



Dr. Boushy

By Virginia Graham
 Dr. Theodore Boushy, a Professor of Political Science at FSU, was born into a prominent Lebanese family which traces its lineage to the Demascene. Demascene was a famous swordmaking Biblical Syrian family of Ben Haddad, who was king of Syria. Some of the family moved away to Syria, Palestine, and Lebanon and because they had many sheep, goats, and cattle, they came to be known as Boushy, meaning shepherds. Theodore's father, Faldo, was preparing for the priesthood, but under the influence of Southern Baptist Missionaries from the United States, he was converted. Shortly afterwards, he organized the First Baptist Church of Kfer-

mechki, Lebanon, which was the first church since Apostolic days. Faldo also provided property and money to build a school.

It was in this school that Theodore, who is one of ten children, completed the fifth grade. Year after year, he witnessed severe persecution, first by the Turks, then by the hierarchy which opposed the schism that developed in the church because of Rev. Faldo's preaching. Dr. Boushy's father was beaten several times and left for dead while his crops were burned and his fruit and olive trees were cut down. Other members of the family were beaten and Dr. Boushy was beaten with an axe and shot in the left leg.

Finally, Dr. Boushy grew tired of having no opportunity to progress, no freedom of worship, no freedom of speech--nothing but ignorance and superstition. So he ran away from home into Egypt, North Africa, Europe. Unable to come directly to the United States, he made his way to West Africa, then to Brazil arriving in Rio de Janeiro with five cents in his pocket.

In Brazil, he worked and had great opportunities, but his heart was set on visiting the United States. When Dr. Boushy had saved enough money, he made arrangements to come to the United States. "As I approached the shores," he said "I saw from a distance the Statue of Lib-

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erty with its outstretched arms, welcoming me and other strangers. It was the greatest sight I had ever seen. When I set feet on American soil, I felt as if I were a new man. I knelt down at the feet of Miss Liberty, said a short prayer, took a little dirt from the earth and chewed it. For the first time in my life I felt that I was a free man on a free soil. My dream became a reality -- to be in the land of the free and the brave."

"Although a stranger and with but fifty-five cents in my pocket, I saw for the first time in my life, a movie, "The Ten Commandments," because I was curious to find out how the role of God could be played. Leaving the movie from a wrong door, I saw a sign indicating that a young man was needed in a small grocery store. That was the first job I had in America."

From this job Theodore Boushy moved to work in a dry goods and clothing business, managing a large business; to carpets and linens; to management of chain stores; to work in hospitals, where he introduced a system of reporting which was adopted by the whole system of the City of New York to work as bookkeeper and chief accountant. During this period he attended night schools. Bay Ridge Evening High School awarded him the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Bronze Medal for submitting the best essay on Theodore Roosevelt. After attend-

ing schools in Detroit, Canada and New York, he received the high school diploma from Jamaica Evening High School. He was also influential in smashing a racket in one of the chain store companies.

In 1938, he borrowed twenty-five dollars from a friend and went on faith to Oklahoma Baptist University. Two years and four months later, he finished the requirements toward the B. A. degree, which he received with honors in 1941.

Ambitious and with ten dollars in his pocket, he enrolled in January 1941 at the University of Oklahoma. American history thrilled him, and he majored in history, receiving the M. A. degree from the university in 1942. He was working toward the doctor of philosophy degree when the news came that his father had passed away. Concerned over the Baptist work in Lebanon and determined to attend the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to prepare himself for the task which his father had left, he left the University of Oklahoma and enrolled at the seminary in the fall of 1942. Two years later he received the bachelor of divinity degree.

Unable to return to his native country because of the war, and wishing to serve his adopted country, he accepted the position of inspector in the armed forces of the United States, was promoted three times in a few months, and cited for his contributions.

The emergency over, he attended Western Kentucky Teachers College, Indiana University and the University of Oklahoma, where he received the doctor of philosophy degree in 1950.

But education wasn't Dr. Boushy's whole life. In fact, Dr. Boushy preached in more than 1500 churches in Texas, spoke to many conventions, including Baptists, Lutheran, Methodist, Church of Christ and others. He has lectured to Air Force officers, to pastors, and to many schools and colleges. Meanwhile, Dr. Boushy taught at Allen Military Academy in 1946, at Mercer University in 1947, and Wayland Baptist College, as professor of history and later acting chairman of the social science department from 1948 until August 1955. At this time, when he was preparing to take his family to Canada to visit his mother and his brothers and sisters, whom he had seen but once in thirty-five years, he received a long distance call from William Carey College, where he met the dean and the president with whom he attended the seminary.

"Thrilled with the program, and being a pioneer, I accepted the call to teach history, sociology and political science," Dr. Boushy said.

Dr. Boushy has also experienced discrimination just as the blacks have endured. He has been beaten because he was promoted to a higher position.

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Have You Applied For Student Teaching Yet?

In an effort to place all prospective teachers for the 1973-74 academic year, FSU's Office of Student Teaching and Office of Advisement for Teacher Education has announced that each prospective student must file an application for that experience. This application must be filed before the end of the current academic year, 1972-73. Students who are involved are therefore directed to report to Room 201, Smith Building,

for filing their applications. The following dates are available to do so:

- A. Wednesday, 17 Jan. 1973
- B. Wednesday, 24 Jan. 1973
- C. Wednesday, 31 Jan. 1973
- D. Wednesday, 7 Feb. 1973
- E. Wednesday, 14 Feb. 1973
- F. Wednesday, 21 Feb. 1973
- G. Wednesday, 28 Feb. 1973
- H. Wednesday, 7 March 1973
- I. Wednesday, 14 March 1973
- J. Wednesday, 21 March 1973
- K. Wednesday, 28 March 1973
- L. Wednesday, 4 April 1973

- M. Wednesday, 11 April 1973
- N. Wednesday, 18 April 1973
- O. Wednesday, 25 April 1973
- P. Wednesday, 2 May 1973
- Q. Wednesday, 9 May 1973
- R. Wednesday, 16 May 1973

It is imperative that all prospective student teachers file their application as stipulated immediately above, if they wish to avoid difficulty in being placed for their directed experiences during the 1973-74 academic year.

FSU Offers Special Program

In a continuing effort to provide the kinds of necessary educational services for students in the undergraduate program at Fayetteville State University - North Carolina State Fort Bragg - Pope Air Force Base, Fayetteville State has re-established an Associate of Arts Degree offering.

Chancellor Charles "A" Lyons, Jr. announced that FSU has been approved by the University of North Carolina - General Administration to re-

sume the practice of conferring the Associate of Arts degree upon students at Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base who meet the necessary requirements. Fayetteville State University is a constituent institution of the University of North Carolina.

Fayetteville State will accept transfer credits toward the Associate of Arts degree, which can be obtained by completing two years of university credit in a prescribed pro-

gram of study.

Dr. Lyons emphasized that this program will be open only to students enrolled in the Fort Bragg-Pope Air Force Base program.

Interested persons can contact Dr. Defield Holmes, Vice Chancellor -- Fort Bragg - Pope Air Force Base, Continuing Education and Community Services, at the Fayetteville State University Branch -- Fort Bragg or call 396-6737.

Placement Office Has New Location

Milton Yarboro, Director of Placement and Planning, proudly announces the new location for its office. The Placement Office is now located in the basement of the Smith Building. It occupies the suite of rooms that was formerly used by the Curriculum Laboratory.

Yarboro feels confident that they will be able to offer better services due to the spacious facilities they now enjoy. For a starter, job listings will appear regularly on a bulletin board located in the Career Library of the Office of Placement. The Placement Office advises all students to check this bulletin board as often as possible. However, for a student to be thoroughly informed, he must visit the Placement Office continually. Their motto is "Your concern

is our concern."

The Placement Office congratulates those students who are completing their degree requirements at the end of this semester. Yarboro is requesting, however that as a part of your Check-out procedure that you come to the Placement Office to fill out a follow-up form.

The Director of Placement encourages those students who schedule interviews with various recruiters to please show up for their scheduled interviews. He reminds the students that they have an obligation to themselves, to the school and to the recruiter to report for your interview.



AROUND CAMPUS

With

Virginia Graham

The Fayetteville State University Gospel Choir has served as a kind of inspiration for many people around the Fayetteville area.

The choir started three years ago through the initiative of several students and the incentive of Rev. Covington. These students began singing to fulfill their spiritual needs. Since that time the Gospel Choir has fulfilled the needs of its members, as well as the needs of the public.

At the present, Alexander Brower, a sophomore, is the president of the Fayetteville State University Gospel Choir. Brower is a Fayettevillian and a fellow Bronco. He has spent many hours working with the Gospel Choir, and yet he seems never to grow

tired of it. Before he came to FSU, Brower was a member of the Ottobach Ensemble and Epworth Ensemble. He spent approximately three years working with these two groups. During these experience gaining years the groups toured Conn., Boston, and New York.

Brower feels that the Gospel Choir is really appreciated in the community. Most people, especially older ones are surprised to see so many young people representing such a good cause.

When asked what was his most unique experience while serving as president of the Gospel Choir, Brower says that, "It is probably the group's ability to solve problems. No matter what the problem, I never worry because I feel confident that we will find a solution."

The members of the Fayetteville State University Gospel Choir feel that their success would have been practically impossible had it not been for the support of the Administration and the special consideration of Mr. McBroom in the Maintenance Department.

FSU's Dr. Bell Named Chairman

Fayetteville State University's Dr. William M. Bell was named chairman of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's College Basketball Advisory Committee.

In making the announcement, Louis J. Spry, Assistant Executive Secretary of the NCAA, said that Dr. Bell would specifically work with the committee in selecting College Division teams in the South Atlantic Region for post season tournament participation.

Dr. Bell is professor-chairman of the Department of Health and Physical Education and Director at Fayetteville State University. He is also serving his first term as President of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association and is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Athletic Directors.

