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N. C. C. Enrollment Increases

V. V. Oaks Heads Commercial Dept. At Wilberforce U.

C. V. Harris Seeks Degree

Dr. V. V. Oak, former head of the Commercial Department, N. C. College, now holds the position as head of the Commercial Department at Wilberforce University.

During his two years at N. C. College, Dr. Oak made many changes in the academic requirements of the department. The whole commercial department feels his absence, along with the absence of Miss Cee Vee Harris, last year's Commercial Club life-spark, who is absent on leave for further study. The Junior Class Club members, Dr. Oak's brain children, miss him very much.

At Wilberforce, where he was instructor previously, his chief function is the reorganization of the commercial department.

Dr. Oak has sent his best wishes to all his former students and expresses his high hopes for our Commercial Club's success in its present bazaar project.

To My Former Students.

Dear students: It is with great regret that I left N. C. College for Negroes, but the call of Wilberforce University sounded so needy that I had to heed it. I regret especially to leave behind me the 1941 Commercial students who came to N. C. C. N. at the same time that I did (1937) and who helped me to uphold my standards of scholarship in every possible way. I was hoping that I would stay long enough to see this group graduate, but fate decreed it otherwise. Needless to say that I am looking forward to the pleasure of seeing a large percentage of this group on the honor roll through the remaining two years. To my mind that is the best tribute one could give to any teacher.

N. C. C. is growing so fast that one finds it difficult to keep up with its growth. Its ultimate usefulness, however, will be measured entirely by the contribution its students will make to society. See that your contribution is worth your good name. Fight with all your might for your rights as students, but always remain loyal to your Alma Mater.

Let me hear from you, as I am interested in your progress, in the progress of the institution, and most of all in the progress of the Commercial Department.

With best wishes, I am,
Yours very sincerely,
V. V. OAK.

Wilberforce University,
Wilberforce, Ohio,
October 2, 1939.

With registration at the highest peak in the history of the school, and with more applications coming in from students who desire to be trained to have a cultural approach to life and where they may, at the same time, become scholastically secure, the North Carolina College for Negroes opened its 29th year with an enrollment of 619—an increase of 118 over the enrollment of the previous year.

Perhaps the dominant reason for the increased enrollment is due to added facilities and the opening of the graduate school which has an enrollment of 19. In order to make North Carolina College outstanding, the president has secured the services of Dr. Pearce, Dr. Markham, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Brownell, Dr. Easley and Dr. Allen from Duke University. From the University of North Carolina come Dr. McKee, Dr. Lefler, Dr. Knight, Dr. Odum and Dr. Pierson, who is the dean of the graduate school at Chapel Hill. Members of the N. C. College faculty who are teaching in the graduate school are Dr. Lee, Mr. Knox, Dr. Farrison and Dr. Taylor.

Courses are offered in the graduate school in Biology, English, History, Chemistry, Education and Social Sciences.

The attempt is being made here to develop a curriculum which will be related to a fuller life. The facilities of the new gymnasium, to be completed soon, will aid in this connection. Other new buildings which are to be dedicated soon are: The Sci-
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Girls' New Dormitory Recently Completed

The freshman and sophomore girls entered our recently completed dormitory and are now enjoying its advantages. This was the first of our new buildings to be turned over by the contractors. The others, the Science, Home Economics, Laundry and Gymnasium buildings, are to be completed in the near future.

The building has a capacity of 96 students, not including the guest and matron's rooms, both of which include private baths. At present this dormitory is filled to its capacity.

The building includes a large living room, a recreation room, a laundry, and a trunk and baggage room.

Contributions For The Campus Echo

Contributions for *The Campus Echo* may be turned in at any time during the month in the classroom of Professor Willis, or to any member of the editorial staff of the *Echo*. Deadline for student contributions for publication in any month's edition must be in no later than the twelfth of that month.

THE EDITOR, *Campus Echo*.



MISS N. C. C.

Representing N. C. C. at the homecoming game with Howard University, Miss Robert L. Duren, prominent campus belle of the A. K. A. Sorority, has everything a queen could have. With her and her attendants behind the team, it is no wonder that the football season for North Carolina College is the tops.

"Bob" came to us from Camden, S. C., in September, 1936. Her popularity then, as now, was unmistakable; her beauty unmarred.

"... and we'll claw those Bisons, won't we Eagles?" says the queen.

McLendon Leads N. C. C. Sunday School Assembly

On Sunday, October 1, at 9:00, the North Carolina College Sunday School assembled for the first time this school year. Held in the Music Assembly, the meeting was mostly musical in nature.

The following officers for the year were elected: Superintendent, Coach J. B. McLendon; assistant superintendent, Sylvester Carter; secretary, Naomi McLean; librarian, Richard Mack.

Highlighting the first meeting of the Sunday School was the rendition of the spiritual, "Good News," by the Varsity Hall Choir. Naomi McLean made her report.

It is hoped that all students will voluntarily support this essential part of the college activities.

Miss Watson at Columbia

Miss Parepa Watson, our assistant librarian, is studying at Columbia University this year. Miss Watson hopes to complete work for her degree of Master in Library Science.

We miss Miss Watson this year and look forward to her return next year. We wish her much success in her study.

Thirteen Enrolled In Institute Here

Extending over a period of four weeks, a National Recreation Institute began here on October 16, with a total enrollment of thirteen persons.

The institute, conducted by the National Recreation Association, is sponsored locally by the Durham Recreation Commission, the Chamber of Commerce, the Junior League, and the Rotary Club.

Courses in music, social recreation, arts and crafts constitute the subject matter and practice work. The work is in two divisions, some courses being short and intensive and others long and more extensive.

Three staff members of the National Recreation Institute constitute the faculty. They are Frank A. Staples, director of arts and crafts; Miss Ethel M. Bowers, director of social recreation and recreation for girls and women; and Augustus D. Danzig, director of music.

Agnes Reynolds, C. T. Russels, Georgia D. Whitted, Mabel A. Watson, Leona Roberson, Jewell Watson, O. G. Thompson, Thelma Fitzgerald, William Bragston, Walter Green, Loraine Graves, Leola B. May, and Cathryn D. Shaw are now attending the institute.

College credits will be given to the graduates of the institute.

School Spirit Now Is in the Making

Starting the year with a direct effort, with the slogan, "Make N. C. C. make school spirit," the alumni of the institution through its newly created committee on athletics, started arousing a spirit among the students which permeated the N. C. C.-Bluefield game. Never before was such spirited action combined with such spirited spectators. Each committeeman was present at the chapel assembly on Friday, the 13th—whether you are superstitious or not, it surely brought results—and was presented for a statement. In the following order they were presented by Dean Elder:

Dr. J. M. Hubbard, dentist, "Spirit is the thing we need, without which we'll die."

Mr. R. L. McDougald, cashier, Mechanics and Farmers Bank, "If you don't have a cheering section, or don't yell when your team seems to
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Notice

To Alumni and Students
Copies of last year's Annual, *The Eagle*, will be on sale Friday and Saturday of this week in Room 113. Copies may be also purchased on the football field during the game between North Carolina College and Howard University. Price \$1.25.

THE STAFF, *The Eagle*.

Bisons Will Tangle With N. C. C. Eagles

Robert L. Duren to Be Crowned Queen

Uppermost in the minds of all the students of North Carolina College is the thought of a most glorious Homecoming Day. Already very elaborate plans have been made to make this homecoming the grandest, most magnificent Homecoming Day ever. The entire student body and the administration are behind the project whole-heartedly.

As the school has grown, the loyalty of the students has grown accordingly, and now the North Carolina College has an enthusiastic student body eager to make the alumni happy in their homecoming and proud of their connection with N. C. C.

As to the feminine side of the question, North Carolina College possesses some of those charming lassies whose personalities "send you." It was a very hard decision to make when choosing the most beautiful and popular lass even in the senior class. Finally, however, Miss Robert "Bob" Lee Duren was chosen, despite the narrow margin, paced by the heart-taking Kathryn Goins. Miss North Carolina College, alias Miss Robert Lee Duren, will assume the responsibility of reigning after she is crowned on October 28. Her attendants are the following: Miss Ethel Howell, senior class; Miss Alice Oakley, junior class; Miss Wyonella Hicks, sophomore class; Miss Ruth Hall, freshman class.

Our staunch rivals on Homecoming Day will be the Howard University team. Our Eagles are strengthening themselves for a tough battle, but we expect to fly over Howard's Bisons.

Homecoming always affords an opportunity for the graduates to return home. It revives the feeling of unity among all as they sing "Dear Old N. C. C." Not as the prodigal son re-
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Dr. Brown Presented To Students, Faculty

On Sunday, October 1, 1939, Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, nationally known educator, lecturer, and founder and president of Palmer Memorial Institute, spoke to the faculty, student body and many friends in the B. N. Duke auditorium of the North Carolina College for Negroes.

Her subject was in the nature of three questions: What is your name? Where are you from? Where are you going?

Dr. Brown put most of her emphasis on the last part of her subject—*Where are you going?* In brief, she said, "We show what we are by our past environment and our future actions. We impress others as to the gentleness of our past environment and the height of our future ambitions."

As is her habit, Mrs. Brown kept the audience spellbound.

WELCOME, ALUMNI AND BISONS!