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SCC Graduation Exercises June 8

Southeastern's graduation exercises will be held June 8 at 5:00 p.m. The event will be in front of the main building unless the weather does not permit, and then the exercises will be moved to the auditorium. Approximately 50 students will receive degrees.

The College Chorus will present the music for the exercises. Dr. Asa T. Spaulding, will be the principal speaker for commencement. Dr. Spaulding now resides in Durham, where he has been the prime force in the growth and expansion of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Doctor Spaulding was born on a farm in Columbus County, and attended elementary school at Farmers Union before moving to Durham. After high school he attended North Carolina College, Howard University, was graduated magna cum laude from New York University School of Commerce, and earned an MA degree in mathematics from the University of Michigan. He holds honorary doctoral degrees from Shaw University, North Carolina College, Morgan State, and the University of North Carolina.

He is listed in all major Who's Who publications, listed in the Insurance Hall of Fame and the Board of Governors of the American Academy of Achievement along with other high positions.

"A man with such a remarkable record of business achievement and public civil service to his native state and nation, seems eminently qualified to address a group of students who are about to graduate from Southeastern Community College," Comer said.



Dr. Asa T. Spaulding of Durham, and native of Columbus County, will speak at commencement exercises on Sunday, June 8.

Third SCC President Named By Trustees

Dr. William T. Cottingham, whose career in higher education spans 15 years, has been named president of Southeastern Community College, and will assume his new duties on July 1.

Dr. Cottingham, 53, is presently serving as dean of the college parallel division at Gaston Community College in Gastonia, which staff he joined in 1966.

The announcement of the new president was made Wednesday by Henry B. Wyche of Hallsboro, chairman of the board of trustees of Southeastern Community College.

He expressed pleasure with the selection, and he describes Dr. Cottingham as "a man totally dedicated to the community college concept and program." Wyche said the new president is "tremendously interested" in remedial education, and devoted to the purpose of getting the job of teaching accomplished.

Dr. Cottingham replaces E. Philip Comer as president, and he becomes Southeastern's third chief executive since its founding in 1965. Comer resigned six weeks ago to accept an executive position with the Foote Mineral Co., in Exton, Pa., after serving as Southeastern's president since August, 1967.

Dr. Cottingham is a native of Douglas, Ga., and was dean of students and professor of psychology at South Georgia College in Douglas when he moved to Gaston Community College as dean of instruction.

He was named to the Southeastern post from a field of over 80 applicants from 22 states and the District of Columbia. Wyche said such a response to the board's effort to fill the vacancy "is indicative of the reputation for excellence and progressiveness held over the nation for Southeastern Community College."

Dr. Cottingham is a graduate of Duke University (cum laude—honors in English), and holds a master's degree from Emory University. He has a Ph.D. in college administration from Florida State University.

He began his teaching career at North Georgia College in Dahlonega, Ga. Later, he served four years in the US Coast Guard during World War II, and returned to Douglas, Ga., to work in private business for 10 years.

In 1958, he resumed his career in high education, joining South Georgia College as registrar and head of the psychology department.

He is married to the former Farrar Babcock of Oklahoma City, and they have four sons and two daughters.



DR. WILLIAM T. COTTINGHAM

He holds membership in a number of professional organizations, including the American Association of Junior Colleges, and the North Carolina Education Association.

Dr. Cottingham is active in civic, social, and cultural

activities, and has been a speaker and conference leader in the field of personal relations.

He is a Methodist, and is an active lay leader in church affairs, and teaches an adult class in the First Methodist Church in Gastonia.

Alumni Have First Homecoming

Southeastern's Alumni Association will hold its first Annual Homecoming Dinner Saturday, June 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Heart of Whiteville Motel.

On Sunday, June 8, the Association will present a gift to the college during Commencement Exercises on the campus.

The Alumni Association was formed during the 1968 winter quarter and the first meeting was a dinner at which officers of the organization were elected. Alumni officers are Larry Rooks, president; Miss Sue Davis, vice-president; Mrs. Annie Hooks (1965-66), Miss Karen Ward (1966-67), and David Parker (1967-68), secretary. The co-ordinator for the association is Mrs. Pauline Moore, SCC counselor. Membership is determined by having been an

alumnus of SCC for one quarter and payment of a \$1.00 fee.

"An Alumni Newsletter is published quarterly for the members. It consists of interesting and outstanding happenings concerning the progress and success of SCC's alumni, as well as other news about the association," said Mrs. Moore.

NOTICE!

Since a yearbook has not yet been published at Southeastern, THE RAM'S HORN editor and staff decided to publish numerous photographs in its last issue, including an eight page Photo Section.