

Faculty Focus

By Ronnie McLean



Dr. Joseph Knuckles

Acting Head of the Division of Sciences.

His contributions to FSU are many. He was instrumental in the creation of many of the programs in the science area. He designed and wrote justifications for the Biology and Chemistry Curriculum, Medical Technology Programs, and the Associate of Arts Degree programs in Science and Biology.

Dr. Knuckles' involvement in research has spanned over twenty years. Much of his research efforts have been concentrated on the accumulation of knowledge concerning the blowfly and how they transmit bacteria. He has achieved many breakthroughs on this area, the results of which have been printed in various professional journals. He has over twenty-five published works to his credit, many of which have been reprinted internationally.

During the interview, Dr. Knuckles expressed great concern about college students, particularly Black students. He contends that many students have "a misconception about what life is all about" when they attempt to find the easy route through education. Partially, Dr. Knuckles blames instructors for this false conception. He stated, "Some teachers pass their students along, making them feel proficient when they really aren't." However, he emphasized that students will have to demonstrate their ability through performance if they want to be successful. Finally, Dr. Knuckles advised all students to utilize their abilities to the utmost through persistence, dedication, and performance in order to reach their potential.

This month Faculty Focus takes a look at Dr. Joseph Knuckles, Professor of Biology. A member of the FSU faculty since 1956, Dr. "Knuck" or "Joe" as he is affectionately called by some of his students, has seen a lot of growth around FSU.

A native of Lumberton, N.C., Dr. Knuckles was the first citizen of Lumberton to receive a Ph.D. He was also the first Black to earn a Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut. He received the bachelor's and master's degrees from North Carolina Central University. Since his arrival on campus twenty-five years ago, Dr. Knuckles has served in many capacities. He has been assistant football coach, Director of Summer School, Chairman of the Department of Biological and Physical Sciences, Acting Head of the Division of Science and Mathematics and also

Student Competes For Scholarship

Larell Higginbotham, a sophomore at FSU was one of 40 students in New York last week competing for the Luard Scholarship. The British scholarship is offered to one U.S. student for a semester of study at any British University or college.

Ms. Higginbotham was interviewed here at FSU by an ad hoc committee and was interviewed in New York by the English Speaking Union. The forty finalists were chosen from a field of 3,000 applicants across the nation.

Ms. Higginbotham is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McBERT Higginbotham of Fayetteville.



John E. Stone

FENG Scholarship Recipients

John E. Stone and Karen Ann Jobs have been selected as the recipients of the Feng Scholarship at Fayetteville State University.

The Feng Scholarship was given to the University by Mr. Chih-An Feng, President of the Fu-Shin Institute of Technology in the Republic of China, during a visit to FSU's campus last year. The recipients of the Feng Scholarship must maintain a 3.0 grade point average, have earned at least 31 credit hours, and must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours each semester. The scholarship is for \$600.00.

John Stone is a senior Math/Computer Science major from Bishopville, S.C. A 1978 graduate of Bishopville High School, John is the youngest of three children. He is the son of Mrs. Annie Lee Stone of Bishopville.

While at FSU, John has been active in all facets of University life. He is presently President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; President of Beta Kappa Chi, Scientific Honor Society; and Vice President of Alpha Kappa Mu, National Honor Society. He plans to attend graduate school at either Jackson State or Atlanta University in Math/Computer Science. John has a G.P.A. of 3.5.

Karen Ann Jobs is a senior English major from New York City. She is the daughter of Henry and Ruth Kowalski of Lake Placid, Florida. A 1971 graduate of Bayside High School in Queens, New York, Karen spent eight years in the Air Force before returning to college. A member of AFROTC Detachment 607, she plans to be commissioned in December 1982.

Karen is a member of Sigma Tau Delta, English Honor Society, and Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities. Her hobbies include camping, sewing and foreign language. She currently speaks German and Japanese. After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school to work on the M.B.A. Karen has a G.P.A. of 3.4. She says that her ultimate goal is to be a happy housewife.

(The Voice regrets a picture of Ms. Jobs was not available at press time.)

59-year-old Resident

It's The Dorm Life For Her

"Everyone treats me like I'm their Grandma and I love it!" says Harris Hall's resident "grandma," Mrs. Mary Dunlop Cockman.

Mrs. Cockman, who will be sixty in February, decided to move on campus to avoid the daily ride from her Moore County home to attend classes here at FSU. Her decision to continue her education was influenced by her husband's death, not being ready for remarriage, and her fear of being 'too much' in her children's lives.

While it is no longer unusual to find a sixty year old college student, it is unusual to find one who is white and living in a dormitory where all the other residents are young Black women. But Mrs. Cockman says she has no problem living in the dorm. "I don't see color, I see people."

The mother of five children and grandmother of twelve, Mrs. Cockman says she likes her fellow students, instructors, and even the dining-hall food.

A junior on the route to becoming a social worker, Mrs. Cockman says she sometimes gets discouraged. At those times she reminds herself that "I maybe sixty or sixty-one when I graduate, but how old would I be if I didn't"

Administrator Receives Internship

Ms. Caletta M. Powell, Assistant to the Chancellor for Development and University Relations at Fayetteville State University has been selected to participate in the Association of Fund Raising Officers, (AFRO, Inc.) Training Program for Development Officers of Historically Black Institutions. She was one of nine persons approved for enrollment in the Ford Foundation sponsored program beginning January 3, 1982 through June 30, 1982.

Ms. Powell has been assigned to Howard University in Washington, D.C. for her internship. Her work will involve observations and direct work experiences with leading experts in the area of Institutional Advancement. She will participate in training workshops as well as on the job training.

The work will involve studying various techniques and methodologies for implementing programs in fund raising, alumni relations, public relations and publications. Ms. Powell will make frequent visits back to the campus in addition to limited monitoring of on-going activities within her area of responsibility. This training will more adequately prepare Ms. Powell to administer the Development operation here at FSU.

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