

# Welcome Sunday Visitors!



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## Roger Soles To Speak At June 2 Commencement

One of Columbus County's distinguished native sons will be the principal speaker at Southeastern Community College's commencement exercises on June 2.

He is W. Roger Soles, president and chief executive officer of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company of Greensboro.

In making the announcement Saturday of his acceptance, E. Philip Comer, president of Southeastern Community College, expressed pleasure that Soles will participate in the graduation exercises.

Comer said, "This year's exercises will be especially meaningful for the college and area, because the speaker not only is one of the state's top young executives, but also because he grew up in Columbus county."

Soles, at 46, became president of Jefferson Standard Life Insurance on Feb. 6, 1967, and was also named chief executive officer on July 1, 1967. He

worked his way up through the ranks of the company, starting as a securities analyst 20 years ago.

This achievement was cited by Southeastern's president as an impressive background for a speaker who will be bringing a message to young graduates about to embark upon careers of their own. Soles spoke sometime ago on the Guilford College campus, and he serves as a trustee for High Point College.

His rise to eminence in the business world started early. He finished Whiteville High School at the age of 14, the youngest graduate in the history of the school thus far. He was graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1947, with time out for service in World War II.

This will be Southeastern's third class of graduates in its young history, and noting the occasion, Comer said the college "is building a proud tradition" in its selection of commence-

ment speakers. In 1966, the speaker was Dr. Dallas Herring of Rose Hill, chairman of the state board of education. Last year, the speaker was Dr. Robert R. Weigman, dean of the college of education at the University of Florida, and an authority in the field of community college development. "This year," Comer said, "we are continuing that tradition by the presence of Mr. Soles as the commencement speaker."

Soles, a native of Whiteville, is the son of Mrs. Margaret Watts Soles and the late J. W. Soles. He is married to the former Majelle Morris of Salisbury, and they have a son, William Roger Jr., 10, and a daughter, Majelle Janette, 3.

Southeastern's graduation exercises will take place Sunday, June 2, at 3 p.m., in the area of the front lawn of the Main Building. This will be the first graduation on the new campus. Graduating candidates number

one hundred and thirty encompassing all programs of the college including college transfer, technical, and vocational. There will be degrees received in the areas of both Associate of Arts and that of Associate of Applied Sciences. The major areas of interest include transfer work, business fields, automotive mechanics, electronics, ADN and LPN, and cosmetology. These will be the first classes to graduate from the ADN and cosmetology in the history of the college.

Father Ralph Demaree of Whiteville will deliver the invocation and the benediction. Mr. E. Philip Comer, president of the college, will present the greeting and later in the exercises present the candidates for graduation with their diplomas.

Immediately following the exercises, there will be a social hour given by the Faculty Wives Club.



Speaking to the graduating class will be Mr. Roger Soles, a native of Columbus County and the president of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company.

## Open House Set For May 26 From 2 To 5 P. M.

The first official opportunity for the general public to visit the new campus of Southeastern Community College will be on May 26, when an open house is scheduled between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Henry B. Wyche, chairman of the college's board of trustees, said, "The board of the college have been planning for many months to have an open house, but we have had to delay it because of construction work and the landscaping project."

He said, "We feel the time has come now for the public to visit Southeastern Community College, and so we invite all citizens to tour their college on this special day."

E. Philip Comer, president of Southeastern, said a tour of the campus will be set up, and that college officials, faculty, and stu-

dents will be on hand to help visitors, and to answer any questions they may have in regard to the college.

He said a special events committee, headed by Business Manager William Eddins will be in charge of the planning for the open house.

Comer said Southeastern is a comprehensive community college, and, as such, "is truly a people's college." He said, "We know many citizens are anxious to see their college and we want

them to feel most welcome on this first official opportunity to tour the campus."

Student organizations and various groups of the college will part in the open house by supplying representatives or by making themselves available to conduct tours in all the buildings.



Southeastern Community College will hold Open House on May 26 from 2 to 5 p.m. Visitors will be given guided tours of the campus. A reception will follow the tours.

Their will be a slide presentation shown at the beginning of the tours in the auditorium including the areas of the college campus and the different programs offered to the area.

There will be a reception immediately following the tour in the main building given by the Faculty Wives Club.

## Graduation Dance Set For May 29

Students will be given the opportunity of donning formal attire at the 1968 graduation dance. The dance will be held in the auditorium on May 29, 1968 from 8:00 until 12:00 p.m. All Southeastern students and their dates will be admitted free.

Music will be provided by "The Monzas" of Burlington, North Carolina. The group specializes in beach and pop music. "The Monzas", who recorded, "Hey, I Know You," consist of a six piece combo.

Freshmen Linda Waters, Melanie Creech, and Ann Parnell, will head the decoration and refreshment committee. The theme for the formal affair has not been chosen yet, but students wishing to help decorate should get in touch with any of these students.

The publications board has named Alfred Carl Ward Editor-In-Chief of the Ram's Horn for the 1968-69 academic year. Red is working towards an AA degree and hopes to be a history teacher.

## Ram's Horn Gets All-American Rating

THE RAM'S HORN has received an All-American Honor Rating from the Associated Collegiate Press for its publications during the fall and winter quarters. The All-American rating is the highest rating given by the ACP. The Ram's Horn received a total of 3650 points out of a possible 3800.

Commenting on The Ram's Horn, the judges had many favorable statements about the paper: "Good objective reporting, editorials are well written and deal with college affairs, intercollegiate and intramural sports well covered, especially liked The Other Side."

ACP judges are professional newspapermen with extensive backgrounds in publications work. All are college graduates and the majority hold journalism degrees.

Kenneth Jordan, adviser to The Ram's Horn, stated, "I am very pleased that this honor has been bestowed upon the staff of the college newspaper. They have worked diligently throughout the year to produce an effective newspaper for the campus."

## Six Faculty Members Go On Sabbatical Leave This Summer

Six faculty members and one administrator will be on sabbatical leave this summer to take courses of their respective interests at various universities.

Mr. Robert King of the biology department will take a Duke University extension course in marine biology at New Bern. With one semester at Boston University and another at Harvard, Miss Nancy Pearson will be doing graduate work in English. From the history department, Mr. Kenneth Jordan and Mr. James Clifton are enrolled at Georgetown and Duke University, respectively. Southeastern's head librarian, Mr. Raymond Dunmire plans to attend a two week conference on library work in a junior college. Mr. Charles E. Grigsby will use the sabbatical leave this summer and a leave of absence next year to finish course work for a PhD.

in mathematics from U.N.C. before returning to S. C. C. in 1969. Mr. Armand Opitz plans to spend part of his summer sabbatical preparing his dissertation for a EDD. degree from the University of Florida at Gainesville.

These people will study under a program authorized by the State Department of Community Colleges. Mr. Comer, president of S.C.C., says "this program is a real asset to the community college system because it attracts above average faculties and advisers." By the terms of this program, members of the faculty and administrative staff become eligible after three years' service to a community college to study a subject of his interest at the school of his choice for twelve weeks while receiving his full salary.