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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

North Carolina College has grown from a small private institution to one of the leading Negro Colleges. Although we are taking the lead in academic aggrandizement, we are far from being successful with our personnel. For instance, our lovely infirmary, with its new equipment and well trained nurses, is not systematized to care for emergency cases. Could it be that we are new in this game of trying to care for our mental and physical illnesses and have not as yet arrived at a feasible method?

It is really pathetic that a student in pain or agony has to wait two or three hours for a usual white pill or the pretty physician to arrive and give the pink pill. This waiting has caused pain, agony and distress

to a large number of students. We are proud to have Dr. Sheps and her experienced staff. We hope this administrative group will revise its present policy with the local doctors of this community.

I suggest that a committee be appointed by the president of the college to meet with Dr. Sheps, her staff and student leaders to work out a servicable policy for our infirmary: to have a medical doctor at our service at all times.

If the above plan, or just a servicable one, isn't taken into consideration immediately, I suggest we students assemble and express our grievance. If the consequences are negative—we should return to our abodes where we spent our youthful lives.

Yours truly,
WILLIE A. CLAYTOR

N. C. C. MEMORIAL GYM

If the venerable and wise Board of Trustees will lend a tolerant ear to the outpourings of a young and unaged pursuer of truth and understanding, I should like to encroach upon their hallowed domain and suggest a well-meaning proposal.

In light of a two-year old Board policy of not naming any new buildings on the NCC campus for an individual who is yet living, I should like to suggest that the new gymnasium be named not for an individual but for several individuals.

Since there is at present no building on the NCC campus dedicated to the gallant students of NCC who have rendered the supreme sacrifice in the service of their country, and since the honoring the memory of the war dead is a noble and admirable means of expressing appreciation for gallantry in the line of duty, I feel that NCC can drape

on itself no more befitting laurel than that of dedicating the new NCC gymnasium to the memory of the NCC students who have died in the military service of their country.

In my humble and flexible opinion there can be no more befitting tribute than naming this newest and largest edifice on our ever-expanding campus the NCC Memorial Gymnasium and dedicating it to the timeless memory of the former NCC students who have died dutifully serving in the armed forces of the United States of America.

Plaques inscribed with the names of these fighting men and placed in noteworthy places in the new gymnasium will serve as constant reminders of our sacred duty and obligation to those who have died that we may continue to search for freedom, truth, and understanding in an atmosphere of boundless academic opportunity.

man stated that the report on the investigation suggested that the present athletic system should be altered because of the following discrepancies: (1) The athletes are not working while they are participating in athletic activities, (2) The advantages offered here are not offered in white schools. The Commission also recommended that the scholarship system be revised. Norman assured the congress that "There is no change contemplated in the scholarship system at this time."

According to Norman, it has been rumored that Dr. Elder, Dr. Elder, NCC president, has discussed cutting athletics down to the barest minimum, because of an over-interest exhibited by the student body! Norman said that action has been taken by the NCC Athletic Association to prove that the students are not spending an excessive amount of time in athletic activities and that any reduction in the present athletic program would harm the student body as a whole.

Norman also reported other action taken by the Athletic Association concerning the policies which are to go into immediate practice. These policies are apparently direct results of the Miami Affair.

- (1) In contracting games, three-quarters of the members of varsity team will be asked to vote on the issue.
- (2) The band, cheering squad, etc. will be considered for making the trip.
- (3) Arrangements of all games will be left in the hands of the Athletic Association.

In closing, Norman advised the congress that when they select a presidential candidate for the next election, the primary factor which should be considered the willingness that persons to go forward in behalf of the student body. Norman made direct reference to his accomplishments with the Athletic Association in obtaining a vote for student body through the student government president for the first time.

Several articles have been found in the James E. Shepard Memorial Library. The owners may have them by identifying them at the lost and found desk.

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The Morgan Manner -

The Communist And The Blood Drive,

BY PEGGY MORGAN

In the first campus blood drive the North Carolina College student body had the last laugh on the Communist Party of North Carolina. The Communist thought they would be able to tell the students of NCC that they were still living in NEGRO AMERICA when the students here know that we are living in America, period.

Our argument for this reasoning is that though we are living under state segregation laws and though we are discriminated against when we seek jobs, we are no longer seeking jobs heretofore offered for Negroes and Negroes only.

Our businesses are no longer only interested in the Negro patrons but they are interested in patrons regardless of their color. Our schools no longer hire Negro teachers alone but they hire the teacher who is best qualified to teach in our institutions of higher learning. The men of the Armed Forces no longer are fighting to come back to their little old shack in the back woods of Mississippi but they are fighting to return to the America which is fast becoming a citadel of Democracy.

The name of the first pamphlet distributed by the Communist party of North Carolina, Junius Scales, Chairman, was "Operation Blood-Letting". The Communist practically begged students of NCC not to participate in the blood drive, because they said we were only being "used." The Communist also made the error of telling the students that the quota for NCC was four times greater than that of Duke University where a blood drive was held recently.

The Red Cross however on asking the student body to sponsor the blood drive here told us that no matter where the blood mobile goes that there quota is the same. That they must reach this quota in order the drive be successful, regardless of the number of people in the community where the blood drive will take place.

The second pamphlet was named "Operation Smoke-screen," which to the average student at NCC had no meaning what so ever. It was the same propaganda that we have been

hearing for the last two years. Make the United States come out of Korea and tell them to mind their own business. No one will profit from the Korean Crisis but the big American Business Man. In the opinion of this writer the Communist slightly reprimanded the NCC students for not going ahead and boycotting the Red Cross drive, as they asked them to do in the first leaflet.

But the students began to think and to look around and to investigate what is now happening in their daily lives. Although the Communist party's pamphlets had no meaning and did not affect our student body on the whole some of the students felt that in a way the Communist were talking a lot of sense. The students figured it out this way: That although most of us are 100 per cent Americans, that when White America feels that we as Negroes are inferior to them that the Communist do have a weapon, and this is a very strong weapon. That the Communist will always have an argument as long as there is segregation and discrimination. The communist say that there is a world wide movement going on throughout the world to equalize all of mankind, and that they will not stop fighting for the American Negro cause as long as he is segregated and discriminated against by "White America."

The students of NCC feel as long as White America will continue to "use" them and to discriminate against them that there is little hope for America to really and honestly to become a "Citadel of Democracy."

It is true that the New Negro feels that he is an American, and lives in America, but it is also true that White Americans feel that we are still living in Negro America.

When a Negro like Frank Yerby writes a book, "Foxes of Harrow" and many other best sellers, he does not write as a Negro, but he writes as an American with the American point of view. When he wrote the book few people said that a Negro has written a great book, but that Mr. Yerby wrote a great book. This is not only

happening in the literary field, but also in other fields. There are Ethel Waters, Dorothy Maynor, and many others who have allowed the Negro to step out of his customary fields in the theaters. There are now a number of Negro professors teaching in some of the great universities of the North, but there are still those who are not given the chance to show that they are capable of using their knowledge to promote democracy.

We are proud of our heritage. We are proud that we are Negroes, but we are also particularly proud of the fact that we are Americans. We at one time were the lost race of America, but today we have become one race, one nationality. We are no longer the children from distant shores, because very few of us have ever seen the shores of Africa. We are no longer the children who were just released from bondage, but we are the children of America. We are a mixture of several races and nationalities. We are just as much French, Spanish, Dutch, English, and the other Caucasian races as we are Negroes.

When White America erases from its books such laws as the prohibition of interracial marriages, and such laws as segregation on public conveyances, and in public education, it will be then that they will have the last laugh on the Communists.

We the students of North Carolina College have proved that we are 100 per cent Americans and believe in Democracy, but it is now up to the whites of America to prove to us that they are 100 per cent Americans.

We are not poor excuses for Americans, but many whites are. When white America learns to be humble to be gracious and to learn many of the ways of the Negro, when white America learns to use its education to benefit the whole of mankind, regardless of race, creed, or color, it will be then and only then that they will be able to conquer this enemy of democracy, but until that time they will only be wading in deeper waters (blood).

With A Prayer In Your Hearts

As we look around dear "Old NCC" we find that more of our students are leaving each day to serve their Uncle Sam in one of the armed forces.

It is hard to realize that the boys with whom we graduated from high school and with whom we first came to view this beautiful college atmosphere must depart from us.

The Eagles are leaving one by one. They have been called to duty. The co-eds stand around and wave good bye. They shake their heads and say the college atmosphere is changing.

We cry to see them go, but in our hearts we are proud to think that each one who has gone away to protect our future.

We remember several of our young men who have left us. There was George "Hunky" Green, a great basketball player who is now serving in the far Eastern Command. There was Otis Thompson, a cinder man who is in the Army, and is preparing to go overseas. There was Joseph "Wah-ha" Jones, great baseball player. There was Winifred Teteway, another great baseball now in training in the Army. There was Leo Rogers, basketball star. There was Howard Campbell, in the Navy in Korea. We remember Howard because he was one of the feature writers of the CAMPUS ECHO. There was Leonard Shadding and William heading two of Coach Riddick's, favorite gridiron stars. There was William Torrence, the star of the Thespians for four years, now serving in the Air Force. There was Roland "Drummer Boy" Alston, also in the Air Force. There was Blaine "Calypso King" Smith who left this month to answer his call to duty. There was Albert P. Moore, a very powerful football player. There was Fred Ponder, Captain elect of the '52 football squad, and many, many more "Eagles" who have replaced their books for a gun to insure us a safe place in which to study and to learn to deal with men.

These men of ours, for they are no longer boys, have exchanged the maroon and gray for the khaki of the Army, the blue of the Air Force, the white of the Navy, and the olive drab of the Marine Corps.

While we will be walking on the sloping hills of NCC these men will be running up the hills of Korea. While we will be running to classes with our books, they will be running across the terrains of Korea with guns in hands. While we will be warm in our beds at night, these men of ours will be sleeping on the cold hard ground. While we

will be sitting under the CAROLINA MOON our men will be sitting and fighting under the ASIATIC MOON, thousands of miles from home. When we cut a finger and cry out with pain our men will be lying quietly in the snow waiting for the medic to bring them some much needed blood plasma; so that they will live to return to NCC some day, some how.

The American Red Cross came to NCC to get our blood to send it to Korea. They came because they new how patriotic we were and are. They knew that we remembered our men who had left our campus beautiful, and they knew we would do everything possible to make the blood drive a success.

Students and citizens of NCC we did our share, but it was such a small share compared to the part that our men are playing in this war every day. We met our quota, and we patted ourselves on the back. We felt that we had done all that was necessary, but we did not. This was only the first blood drive on the Campus. There will be others, there may not be others here on our campus, but there will be others here in Durham, in our home towns, or places where we are visiting. Any where that a blood drive is held it will be our duty to go and donate our pint of blood.

Those of us who gave our blood did not give it only because of school pride, but because we felt that it was our patriotic duty. Those of us who gave felt that perhaps our blood might save one of the lives of our men who are leaving us every day. That perhaps when they are laying in the snow of Korea that they might whisper a prayer of thanks to us for having given our blood.

Men, you are leaving, but then again you are not. You may leave this campus with suitcase in hand, you may travel to some distant place, you may see things that you will hope to God that we may never see, but you will always be here at dear old NCC. You will be here in spirit, because the spirit of the Eagle will be here, and you are the spirit of the Eagle. You have changed the color of your uniform, but you still have the same symbol, THE GREAT AMERICAN EAGLE, the symbol of strength, might, and courage. It is unconquerable, and you are unconquerable.

Men remember, where ever you go, whatever you do, that you are with us and we are with you, with a prayer in our hearts for your safe and victorious return.

Honor Nights Are Good Things

It is good when the college community honors their students such as when the NCC community honored its co-eds on Sunday night, February 17, 1952.

It is good when people are made to realize that there are outstanding men and women in our college community, who should be remembered and honored at least one a year.

The people who show outstanding ability in their scholastic work should be mentioned because these people have shown they are doing what they ought to do in college. These students have studied and have absorbed some of the knowledge that has been handed down to them from teacher to student. These students have worked hard and have overcome handicaps that others say keep them from making good grades. Some of these students who were honored and who have made the honor roll consistently for the last three years have come from rural communities where it was not possible to have the best books, the best teachers, nor the best school facilities. These students with high scholarship have gone above their humble backgrounds and have succeeded in showing the world that they are just as able to absorb knowledge as the students from the large city, and to surpass

some of these students who the so-called finer and more cultural background.

The high scholarship students are not the only ones to be honored but those who have shown outstanding leadership. Once again it appears that the student with the humble background becomes the leader when the other students follow. These students have shown again that it is not always the man or woman who has dealt or lived in an urban community all of his life who has the ability to lead, but these students who sometimes had to walk to school or ride the county bus have just as much ability to lead as the next person.

It is a good thing when people are not honored and who come from sections of the country where they think they are better than people of other sections who do not have the same great facilities that there are others who have more ability than they either in scholarship or leadership.

Honor Nights are good for the people who are not honored as well as those who are honored, for these persons will have an incentive to make a more constructive gift to the world. These people who are not honored will be able to stop and realize that perhaps they are not giving as much of themselves as they should. These people

The problems of the NCC yearbook was major item number two on the Prexy's agenda. Norman explained that the difference between the \$5,800.00, appropriated by the school and the \$8,500.00 estimate for the desired book, was not sufficiently made up in advertisements as was expected by the yearbook staff. He further stated that he plans to present the problem of the deficit to the student body in the very near future. The yearbook is supposed to be available for student circulation by May 15.

Item number three concerned the Athletic Commission investigation which has caused much discussion recently. Nor-

Student Gov. Ferris Wheel

By YVONNE SCRUGGS

The Student Congress of the Student Government organization is having quite a bit of trouble getting a quorum at the at the Saturday meeting. The problem has gotten so much out of hand that plans have been made to introduce a bill which will establish some form of check on the delinquent and tardy members.

Vice-president George Jones told the Congress members who were present on Saturday, Feb. 14, that the irregular attendance at the last two meetings has caused a delay in the discussion of the student government business and asked for the immediate co-operation from the members.

Calvin Norman, SG Prexy, gave an informal address to the members of the Student Congress on February 9. The purpose of Norman's visit was to discuss and explain some of the recent business of the Student Government organization.

Norman asked for Student Congress support in the blood-drive of February 14 and 15 and explained the necessity for success of the project. However, he indicated his belief that most of the student body would give its support to the blood-drive, with the encouragement from the faculty and other students.

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College Roundup . . .

Orono, Me.—(I. P.)—Following a national trend, the interfraternity council at the University of Maine recently adopted a plan whereby fraternity pledges would devote one day of Hell Week to civic improvements in Banger, Old Town, and Orono. Under the program, fraternity members and pledges alike would be assigned to various places to aid in the cleanup campaign.

The program was designed for a two-fold purpose: (1) to aid the communities in brightening up their appearance, and (2) at the same time to combat some of the ill feeling that has been expressed lately towards fraternities.

As projected originally, the program included much work to be done on the Old Town City Hall, as well as the painting of city's parking meters. The idea of a constructive Hell Week was inaugurated on this campus last Spring by Sigma Phi Epsilon. Eight pledges of the fraternity cleaned and painted the interior of the Orono Town Hall.

Baltimore, Md.—(I. P.)—Abolition of the traditional four-year program for under graduates in favor of an advance-as-you-learn plan will be one of the future goals of Johns Hopkins University. Under this plan there would be virtually no restrictions on students as to time scope or specific study.

The University has begun a campaign to raise 75 to 100 million dollars to finance the transition and to increase the endowment. The cost of the immediate change has been tentatively set at 6 million dollars.

The goal of the program, which will take about six years to install, is to eliminate the distinction between graduate and undergraduate students, according to Dr. Detlev W. Broek, president.

No student will be forced to accelerate his studies, but those who wish to advance as rapidly as they can will be able to do so. The more intelligent students will be able to obtain a master's degree in about four years, which is normally the time needed for a bachelor's degree, one university official estimated.

Because the university has, as a policy been decreasing the number of its students, about 75 per cent of those who enter the undergraduate fields remain at the school to complete their graduate work.

Pullman, Wash.—(I. P.)—New regulations governing administration of the Student Health Service at Washington State College were reported recently by Arthur R. McCarty, acting dean of students. Under the new plan now in effect students receive 14 days hospitalization and regular nursing care (including services of college physician) in any college year without extra charge.

Students also receive outpatient clinic service; three-fourths of the cost of x-ray and laboratory services as prescribed by clinic physicians; one-half of the price of any drug prescribed by student health service physician; and cost of x-rays and laboratory tests required by all new students at registration time.

The present student health fee of \$12 per semester can be maintained without being raised, despite many increasing medical costs, through the additional income obtained by the changed schedule of benefits, college authorities here said.

The administration also announced that the college library will be open weekends in response to student interest and demand. The college recently

completed the problem of special allotment, which, with use of time slip labor and by opening is solving the problem a slightly later week morning so that the W. S. C. library can now serve students Saturdays and Sundays. Weekend library hours, run: Saturday 8:30 a. m.—noon. Sunday 2-6 p. m.

Amherst, Mass.—(I. P.)—College records reveal many instances in which students who receive below-average or mediocre grades become outstanding leaders later on in business and the professions, according to Dr. Charles W. Coles, president of Amherst College. Some persons reach their peak performance in secondary school, others in college and graduate school and still others after school, he added.

In addition to the "late-bloomer," there are other types that present even more difficult problems, Dr. Cole emphasized. "One is the 'under-achiever.' He is the able lad who drifts through college, passes his courses and enjoys the life around him, but never acquires any of the training, skills, discipline, insights or interest that education should give.

"Then there is the 'half-achiever': He, with great gifts, makes only a respectable record of development and is like a six-cylinder engine sputtering along because the ignition system is not functioning in two of the cylinders."

Among the other questions raised by this phenomenon, Dr. Cole said, were: Does the college admission system favor those who mature early? Does it put a premium on precocity? How can a college detect the candidate who has still within him the potentiality for further growth? How can the colleges distinguish him from the applicant who has already developed as far as he ever will?

Perhaps by studying the backgrounds of applicants for admission to college and by testing their "motivation" it might be possible to help the "late- (Please turn to Page Four)