Wilson, Clarencia Simmons, Sharon Hadrick. (4th row) Juliet Smith, Sheila Ginn, Teresa Torrence, Patricia Johnson, and Effie Jones.



Gail Taliaferro, senior music major, rendered her Senior Recital.

The members of the Student Chapter of the Music Educators National Conference are (1st row) Diane Brooks, Linda Brown, Karen Anderson. (2nd row) Clarencia Simmons, Antoinette Price. (3rd row) Juliet Smith, Sheila Ginn.



*Pre-Alumnae
Council*

The Pre-Alumnae Council members pictured here are Jennifer Wilkins, Lillian Arrington, Geraldine Fleming and Elizabeth Hemingway.

The Pre-Alumnae Council sponsored a car wash to raise money for the United Negro College Fund. Evelyn Cohen washes one of the cars.



Service Organizations

*Marshal
Board*



The members of the Marshal Board are (1st row from left to right) Lila Martin, Theta Pollock, (2nd row) Georgia Tillman, President, Connell Pinnix, Perdita Jay, Cathleen Hampton, Barbara Clark, Carol Long. (3rd row) Deborah Staten, Carolyn Delores Johnson, Denise Lyles.



*Student
Government
Organizations*

*Student Senate
Cabinet*

Executive members of the Student Senate Cabinet are; seated Sandra Neely, president; Ruby Ballentine, secretary; and Gina McAddo.



*Interdorm
Council*

1st row: Myra McCoy, R. Denise Harper, Ruby Ballentine. 2nd row: Dianne Jones, Carolyn Delores Johnson.

*Recreational
Council*



Anita Rankin, Carolyn Delores Johnson, Stephanie Federick co-chairman, Geraldine Fleming, Lizzie Alston, Jeanette Perkins, Vendette Thomas, Lillian Arrington chairman.



*Student
Union
Board*

Student Union Board members here are: Carolyn Floyd, Arlene Coleman, Patricia Teal - president, Carolyn Devan Johnson, and Lacine Lowrance.



Stars of the musical, "Stop the World, I Want to Get Off", are Dirk Thomas, A & T student, and Sylvia Freeman, senior.

*Little
Theater
Guild*



Dramatic scene by Barbara Clark during a rehearsal.

Mr. Nelson Allison relaxes during the rehearsal of "Stop The World, I Want To Get Off."



Dance Club

The members are: Amber Anderson, Delores Scott, Barbara Dawkins, Beverly Tolbert, Kristen Dennard, Bobetta Jones, Perdita Jay, Karen DuBose, and Belinda Knight.



The dancers are Kristen Dennard, Elizabeth Hemingway and Karen DuBose.

Mrs. L. Rich — Dance Instructor





Dancer in the 1963 Freshmen Talent Show

Fall '72

Bobetta Jones, Polly Ashley, Carol Coley, and
Jacqueline Pace.



Native Dance
May '51

*French
Club*



1st row: Chernelene Montague; Mademoiselle Cullet; president, Barbara Clark. 2nd row: Deborah Staten; Bertha Scarborough; Jeanette Perkins; Carolyn Floyd; Lacine Lowrance.

Foreign Language Clubs

1st row: Mary Howard; Debora Lowrance; president, Anita Rankin. 2nd row: Lacine Lowrance, Lealer King; Paula Petersen; Jeanette Perkins. (Not Shown, Denise Johnson, Bessie Tarpley, and Karen Hampton.)



*Spanish
Club*

*Senior
Honor
Society*



Carolyn Roberson, Teresa Gordon, Violet McCullen, Peggy McLean, Geraldine Fleming, Karen Hampton. (not shown Denise Johnson, Bessie Tarpley, Wanda Dillard, Marcella Whidbee)

Standing: Shirley A. Miller, Linda Forrest, and Peggie McLean, Omodele Labor, Patricia Daniels, Carolyn McLaurin, and Linda Artis.



*Business
Club*



Omicron Eta Chi is the Bennett College chapter of the American Home Economics Association. The members have sponsored luncheons, assisted in preparing for birthday dinners, and participated in the Centennial Humanities Festival. The senior members are: (from left to right) Annie McLean, Madelyn Mebane, Bennie Totten, Valerie Hill, and Jacqueline Speas.

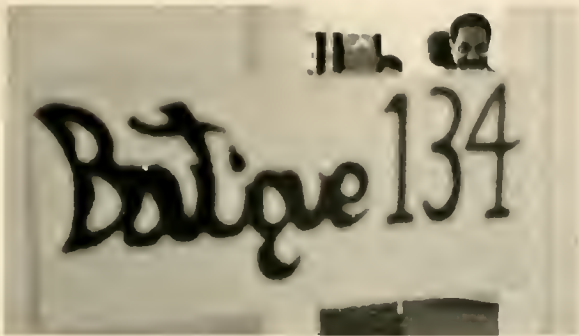


"From Dress to Cake" was the title of the presentation given by Sandra Jones and Valerie Hill. Janice Ford assisted the floral consultant with her display.

Bridal consultants, Valerie Hill and Sandra Jones, tidy a display as their guest consultant and Mrs. Street look on with smiles of approval.



Madelyn Mebane looks on while a consultant from Montaldo's assists Bennie Totten in trying on a hat following the TYP presentation.



President Isaac H. Miller, Jr. visits the Boutique at the grand opening and talks with Valerie Hill about the operation of the store.



At the grand opening of Boutique 134, Patricia Johnson assists customer, Gwendolyn Hill, in hopes of making her first sale.



The Young Professionals are shown here at the Boutique. They are Sandra Jones, Jacqueline Speas, Mrs. Alma Adams, art coordinator, Bennie Totten, Patricia Johnson, Annie McLean, Janice Ford, and Gail Smith.

Student



The Bennett Belle Staff members are (from left to right) Bessie Tarpley, Karen Hampton, Carolyn Dolores Johnson, Gina McAddo, Judy Smith, Polly Ashley, Connell Pinnix, and Patti Leftridge.

Bennett Belle Staff

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JUNIORS EDITOR	Anita Rankin
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MEMBERS	Bessie Tarpley Patricia Johnson Denise Lyles Judy Smith Dianne Jones

Working hard on lay-outs for the yearbook are staff members, Bessie Tarpley, Elizabeth Hemingway, Karen Hampton.



Publications



Members of the Banner take a long needed break

Jennifer Wilkins working on lay-outs for the senior section of the yearbook.



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Reports	Patricia McCoy, Sandra Neely, Cathy Duckett, Bobbetta Jones, Dorisenia Thompson, Paula Peterson, and Lealer King

Delta
Sigma
Theta



The members of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. are (left to right) Beverly Baird, Barbara Jeffries, Cindy Jones. (back row) Denise Lyles, Sheil Ginn, Omodele Labor, Barbara Graves, Veita Bland, Diane Garvin, Nancy Drake, Bobbie Jean Cason, Geraldine Galloway. (kneeling) Lacine Lowrance, Deborah Staten. Glenda McNeil, (seated) Lillie Foster and Diane Jones.



Sororities



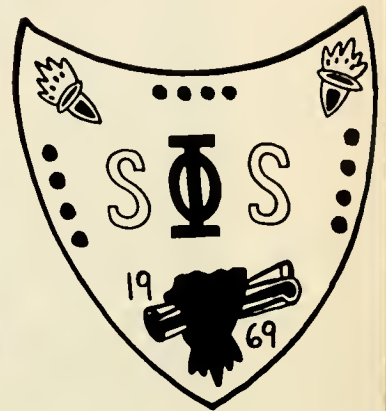
The members of Alpha Kappa Alpha are Vendette Thomas, Sheila McDowell, Raleighetta Johnson, Joan Chalmers, Pearl Johnson, Arlene Coleman, Sharon Neal, Valerie Moore, and Paulette Wicks.

Alpha
Kappa
Alpha





Swing
Phi
Swing



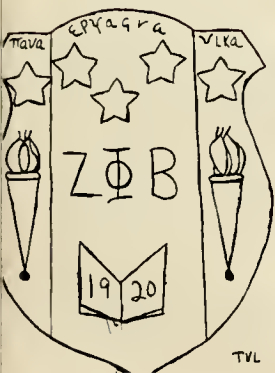
The members are Denise A. Johnson, Valerie Tillman, Cheryl Johnson, Darlene Rose, Effie Jones, Cheryl Miller, Stephanie Frederick, Lucia Davis, Gwendolyn Easley, and Sylvia Freeman.

and Fellowships

Zeta
Phi
Beta



The members are Lanell Jennings, Linda Harris, Arlene Slade, Trieste Lockhart, Reba Moore, and Richetta Urguhart.





Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee are presented gold centennial charms by President Miller . . . Lyceum guests.



*Lyceum
Series*

Miss Mattiwilda Dodds, Lyceum guest,
Barbara Walker and Carolyn Floyd . . .
Lyceum reception



"Black Women in Medicine and Related Fields" . . . Science Emphasis Week.

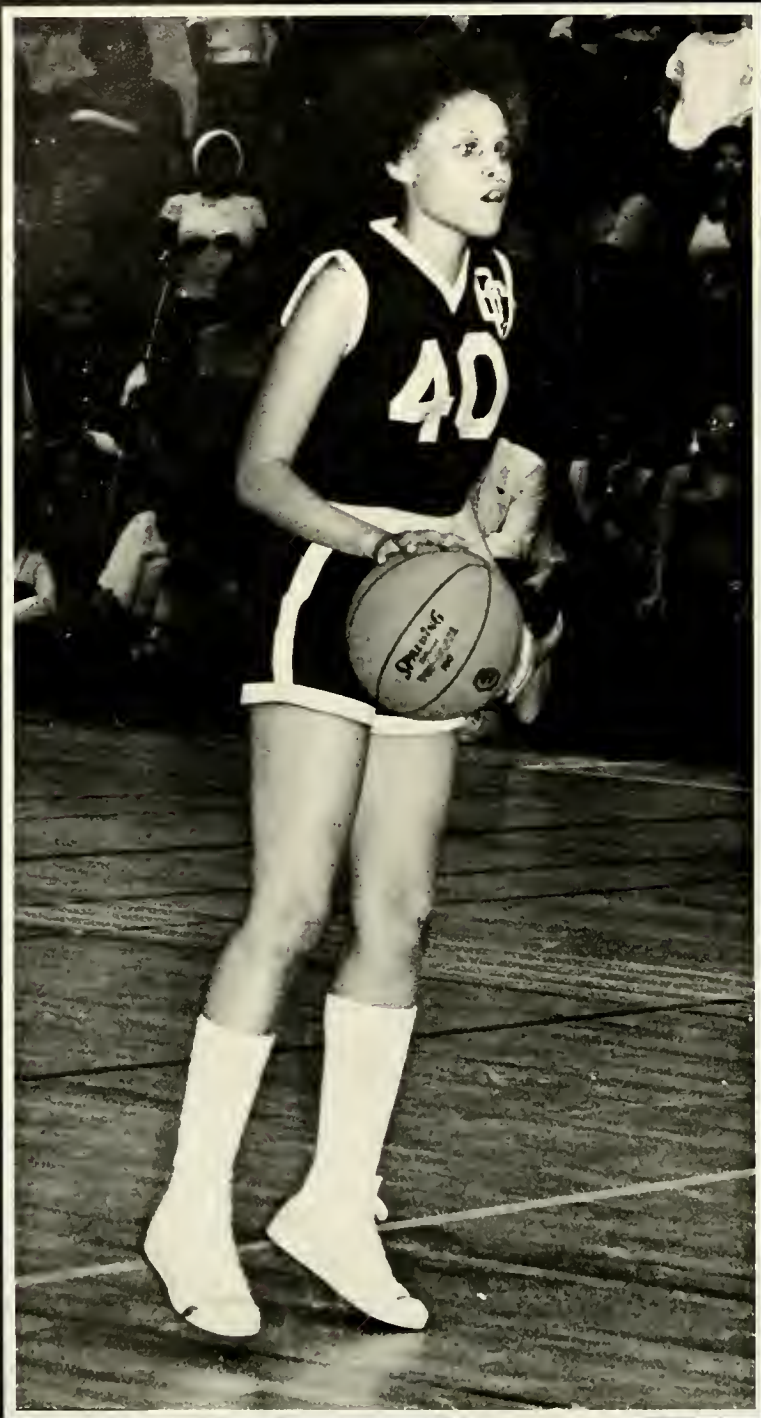
Vinie Burrows, noted black actress . . . Lyceum guest.



Centennial Year Presentations

Shaw Jazz Band . . . six college-consortium symposium.





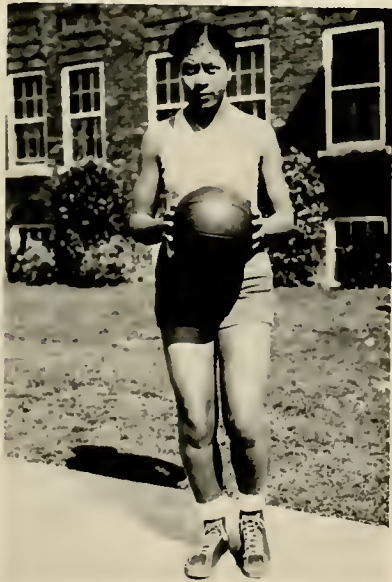
Basketball

'72



The members of the 1972 Basketball Team: (kneeling l. to r.) Chanel Jeffries, Wanda Cobb, Jean Jackson, Barbara Butler, and Denise Cooke. (standing l. to right) Johanna Lee (assistant coach), Bernie Sisco, Esther Canty, Ruth Plant, Iris Johnson, Brenda Greer, and Miss Christine Klaus. (not shown Connie Law).

Basketball Stimulates School Spirit!



Leon Moore, a star in 1935.





*Despite
the agony
of defeat,
spirit was
evident.*

And the Belles fought 'til the end





The Physical Education Majors and Minors Club members are (standing) Terri Morris, Donaa Isaacs, Patricia McCoy, Delores Scott, Karen DuBois, Denise Cooke, Wanda Cobb, Bernetta Sisco, Kristen Dennard, Dr. Chaney, (seated) Vanessa Curry, Freddie Spencer, Florence Darby, Johanna Lee, Channel Jeffries, and Sylvia.

Physical Educaton Class



Women's Athletic Association



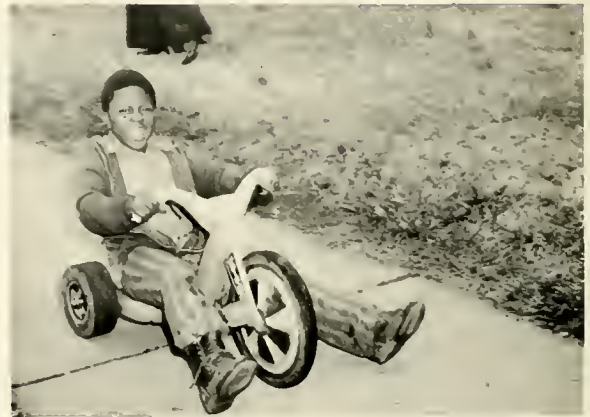


*The Children's
House serves
as a learning
lab for students.*

Mrs. Cora Macomson supervises the younger children.



Children play in the afternoon

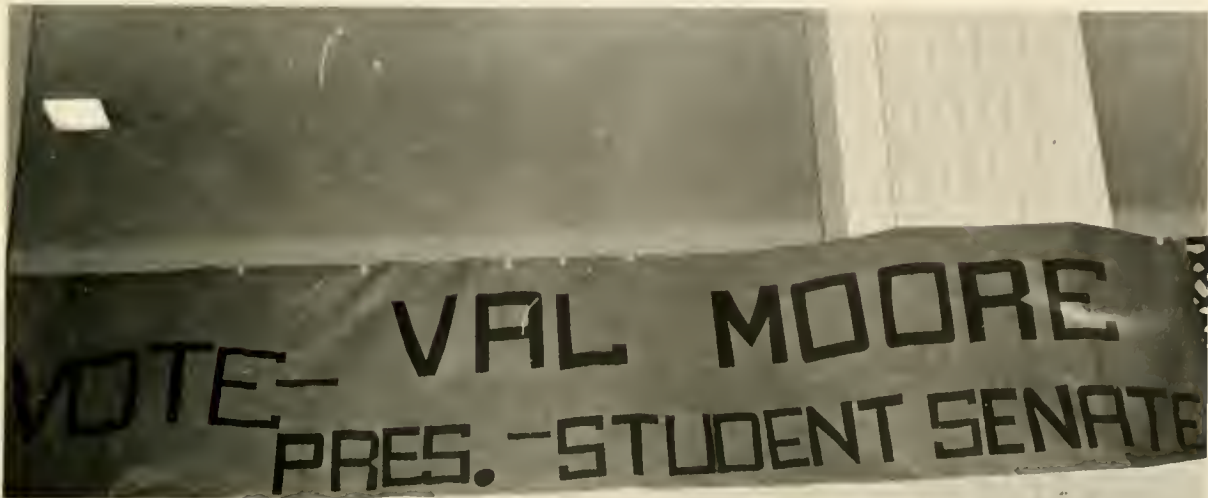


Community kids often visit the House.

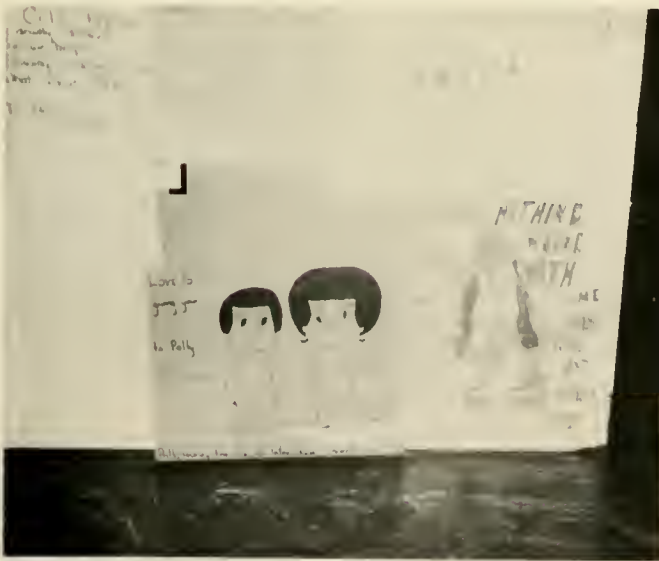


Mrs. Earline Curry and the "big group."

Campus Campaign '73



Valerie Moore's campaign effort paid off!



Campaign '73 was characterized by spirit and effort. Colorful posters covered all the bulletin boards.

1973-74

STUDENT SENATE CABINET

President - Valerie Moore
Vice Pres. - Lacine Lowrance
Secretary - Carolyn Devon Johnson
Corresponding Secretary - Sandra Hunter
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Parliamentarian - Juliet Smith

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President - Veita Bland
Vice Pres. - LaRita Sprott
Secretary - Clorinda Lee
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Vice Pres. - Gina McAdoo
Secretary - Paulette Wicks
Treasurer - Gail Hodges
Publicity Chairman - Anita Rankin

RECREATION COUNCIL

President - Robenia Washington
Vice Pres. - Diane McLeod
Secretary - Patricia McCoy
Treasurer - Denise Harper
Publicity Chairman - Celestine Wilson

Centennial Weekend

A lot of planning went into the Centennial Alumnae-Commencement Weekend. Despite the anxieties experienced by the Senior Class, the activities went smoothly. And beyond a single doubt, everyone had a ball! An Honors Banquet was held on Friday night to honor those persons who served twenty-years or more on the staff or faculty. Later, the action switched to the Hilton Ambassador Room where graduates socialized until the wee hours of the morning.

On Saturday morning, the business sessions took place after 109 seniors were inducted into the National Alumnae Association. The highlight of the first half of the day was the "All Bennett Luncheon" at which time graduates made their contributions to the Loyalty Fund. This year the alumnae gave a record amount of over \$65,000. Saturday included the choir concert, the President's Reception, and finally, the Centennial Ball which was held in both ballrooms of the Hilton Inn.



Seniors are inducted into the N.A.A.



Mrs. Emma Smith, president of the Delaware Valley Chapter, was one of many who made outstanding contributions to the Loyalty Fund. After the luncheon, some groups posed for pictures, as did the Washington, D. C. Chapter.



Alumnae of all class years were present.



Saturday's Reception and Ball



4 P.M. May 6, 1973

Indeed, the day was beautiful. For the first time in the history of the college, the commencement exercise was held on the campus quadrangle under the towering oaks which were planted as a part of David D. Jones' campus plan.

Excitement was in the air for the culminating of what had been an exciting weekend. Parents, friends, and alumnae were all anxious for this historical event to commence. In anticipation of such intense emotions, the Music Department had arranged for the Andrews High School Symphony to play for an hour before the ceremonies started.

Then the processional began. The long line marched from the gym through the Bearden Gate to the front





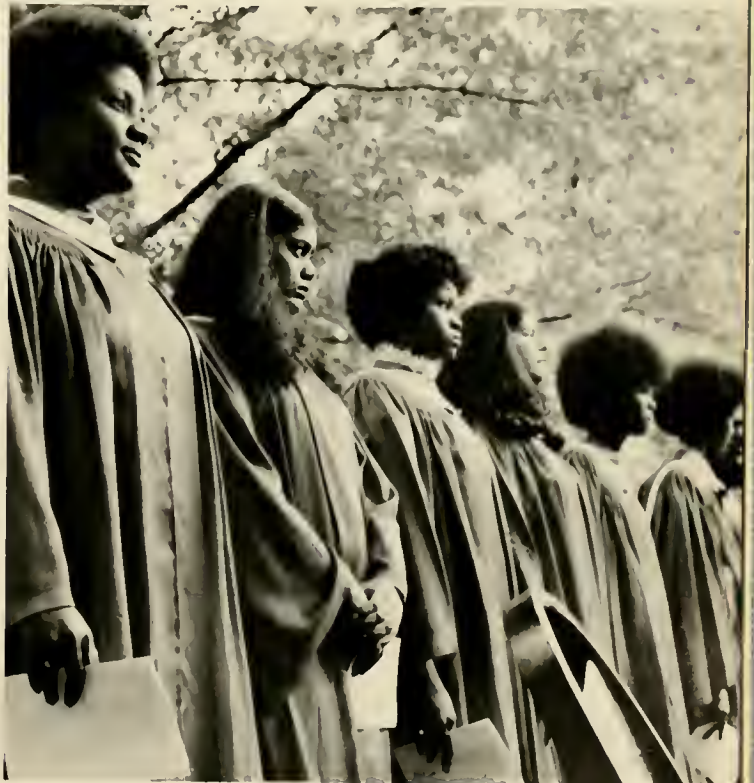


of the chapel. Cameras clicked until the last senior had marched to her seat.

"Go forth in excellence and go forth in God," charged Dr. Miller to the 109 graduates who were about to receive their degrees.

The commencement address was delivered by Miss Audrey Dickerson, Program Manager for Title III, for Strengthening of Developing Colleges — Division of College Support in the Bureau of Higher Education. The address had been written by Dr. Willa B. Player, former president of the college.





A Farewell to Our Dean



THE STATISTICS

Birth:

April 8, 1904
Tappahannock, Va.

Education:

BA, Chemistry, Fisk University
MS, Education, Indiana University
Ed.D., Indiana University

Work Experience:

Instructor in sciences
Atkins High school,
Winston Salem 1926-1944
Instructor of Education
Bennett College 1946-1950
Chairman of Division of
Social Sciences 1950-1965
Dean of Instruction 1965-1972

During the Centennial Honors Banquet, Dr. Miller presented Dean Winston with a beautiful silver bowl.



Social Science Division honored him at a special luncheon.





In Memory
Mrs. Esther G. Hill
Librarian 1966-73



Virginia Holder '43

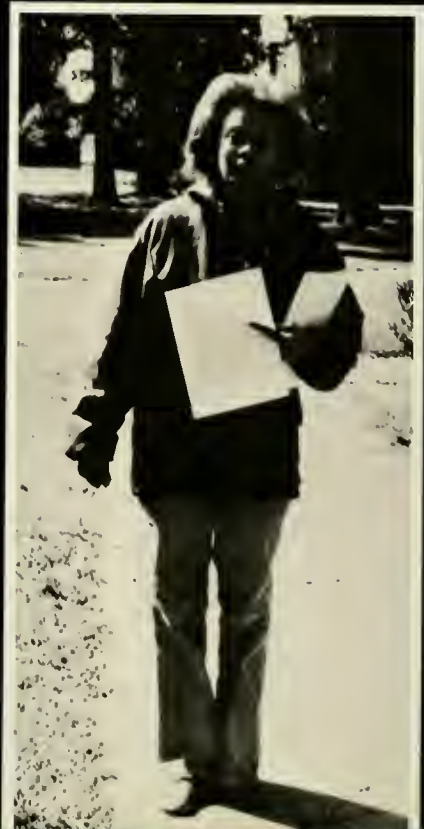
*The Changing
Scene . . .*

*Long Dresses,
Curly Hair, and
Bobby Socks
to
Afros, Blue Jeans,
and 'Corn-rows'*

Polly Ashley '75



Debra Morgan '74





The People

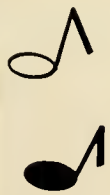


A beautiful site is the lighted quadrangle on Senior Day. It is a tradition of the college which was observed this Senior Day in celebration of the centennial. Pictured above is the lighted quadrangle on a past Senior Day.

The candlelight service was a special feature at the centennial celebration of Senior Day. The service symbolized the passing down of class responsibilities.



Omodele Labor poses in front of the chapel shortly after giving the Appreciation speech at the Senior Day program.



*"Were You There When
They Passed Out Caps
and Gowns?"*



The Bennett College Gospel Choir with soloist, Bonita Chavis, added to the festivities of the Senior Day program.



Among the many friends and relatives in attendance at the Senior Day dinner was the family of senior, Cynthia Payne.

Verda Allen
Greensboro, North Carolina
Elementary Education



Linda Artis
Washington, D.C.
Business Education



Abaynesh Asrat
Abbis Abeba, Ethiopia
Early Childhood Education

Beverly Baird
Roxboro, North Carolina
Biology

Patricia Beaufort
Fayetteville, North Carolina
Sociology

Treda Berry
Kinston, North Carolina
Music Education



Patricia Bradley
Frogmore, South Carolina
Elementary Education



Janie Brown
Charleston, South Carolina
Biology

Mary Brown
Miami, Florida
Special Education

Yvonne Bush
Martin, South Carolina
Business Education



Bobbie Jean Cason
Orlando, Florida
Psychology



Sharon Cardoza
New Haven, Connecticut
Early Childhood Education

Gwendolyn Chapman
Belton, South Carolina
Political Science



Lurita Charley
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Special Education



Angella Cockburn
Georgetown, Guyan
English



Sarah Daniel
Mt. Vernon, North Carolina
Sociology



Patricia Daniels
Greenville, North Carolina
Business Education

Marshals, Georgia Tillman (left) and Denise L. Johnson (right) lead the seniors to the chapel on Founder's Day. The seniors, also, pictured are Vendette Thomas (left) and Carolyn Roberson (right).





Florence Darby
Camden, South Carolina
Physical Education



Rosetta Davis
Camden, South Carolina
Elementary Education



Barbara Dawkins
East Orange, New Jersey
Early Childhood Education



Valeri Downing
New Bern, North Carolina
Music



Cathy Duckett
Atlantic City, New Jersey
Political Science



Aurelia East
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Sociology



Geraldine Fleming
Fremont, North Carolina
Mathematics





Carolyn Floyd
Taylors, South Carolina
English



Janice Ford
Charlotte, North Carolina
Home Economic—Clothing



Linda Forrest
Greenwood, South Carolina
Business Education

Brenda Franklin
Erie, Pennsylvania
Sociology



Centennial
Class
1873—1973

Lena Freeman
Hope Mills, North Carolina
Elementary Education

Diane Garvin
Draby, Pennsylvania
Sociology



Sylvia Freeman
Greensboro, North Carolina
Sociology

Kathy Gardner
Asheboro, North Carolina
Early Childhood Education



Cynthia George
Bishopville, South Carolina
English



Teresa Gordon
Augusta, Georgia
Sociology



Sharon Hairston
Pine Hall, North Carolina
Sociology

Cathleen Hampton
Cincinnati, Ohio
Sociology

Karen Hampton
Washington, D.C.
Mathematics

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Snow Hill, North Carolina
Music Education



Elizabeth Hemingway
St. Albans, New York
Physical Education



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Spencer, North Carolina
Sociology

Valerie Hill
Greenville, North Carolina
Home Economics—Clothing

Yvonne Holmes
District Heights, Maryland
Sociology



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Chicago, Illinois
Special Education

Sharon F. Jackson
Ridgeway, South Carolina
Special Education

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Biology

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Pearl Johnson
Elizabeth City, North Carolina
Mathematics



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Burlington, North Carolina
Sociology

Sandra Jones
Enfield, North Carolina
Home Economics-Clothing

Omodele Labor
Harbel, Liberia
Business Administration

Patti Denise Leftridge
Capitol Heights, Maryland
Elementary Education 4-9



Celeste Levisy
Rocky Mount, Virginia
Special Education



Stella Livingston
Georgetown, South Carolina
Political Science



Linda Logan
Cleveland, North Carolina
English

Hope Mason
Linden, North Carolina
Special Education

Cynthia McCaskial
Charlotte, North Carolina
English



Myra McCoy
Savannah, Georgia
Pre-Med - Chemistry

Bridgel McCormick
Raeford, North Carolina
Elementary Education

Violet McCullen
Mt. Olive, North Carolina
Psychology

President and Mrs. Isaac H. Miller, Jr. (background) greet the parents of Cassandra Richardson after the Senior Day program in front of the chapel. Cassandra (foreground) talks with her fiance while her younger sister looks on.





Brenda Williams McGree
Martinsville, Virginia
Elementary Education

Carolyn O. McLarin
Fayetteville, North Carolina
Business Education

Annie McLean
Bunnlevel, North Carolina
Home Economics—Clothing

Peggy Lee McLean
Bunnlevel, North Carolina
Business Education

Glenda McNeil
Raleigh, North Carolina
Political Science



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Graham, North Carolina
Home Economics—Clothing

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Charleston, South Carolina
Psychology

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Going down that familiar path to class are seniors, Patricia Bradley (left front), Linda Strange (right front), and Kathy Garner (left back), and Rosetta Davis (right back).



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*A Time
for . . .*

. . . giggles



. . . creativity



. . . seeking permanent employment



. . . sisterhood



Barbara Abbott



Lizzie Alston



Lillian Arrington



Mary Ashe

*Junior
Class*

Linda Baldwin



Veita Bland



Linda Boyd



The Junior Class Officers are (left to right) Secretary, Carolyn Devan Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Ruby Ballantine, and President, Lucine Lowrance. Not shown are Vice President Gwendolyn Hill, Treasurer, Deborah Johnson, and Parliamentarian.



Joan Chalmers



Barbara Clark



Mamie Davis



Gwendolyn Easley



Vivian Exum



Lillie Foster

Gail Hodges (left) and Deborah H. Fewell (right) are going to class on a pretty fall day.



Dasretta Gadson



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Duanne Hoffler



Jessie Hoover

Sandra Hunter



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Arlene Slade



Juliet Smith



Deborah Staten



Richetta Urguhart



Karen Wallace



Robenia Washington



Shirley Weaver



Vanessa Wiggins



Deloris Wright



Clothing major, Valeria Moore engaged in class assignment.



"Mad Scientists At Work"



"Moments of Meditation"

Changing Scenes

"Come on, before the dining hall closes."

"Busy . . . Aren't we??"





Burnell Adams



Karen Anderson



Sadie Anthony



Polly Ashley

Sophomore Class



The sophomore class officers pictured here are June Martin, Treasurer and Arlene Coleman, Parliamentarian.



Karen Beasley



Sheila Bennett



Joyce Bragg



Linda Berry



Joanne Blackstock



Carolyn Brodie



Diane Brooks



Barbara Butler



Patricia Capel



Anita Caldwell



Karen Campbell



Renee Carrington



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Vanessa Curry



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Sylane Gause
Vera Harding



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Jacqueline Hemphill
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Deborah Herbin
Marilyn Horton
Jean Jackson





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Gwendolyn Johnson
Marcia Johnson



Hilda Johnson
Jerotha Johnson
Bobbetta Jones



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Clorinda Lee



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Belinda Knight
Priscilla Lemons



Norma Lester
Cynthia Lindsey
June Martin

Sarah Lively
Carol Long
Gina McAdoo



Cordelia McCormick
Shirlene McCoy
Francine Motley

Camilla McDougald
Angela Merritt
Alice Myatt





Yardley Nelson
Velma Noble
Katherine Petty

Chris Ofoma
Jacqueline Pace
Odille Pierre-Louis



Connell Pinnix
Marilyn Roberts
Queen Simpson

Mary Rorie
Ruby Schenck
Renee Simpson





Helen Slade
Judy Smith
Cheryl Sutton

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Linda Sprueil
Kathy Swann



Patricia Teal
Doyra Thomas
Yvonne Webb

Deborah Tolbert
Leenora Truman
Wanda Wells





Sandra White



Paulette Wicks



Sedell Williams



Gwendolyn Wilson



Cynthia Woodruff



Diana Dandridge and Carol Coley casually stroll across campus.



Dr. Miller chats with sophomore ROTC students Dyora Thomas and Paulette Wicks.



*Freshman
Class*

Freshman Class Officers are (right to left) Janice McLean, President, Cathy Johnston, Treasurer, and Sandra Gaddy, Parliamentarian. Those not shown are Karen Hunt, Vice-President, Robin James, Secretary, and Shirley Clavon, Assistant Secretary.



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Karen Allford
Sandra Anderson

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Lyvon Battle
Sherita Blackstock



Sharon Buckner
Marie Burris
Esther Canty



Bonnie Carr
Phyllis Carroll
Eva Chesson

Brenda Chrisp
Bernetta Sisco
Shirley Clavon



Sheryl Clowers
Pamela Coleman
Bridget Collins

Denise Cooke
Margaret Crawley
Deborah Davis



Lorraine Dorsey
Gloria Duckett
Rita Duren



Donna Edward
Fernandra Ferguson
Yulaundra Ferguson



Ophelia Foye



Sandra Frison
Julene Fuller



Marlene Fulton

Mrs. Isaac H. Miller chats with Doralcena Sammons, a student from Doylestown, Pa., at a Lyceum Program Reception.



Sandra Gaddy





Marian Gaston
Colette George
Joyce Gray

Noma Gray
Brenda Greer
Denise Harper



Judith Hatch
Cynthia Hill
Linda Hill



Hedy House
Mary Howard
Donna Isaacs



Dorothy Jeter
Sherry Jeter
Cheryl Johnson





Iris Johnson
Janice Johnson
Sandra Johnson



Robin Jones
Ava Kemp
Lealer King



Melissa King
Ethel Kirkland



The Freshmen class of 1969.



Participant in Freshmen Talent Show on 1963.



Florence Larkins
Mary Lee
Beverly Lennon

Rosa Little
Debra Lowrance
Deborah Lundy



Esther Lyfrock
Billie McCain
Brenda McCain

Phyllis McCarley
Althea McClellan
Genevieve McCormick



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Diane McGee
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Angela Richards
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Hester Scott
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Sheila Vickers
Vera Wade
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 Linda Wattington

Jozetta Whaley
 Betty Whitted
 Ethel Wiggins



Gail Williams
 Gloria Williamson
 Celestine Wilson

Sabrina Woods
 Teresa Woods
 Alandrea Wright



Beverly Wright



"Jones Hall is nice, but . . ."



"Labor at the minimum wage"

"Talk, Talk, Talk, when do we eat"



Administration,

Faculty,



After having lunch in the faculty dining room, Dr. Isaac H. Miller, college president, addresses a group of businessmen. (at left).

Miss Susan Dilday (left), choir director, takes one last glance at the program before the Service of Remembrance for David Dallas Jones. Looking on are the guest speaker, Rev. Robert Polk (center), who is Minister of Urban Affairs at Riverside Church, New York City, and Rev. Peter Addo (right), college chaplain.





And Staff

Faculty and staff members enjoy Christmas cheer and pleasant conversation at the Christmas party given by President and Mrs. Miller at their home. Pictured from left to right, Miss Mattie Moss, Dr. Allison Maggiolo, Miss Francis Davis, Mrs. Dolliee Self, and Mrs. Mary Scarlette.



The Director of Alumnae Affairs, Mrs. Ellease Browning, discusses business with a smile.



Dean Harold Bragg stops to chat with an African educator while showing him the campus during his visit.

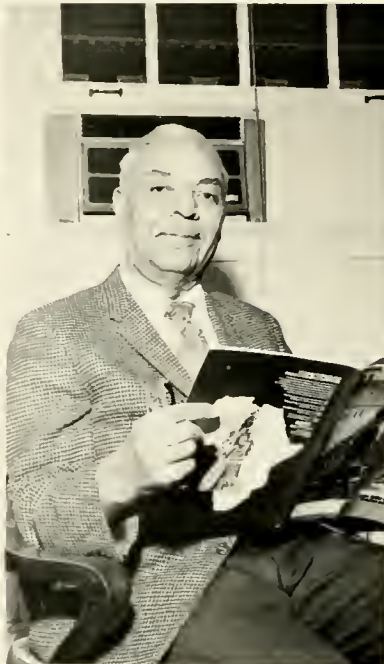
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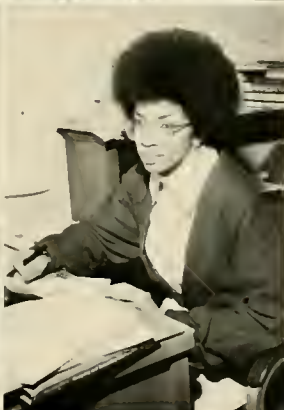
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Dr. Charlotte Alston (left) music department chairman, helps Mrs. Armelia Thomas, music instructor, tune her cello before a Sunday vesper service. Mrs. Thomas played a special tribute at the Service of Remembrance for David Dallas Jones.



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The Trustee Board



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Mrs. Flora Davis – Cone Hall



Mrs. Madge Reynolds – Player Hall





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The Campus Scene



Posing



Biology



Chemistry

Class

Mathematics





Music

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Clothing



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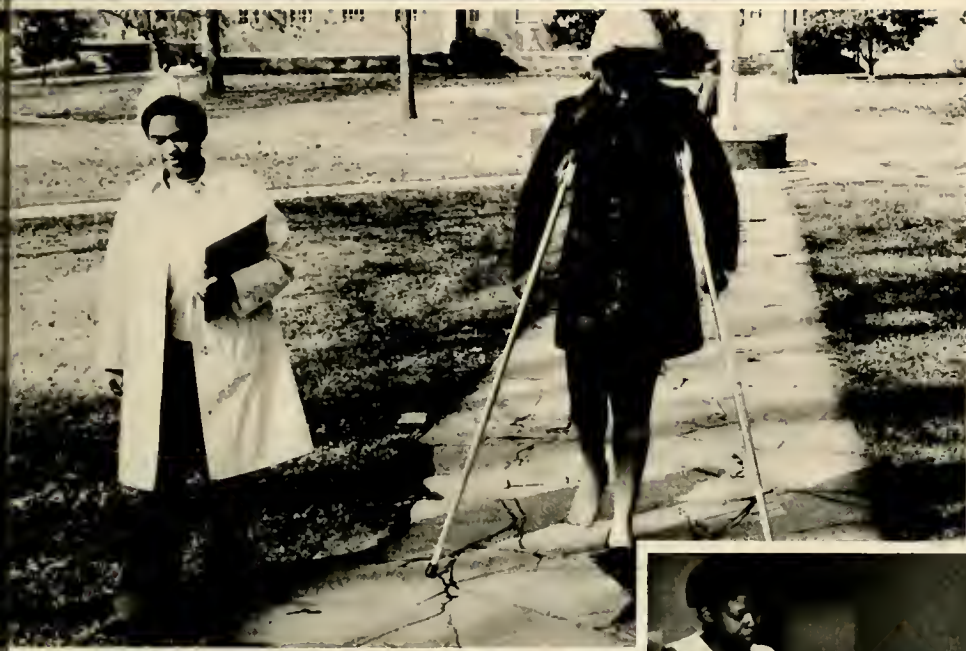
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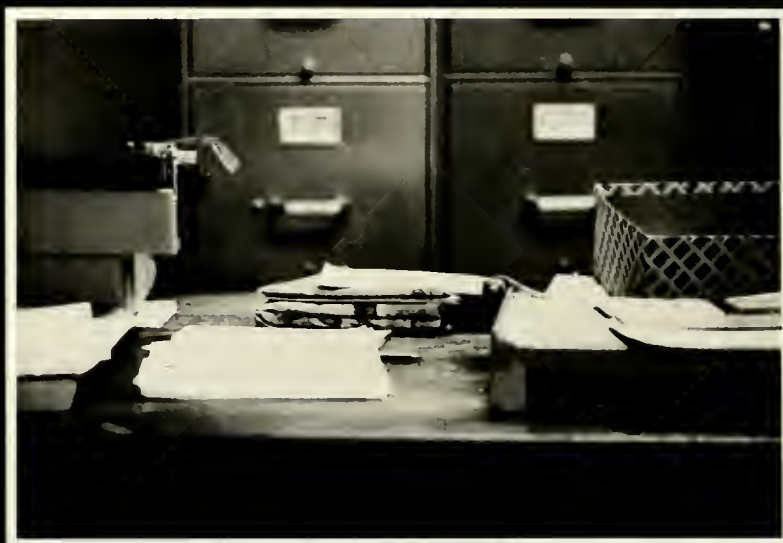


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100th Anniversary



Bennett College

To Proclaim Liberty to the Captives

The old bronze bell that stands as the symbol of Bennett College bears the inscription, "Bennett Seminary From Friends in Troy, N. Y. 'To proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.' Isaiah LXI."

These words, however idealistic, expressed the sentiments of those who had struggled to overcome the burdens of cultural prejudices. As it was described by the late David Dallas Jones:

"What more striking inscription could be found? What more fitting in those days as applied to men and women of our day. In addition to the quotation found, was the inscription "Donated by Friends of Troy, N. Y." Those friends were believers in education. They were hopeful, no doubt, that the words inscribed on that molded metal might be prophetic."

And so it was and continues to be, one

hundred years later. We must refer to the time that Bennett was founded. After the Civil War which had succeeded in destroying social institutions built on inhuman treatment of blacks in the South, Blacks were forced to rebuild new lives in a culture totally different from their own native lands. But they were determined to make it. Religious denominations from the North were sympathetic to their plight. They quickly moved to organize educational facilities for those who wanted them.

The Methodist Episcopal Church was among the most effective denominations in this field. The actual task of providing educational opportunities was assigned to the church's Freedmen's Aid Society which was founded in 1886. It was later called the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.



Scene of St. Matthews Church in 1916. Early classes were held here.



But the dream of an institution in Greensboro, N. C. began in what may appear to be unrelated incidents. In December of 1865, a Quaker named Yardley Warner purchased thirty-four acres of land near South Buffalo Creek, Guilford County. After acquiring more land in 1866, he transferred the ownership to the Philadelphia Association of Friends who sold subdivided lots to newly freed slaves in the area at a very lost cost. In honor of Yardler Warner, the community became known as Warnersville.

Soon after a representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church arrived to organize a community church. Rev. Matthew Alston, a very active minister of the North Carolina Conference, founded Warnersville Methodist Episcopal Church (now known as St. Matthews United Methodist Church) in 1866. Knowing that the Church was interested in establishing a school in the Guilford area, the black minister took the lead in offering Greensboro as its site.

On June 18, 1873, the Greensboro New North State, the local paper made the following announcement:

"The colored citizens of Greensboro, and as many of the whites who are interested, are requested to meet tomorrow (Wednesday) night, at the Warnersville Church to consider the question of the establishment in Greensboro of a colored Normal School or College. This institution will be established under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church North, somewhere in the state. The object of the meeting is to advocate the claims of Greensboro . . ."

And so on July 23, 1873, the paper announced:

"A Normal College for the education of colored teachers, under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church North, will be established at Greensboro. It will be put in the course of construction this year."

The school held its first classes in the

unplastered basement of Warnersville Church. Nearly 70 students enrolled the first year under the first principal, W. J. Parkinson. It was during this time that the Normal School gained the attention of a wealthy benefactor, Lyman Bennett of Troy, N. Y. His generous donation of \$10,000 enabled the struggling school to purchase land for a permanent campus and the erection of the first building. Twenty acres of land were purchased and the ownership was transferred to the Freedmen's Aid Society.

Because of Lyman Bennett's generosity, the institution became known as Bennett Seminary.

It held its first commencement on May

19-20, 1875. The first graduates had entered Bennett only after having already acquired the rudiments and the ability to read the Third Reader.

Bennett got a new principal in 1875. Rev. Edward O. Thayer, a graduate of Wesleyan University arrived in Greensboro on December 4, right out of college. He described the school as thus:

"The seminary was a day school held in the unfinished basement of the Warnersville Church. I taught with the assistance of one colored assistant, classes from the first reader to theology . . ."

During Thayer's administration seven acres of land were added and the first campus



The early St. Matthews United Methodist Church.



Bennett Hall was the first building erected on the campus.

building was completed. Rev. Alston and Rev. W. W. Morgan were instrumental in acquiring funds to erect this structure through their appeals to the Black community for money.

Lyman Bennett made possible the acquiring of the bronze bell which to this day has rung the start and ending of Bennett campus activities. It is said that Bennett contracted pneumonia during his efforts to raise money for the 257 pound bell in Troy, N. Y. The bell was delivered to the campus in December of 1878.

During the year 1878-1879, an unusually large number of students, 250, reported to the school for its three courses of study: English, elementary levels; Normal, teacher preparation; and Theological, studies prescribed in the Methodist discipline.

It is interesting to note that teacher preparation covered a wide range of subjects: physiology, philosophy, Latin, Algebra, history, physical geography, map-drawing, book-keeping, and the "Science of Teaching".

In this same year preparatory and college courses were being offered.

The students displayed not only intellectual maturity, but there was marked improvement in their personal habits as was reported in an interesting Society report in 1879.

"It is a pleasant sight to watch the gradual change which comes over a student who comes to us fresh from his log cabin in the woods. His hair soon gets an extra touch, his linen and his clothes soon show and breathe a little more of the air of civilization and often

a few months find him stepping ahead of his city cousins in daily tasks. But best of all is to see strong young men bow at the altar as penitents and raising promise to go back to their companions at home and tell of Jesus."

The Rev. Wilbur F. Steele became principal in 1881. During his eight years as principal, the institution continued to develop rapidly. Steele was the father of Wilbur Daniel Steele, the famous short-story writer, who was born on campus in May of 1886.

He cited two examples of the determination displayed by blacks who symbolized the Black man's struggle to overcome the elements which sought to hold him back. He stated:

"... a most energetic student making fair progress in five studies, is a mother with five children and six stepchildren, whose

husband's wages are five dollars a week, and who apologized to the preceptress for a poor lesson as on the day before she washed eighty sheets for a hotel, besides her other duties. Again, a young minister, now here with his wife, walked 180 from the mountains to reach the school of his church, and now sustains himself by walking to and from the appointments of his circuit, after receiving as the fruit of a big collection sung out of the people's pockets, not over seventy-five cents."

The faculty of 1888-1889 appeared to be well qualified. Three had masters' degrees: Rev. Steele, Greek and mathematics; Preceptress Clara Lunt, natural science and history; and Charles H. Moore, Latin and English. Rosa B. Steele instructed the music program and Silas A. Peeler, the other English classes.

Two significant events occurred during



Bennett College Campus

Carolina Hall



Kent Hall was established in 1884 to educate young black girls in the domestic arts of a Christian home.

"A College Receives its Charter"

Steele's administration. First there was the establishment of Kent Model Home "to teach girls and young ladies how to make a perfect Christian home." In 1884, the Woman's Home Missionary Society decided that such a home should be established on Bennett's campus. By 1886 the building was completed and one year later it was dedicated in honor of the husband of Mrs. Anna Kent. It was fortunate that Bennett was the only non-college with whom the WHMS affiliated with. In fact Bennett sponsored such a program dedicated to teaching normal and industrial courses to Black girls six years before the state opened a similar school for white girls which is now the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

The second significant event was the chartering of Bennett Seminary into a college by the state. The school became Bennett College on March 11, 1889. Among the sixteen trustees were Rev. Steele, Prof. Charles Moore, and Rev. C. N. Grandison.

The appointment of Dr. Charles N. Grandison as president of Bennett College in

1889 was a significant event for Bennett, as well as for Blacks. He was the college's first black president and the first of his race to be president of a Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society school. It also meant the president of Bennett's campus had acquired more prestige and more responsibility.

Up to this time one building housed the library, a chapel, and dining room while serving as a dormitory and classroom building. A new dormitory was begun under Grandison.

During this time, James Corrothers, the instructor of physical culture, introduced the athletic program to the college. It was one of the few black schools in the south with such activity.

The Baseball team was very popular in the black community. The team played those of the few colleges who were lucky enough to have teams like Hampton Institute.

The next president was Dr. Jordan D. Chavis who served from 1892 to 1905. He had been a 1885 graduate of the school.



Bennett had one of first black organized collegiate athletic programs.

Although Chavis and Grandison agreed on the necessity for intellectual and industrial development for blacks, Chavis considered the ability to think, not the ability to grow economically through skills, as the key to the advancement for Blacks. To this end he stressed the need for higher education: "The power to think will rule forever".

Grandison firmly believed in the need for industrial training as the answer to Black development as he stated:

"With his own skilled hand, guided by a richly furnished and thoroughly disciplined brain, the Black man of the South must carve out his material fortune, and thus take his place alongside of the civilized people of earth, in industry, thrift, economy, and wealth, and the much mooted Negro problem will have found its only abiding, true solution."



President Silas A. Peeler

The Rev. Silas Peeler had been an English instructor at the college before assuming the presidency in 1905. His philosophy was a combination of Grandison's and Peeler's. He believed that education taught the student to think for himself, after which he would be able "to work out what he has thought out." However, he placed more importance on Christian ethics.

Peeler added a course in Agriculture to the curriculum which accounts for the comment by many that the center campus was a farm. He directed this model effort himself.

The students at Bennett followed a strict schedule. An example of one which was activated in 1912 was:

Daily -

5:30 a.m.	Rise
7:15 a.m.	Breakfast
8:00-8:30 a.m.	Study Hours
8:30-9:00 a.m.	Chapel exercise
12:00 noon	Dinner
5:00-6:15 p.m.	Study
6:15 p.m.	Dinner
7:15-9:30 p.m.	Study

Sundays, in addition -

9:30-10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00-1:00 p.m.	Church Service
7:15-8:00 p.m.	Song and Prayer Service

Weekdays, in addition -

7:15-8:00 p.m.	Prayer service
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Dr. and Mrs. Peeler (back row right) pose with students.



President's Home was built during 1914-1915.

After 1912, the boarding girls were required to wear a school uniform to classes, public events, and social activities.

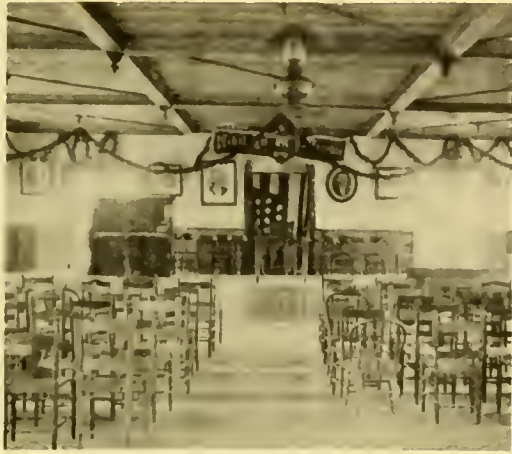
During this time the major co-curricular activities were the YMCA, YWCA, The Samuel Crowther Friends of Africa, and two literary societies, the Cornelian Ring, and the Bennett Literary Society.

Dr. Peeler displayed aggressive leadership and was described as being quite outspoken which may account for the fact that the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society at Cincinnati saw some reason for relieving him of his office. He was succeeded by Prof. James E. Wallace.

During his administration several significant developments occurred. A home for the president was erected during the year 1914-1915 and an industrial building was completed in 1916. By this time the first four elementary grades were eliminated.

During the early 1960's students throughout the country were bellowing for the addition of Black Studies for the college curriculums. Bennett had long recognized the need for such classes. A 1915 catalogue announced a course entitled "The American Negro". This sociology course required college juniors to undertake "organized efforts for improving the conditions of living and the social conditions of the American Negro".

President Wallace left the College and the administration was briefly in the hands of Prof. W. B. Windsor. However, in the fall of 1917, Dr. Frank Trigg became president. Unknowingly, he stood at the end of an era in Bennett's development. Born a slave in the Virginia Governor's mansion, he had toiled hard after the Civil War by driving a scavenger wagon to earn money for a college education which he finally received from Hampton Institute.



New Chapel in Carolina Hall.



BENNETT COLLEGE, GREENSBORO, N. C.

Early scene of campus.



Early in the development of the campus, students were involved in the upkeep of the campus facilities.

Bennett Students Were Proud



Much attention was rendered to dress by early Belles.

Bennett College, Greensboro, N.C. Type of student letter used to make a man of himself. This young man is preparing for the ministry.



Students believed in education. This young man studied Theology.



Girls played softball for recreation.



President Wallace (hat) and students.



The Student Body for the 1912-1913 term lined up for this interesting shot of the different age groups.



The front of the campus was a farm.



Tennis was a favorite sport.

During his administration the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society became known as the Board of Education and became more responsible for the supervision of the college.

In 1919, a new grade building of four rooms was completed. But as fate will have it, another building, Carolina Hall, was destroyed by fire which left the boys without lodging and the school without needed classroom space. Again some classes were held at St. Matthews Episcopal Church which was more than a mile from campus.

Until suitable accommodations were made, after 1921 boys and girls lived under coeducational arrangements for a year. A new girl's dormitory was completed in April of 1922. That dormitory, Robert E. Jones Hall, was built at a cost of \$80,000 to accommodate

130 students in the three story structure. Wilbur Steele Hall was also completed that year. It served as the refectory and was built on the old site of Carolina Hall. So, by 1922, the campus consisted of eight building.

In 1925, a new classroom building was erected. Known as the Academic Building then, the three-story structure contained nine large rooms of which three served as scientific laboratories. Today that building is called John H. Race Administration Building.

Carnegie Library was built on the corner of East Washington and Macon Streets during the 1923-1924 school year. The facility did not belong to the college. It was funded by the Carnegie Foundation and maintained by the city as a public library for Blacks. Today, the facility is owned by the college and serves as an office building.



Students maintained school property.



Group shot in front of Carolina Hall ruins.



These students prepared for missionary service in Africa.



Belles wore hats and furs, too!



Wilbur Steele Hall was built in 1922.



Mrs. Grace Donnell Lewis '26 chats with President Trigg in front of ruins of Carolina Hall.

"Bennett Undergoes A Change"

The most important aspect of academic growth was the organization of a teacher-training department in 1921. Sixty young women graduated from this separate curriculum with Elementary A or B certificates from the State Department of Public Instruction before 1925.

A new dimension of student activities began in 1924 with the organization of the Crown and Scepter Club which sought to recognize and encourage excellence in scholarship, character, and service.

In 1926, Bennett College underwent a major reorganization. The background for this change was based on an extensive study done by the Board of Education and the Women's

Home Missionary Society. A survey taken by the Phelps-Stokes Foundation in 1916 recommended that Bennett College be turned into a college for women.

It was decided after much deliberation on the part of the WHMS that an institution was needed for the higher education of Black women. Lynchburg, Va. had been selected as a possible site and the name Carrie Barge Seminary had been given. However during the January meeting of 1926, they were approached by the Board of Education of the Methodist Church which was considering the establishment of a women's college in Greensboro, N. C. The WHMS was invited to join in this endeavor.



Anna Kent Hall



John Race Administration Bldg.



Robert E. Jones Hall



Carrie Barge Chapel



Dean Thomas Holgate

A joint committee was appointed to study the matter. They concluded that a college for women should be established in the city under the joint auspices of both groups, although it would be supervised by a Board of Trustees, eight named from the Board of Education, and eight from the WHMS, and five at-large.

Bishop Wilbur P. Thirkfield was named as chairman of the newly appointed Board of Trustees with Bishop R. E. Jones as vice-chairman; Dean Thomas Holgate, of Northwestern University as chairman of the Committee on Faculty and Courses of Study.

In June of 1926, the Board of Trustees met in Greensboro to organize and survey the campus. The campus was composed of over thirty acres and had nine buildings. Jones Hall and the refectory were in good condition.



President David D. Jones

The old administration building and the boy's dormitory were in bad shape and unsuitable for a women's college. This structure was torn down with the exception of the chapel wing. It became known as Carrie Barge Chapel. The next step was the naming of a president.

David Dallas Jones assumed this office in September of 1926. Bishop W. P. Thirkfield made the following comment about his appointment:

"He is a Wesleyan man with large executive and educational experience in the Young Men's Christian Association; and with his broad contacts through the Interracial Commission, together with his strength of character and adaptation — he will bring success to the college from the start."

During the first year the course of study



President Jones and Mrs. Annie M. Pfeiffer

was planned to meet the requirements of a standard junior college, covering four years of high school and two of college work. There were seventh and eighth grade instruction under state supervision. As the preparation and demands of the students warranted and funds were made available, the last two years of college training were added.

David Dallas Jones was formally inaugurated on May 25, 1927. It was the start of a new Bennett College. When he came to the campus in 1926 the campus had ten students, four buildings, and about 35 acres of 'campus' planted in corn and turnips. However, with careful planning and great leadership, David Dallas Jones built the campus into one of the

most attractive 40 acre institutions in the country with 30 buildings and a physical plant that was worth 2.5 million dollars twenty five years later.

During the course of his inaugural address, Dr. Jones stated very clearly his position on the development of Bennett.

"Bennett College for Women does not aspire to be a college of numbers. In this first year of our operations, we have definitely limited our numbers and have taken only such an enrollment as would allow us to know personally our students, and in measure give individual guidance. Our policies for the next years are so formulated that our increase in size will be very gradual. We are more anxious about the quality of our students and the help that we can give individuals than we are about mass production."

From the very start, Dr. Jones sought to get prominent individuals to the campus. He succeeded in attracting the attention of the leading educational foundations which included the Rosenwald Fund and the Pfeiffer Foundation. Over the years the Pfeiffers alone contributed over a million dollars to the development of the college. They made possi-



Pfeiffer Hall under construction.

"Bennett Traditions Make It Unique"



May Day Activities (1935)

ble the erection of Pfeiffer Residence Hall, Merner Residence Hall, Pfeiffer Memorial Chapel, the Heating Plant, the David D. Jones Student Union, Black Hall, and the Little Theatre.

One of the earliest special events initiated as a traditional activity was the Homemaking Institute which emphasized the importance of good home living. The first was held in April of 1927. Since that date, each institute has carried out in one way or another various subjects on the arts and science of home-making. Each year prominent personalities were invited to lead seminars or to address the student body.

Under the direction of Dr. Jones, the college accumulated a stock of traditions which gave the school a unique atmosphere. Some of them, like the ringing of the bell, are holdovers from the days when the school was coeducational. The bell traditionally sets the time for classes and meals. During the Jones' years, the girls had to be in their seats when the bell stopped ringing. It was an honor to be ap-



All-Bennett Luncheon (1972)

pointed bell-ringer.

Among the other traditions were those which involved dress. Whenever a Bennett girl went downtown she dressed and with 'hats and gloves.' Slacks or shorts were only worn on hikes or recreational activities, to work and breakfast. This was true of the campus until the middle 1960's when students went through a period of protest.

Certainly one of the most beautiful events was the Campus Illumination Ceremony which symbolized the moving up of each class: freshmen burn green bows, sophomores accept junior status, and seniors pass caps and gowns to juniors.

President Jones set the tone for the two presidents which followed him. Unlike most universities and colleges, the president of Bennett College has been very much in touch with his students. Dr. Jones made a practice of knowing all his students. It was no surprise to be called out of the crowd by him as he casually strolled along the campus or to see



Annually the Senior Class planted a tree in honor of an outstanding person who was somehow involved in the College. Here recognition was paid to ex-president Silas A. Peeler.

Traditions



Spring Honors Convocation (1973)



Seniors are feted at the President's Home (1967)

A special banquet is held to honor seniors on Senior Day after the traditional chapel ceremony. This day marks the receiving of their caps and gown. (1973)



Traditions

him sitting on the steps of the chapel chatting informally with several students. Many students remember being called in to his office for reprimanding, often on the verge of being sent home. However, due to such experience most went on to succeed in their chosen fields.

The 'Bennett Family' was closely-knitted due to an enrollment that was kept purposefully small. Small classes, Dr. Jones believed, enabled the student to obtain individual assistance and informal instruction.

Under the theory that each girl should feel herself a part of the school, Dr. Jones required all students to perform a certain amount of the work. The girls were responsible for the upkeep of their own rooms, cleaned



Dr. and Mrs. Jones took a personal interest in the students.

and dusted the dormitory lounges, and took turns waiting the tables in the dining hall. "Beauty Work" was received with mixed emotions. Some parents resented that their daughter 'did the work of maids.' However, as one graduate recalls, "It did make us more responsible in what we did in the residence hall. Students were, perhaps, more aware of the importance of being tidy when they were responsible for the housekeeping. We shined the brass work in the parlors."

Most graduates of the Jones' era, fondly remember "Ma Mac", Mrs. Mamie McLaurin, who was director of the residence halls.

"She would check the rooms quite often, especially for dust under the bed. If she found an untidy room, you really were embarrassed."



President David D. Jones, a great educator.



A Way of Living

The Bennett Quartette met Richard Harrison in 1931 during their tour of the Northwest. (l to right) Jessie Dickinson, Nan Wright, Mr. Harris, Carrie Robinson (pianist), Maidie Gamble, and Alfreda Sandifer.



1930 graduating seniors were (l to r) Alma Tarpley, Margaret Dean, Maggie Matthews, and Ruth Artist. President Jones loved to be out on campus.



Sophomore Weekend was held annually during the Jones era. (1935)

Expansion

The completion of David Dallas Jones Student Union Building at a cost of \$500,000 in 1950.



Completion of Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel in 1941.



Erecting of Reynolds Hall



Construction of Pfeiffer Science Hall (1967)



Dedicating of Pfeiffer Residence Hall in (1935)

"Learning By Doing"

The Bennett Experience became one of "learning by doing" whether it involved the campus or the community. Among those activities which contributed to the development of leadership and community awareness was "Operation Doorknock". This project was part of the 34th annual Homemaking Institute and consisted of a house-to-house effort to get blacks in the surrounding area registered to vote from April 1-22, 1960.

With the assistance of the NAACP, the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education, and prominent civic leaders, Bennett students were responsible for the registering of 1,478 blacks out of Greensboro's total black registered voters of 5,720. Thurgood Marshall and

Dr. Benjamin Mays helped launch the event as keynote speakers for the Institute.

Early in the 1960's, Bennett students participated in the boycotting of public eating facilities. They were instrumental in the ending of segregated practices of local theatres.

One of the most publicized public demonstrations occurred during a silent march on downtown Greensboro as a selective buying campaign against stores which practiced discriminatory employment. A local attorney claimed that the demonstration was communist inspired and supported by Black Muslims.



Students explain registration with citizen.



"Operation Doorknock" Car Pool.



Boycotting of local theatre.



Lunch counter pickett.

After an investigation by the Board of Trustees, one faculty member was dismissed because her husband had been convicted in 1953 of violating the Smith Act. Even though the faculty person had been a marcher, CORE and the NAACP denied that the couple had any leadership role.

A former instructor of the college, Mr. John F. Hatchett, stated, "The Jerome Incident" was good because it solidified efforts of the students to integrate.

It was because of regional prejudices that students were indoctrinated with the firm

belief that "a Bennett woman is something special." Dr. Jones instituted a strict dress code in 1931 and included it in the Bennett B's.

"Be neat. Neatness is the basis of all beauty. Being neat suggests cleanliness, simplicity, order, and refinement in every phase of everyday life."

The Home Economics Department provided a Clothing Clinic in order to advise students on appropriate attire; repairment of garments; and the construction of new garments.



Dress codes were enforced.



Today's dress patterns are more liberal.



Many prominent guests visited the college from the very start: Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, Thurgood Marshall, Roy Wilkins, Constance Baker Motley, Dr. John Hope Franklin, Dr. Martin Luther King, Rep. Julian Bond, Whitney Young, Richard Harrison, Rep. Shirley Chisholm, Vernon Jordon, Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee, Rep. Charles Diggs, and many others.

The predecessors of Dr. Jones shared his belief in the emphasizing of extra-curricular activities:

"It seems especially important to us here at the college that the religious and cultural life, so intimately tied up with the morale

should be carried forward with renewed creativeness."

Throughout the development of Bennett College for Women, many techniques have been used to promote solidarity and unity. Dr. Jones knew each student by her first name. As he walked the campus he would often stop them to chat.

"Prexy would sit down on the top step of the chapel altar. Then he would slowly tell us that someone had marred the reputation of the college. Everyone would feel so guilty, especially the culprit, as Dr. Jones pulled out his handkerchief to dry the tears from his eyes," one graduate recalls.

Prominent Faces — Exposure to Life



Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt

Whitney Young '69

Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee '73

Vernon Jordan '72





Mary M. Bethune
Thurgood Marshall '60
Dr. Martin L. King
Dr. Benjamin Mays '60
J. Saunders Redding '59
Shirley Chisholm '72





Dr. Willa B. Player (1955-1966)



Dr. Player was formally installed on October 14, 1956 by Bishop Edgar A. Love.

Dr. Isaac H. Miller has continued to take personal concern for the welfare of Bennett students. Many nights has he gone to the dormitories to solve problems or to rush someone to a doctor. His home has been the scene of many confrontations of anxious parents trying to locate a daughter who forgot to sign out.

Dr. Willa B. Player is the only woman to have served as president of Bennett College. She assumed that office in 1955 when Dr. Jones became seriously ill.

She had served in several capacities before, including the Director of Admissions.

Some of the highlights of her presidency were the gaining of full membership in the Southern Association as the only private, black college in 1957; the initiation of the Saturday School for latent high school students; the start of the National Science Foundation for talented high school students during the summers; and the establishment of numerous academic committees to improve the academic program.



Dr. Player returned for the 1969 commencement.

"The Search For A New President"

By the end of her term of office the value of the campus had increased with the erection of Laura Cone Hall, the Ida Haslup Goode Health and Physical Education Building, and the beginning of a new science building. Dr. Player resigned on March 1, 1966 to become Director of the Division of College Support in the U. S. Office of Education of H. E. W.

The finding of a new president was by no means an easy job for the Board of Trustees. The youth of America, especially of Black America, were caught up in a revolution. Hair

styles, dress, and actions symbolized their rebellion against the "Establishment and the status quo".

The youth became more vocal. They demanded more voice in the homes, the community, and especially in the schools. Colleges became the centers of violence and protest.

The Trustees sought a person who understood the changing times and who also realized the value of the Bennett Experience. A selection was made.



Students questioned traditions.

Protest was seen in dress.

Hairstyles symbolized change.

Militant attitudes were prominent.





Dr. F. D. Patterson, ex-Chairman of the Trustee Board led the search.

Dr. Isaac H. Miller, Jr. was their choice. His selection marked the first time in the history of the college that faculty members had been involved in the establishing of criteria and in the selection of a new president.

Dr. Miller was associate professor of biochemistry at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. However, he was no stranger to this area of North Carolina or to Bennett College. His father had served as the Academic Dean of Bennett from 1923-1926. His childhood was spent on several college campuses and he had attended Livingstone College. After World War II, he continued his



Dean Chauncey G. Winston served as acting-president.

education at the University of Wisconsin and received his doctoral degree in biochemistry in 1951. During this time, he also taught at A. & T. State University.

Under the capable leadership of President Miller, new programs have been established and plans have begun for the expansion of Bennett College. Cooperative Education, the Bio-Medical Research Program, the Interdisciplinary Studies Program, and other curriculum changes have occurred to prepare students for the everchanging society. For the first time in its history Bennett has an active alumnae association.



Dr. Miller often walks along the campus and chats with students.

Dr. Isaac H. Miller, Jr. was inaugurated on October 12, 1968 as the tenth president of Bennett College. After receiving his investiture of office from Dr. F. D. Patterson, chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Miller told the assembly that Bennett College "stands as an eloquent testimony to the wisdom of her founders," and pledged that under his administration Bennett would continue "to go forth in excellence."

The inauguration culminated a week of outstanding events such as a concert by pianist Raymond Jackson; a concert by the college choir; performances by graduates of the college; the dedication of the new science building; and a two-part symposium.

Part One of the symposium was entitled "The College Woman in Today's World." Participants included the Honorable Constance

Baker Motley, Judge of the U.S. District Court, Southern District, New York City; Dr. Jane C. Wright, Associate Dean and Professor of Surgery, New York Medical College; Mrs. Joan F. Bishop, Director of Placement, Wellesley College; and Mrs. L. Maynard Catchings, Assistant General Secretary, World Division, Board of Missions.

The second session was entitled "The Negro Woman Faces Special Challenges." Participants included Dr. Kenneth Clark, president of Metropolitan Center for Child Development; Mrs. Charlotte M. Hubbard, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Cultural Affairs; Vernon E. Jordan, lawyer and Director of Voter Education Project, Southern Regional Council; and Dr. Dorothy Brown, member of the Tennessee State Legislature and Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery, Meharry Medical College.



Dr. Isaac H. Miller, Jr.



Judge Baker chats with Angeline Johnson '69



Vernon Jordan meets local college students.



Dedication of Science Hall

"All dreams cannot be realized, but nothing is accomplished without dreams."



Expansion and Beautification of campus



Evaluation of academic program



Development of strong alumnae program



Re-emphazing of cultural contributions

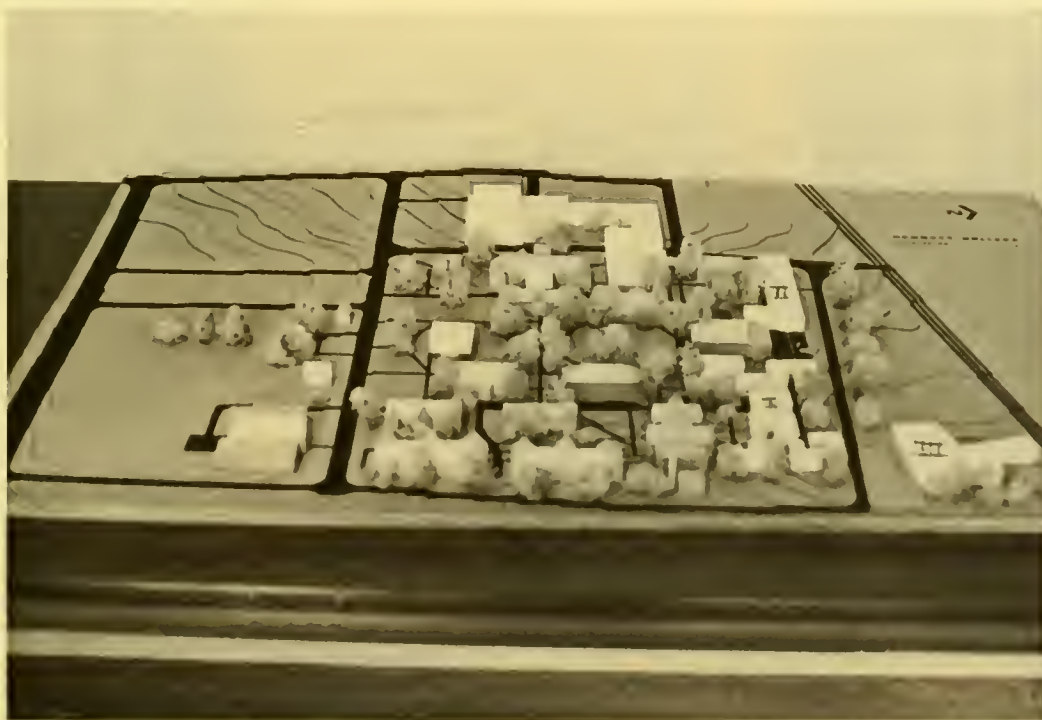
The observance of Bennett College's 100th anniversary serves not only as an opportunity to recognize Bennett's contributions to intellectual and cultural development, but to project its programs for a second century of service. Students, faculty, staff, alumnae, and

administration have pledged themselves to the support of Bennett College. They are engaged in shaping a consortium of experiences which will better prepare the Bennett woman for today's societal needs.

1973 is a very significant year in the development of the College. It marks the start of Bennett College's second century of service. New programs and the existing ones are being evaluated as the plight of the private, black institutions is being debated. Because Bennett is black and a women's college, its future existence is dependent upon its alumni, the church, and private foundations.

Bennett College has been many things to

many people. For most of its students, it has been an opportunity to develop a wholesome life. For the faculty it has been a testing ground to place new theories into practice. For the black community it has served as cultural center and referral service. For Greensboro and the nation, it has been a symbol of dedication to the betterment of the society. The second century shall see a more determined Bennett College — a true challenge for tomorrow.



Plans for the expansion of the College are being finalized. Projections point toward (1) a health center, (2) an expanded Media Center, and (3) a service center. These are only several of the planned projects. Over the next ten years more plans will be in the making and the campus will buzz with the sound of progress.

TELL ME WHY

Tell me why the stars do shine,
 Tell me why the ivy twines,
 Tell me why the sky's so blue.
 Tell me, Old Bennett,
 Just why I Love you.

Because God made the stars to shine,
 Because God made the ivy twine,
 Because God made the sky so blue,
 God made Old Bennett;
 That's why I love you.



SIGNIFICANT HISTORICAL EVENTS

- 1873- Bennett Normal School was founded in the basement of St. Matthews Methodist Episcopal Church in July under the leadership of Rev. Matthew Alston. The coeducational school was under the auspices of the Freedman's Aid Society.
- 1878- School receives the name Bennett Seminary in recognition of Mr. Lyman Bennett. Bennett Hall was erected.
- 1883- Kent Industrial Home was established.
- 1889- Bennett Seminary was chartered as Bennett College by the state of North Carolina.
- 1926- Bennett College became a women's junior college under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society and the Board of Education of the Methodist Church.
- 1930- Bennett College granted its first four-year college degrees to Alma Tarpley, Margaret Dean, Maggie Simpson, and Ruth Artist. The College received "A" rating by the North Carolina State Board of Education.
- 1935- College was granted "A" rating by the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States.
- 1957- Bennett College received into full membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



CHIEF ADMINISTRATORS

Mr. W. J. Parker	1873-1877
Dr. Edward O. Thayer	1877-1881
Rev. Wilbur F. Steele	1881-1889
Dr. Charles N. Grandison	1889-1892
Dr. Jordan D. Chavis	1892-1905
Dr. Silas A. Peeler	1905-1913
Dr. James E. Wallace	1913-1915
Dr. Frank Trigg	1915-1926
Dr. David D. Jones	1926-1955
Dr. Willa B. Player	1955-1966
Dr. Isaac H. Miller	1966-



PREFERENCE SONG

There are many, many schools in
 the East and in the West;
 Sometimes you may be questioned
 as to which one is the best;
 If you really want to know
 There is one that will stand out;
 It's dear Old Bennett College,
 That's the school you hear about.

CHORUS

Some prefer to go to Spelman;
 Others A. & T.
 Some say here's to Talladega;
 Others Johnson C.
 But Bennett College is the best, girls;
 Lift high your colors bright.
 Raise your voices in a cheer, girls,
 For the dear old Blue and White!
 Rah-Rah-Rah!







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