

Campus News

First News Editor of Voice Dies

CLYDE H. REID
1927 - 1990

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Clyde H. Reid, founder and first news editor of the FSTC Voice, passed away recently in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Reid attended Fayetteville State Teachers College in 1945 at a time when the college had no newspaper. Reid was recruited by coach Gus Gaines and attended FSTC under a basketball scholarship.

However, his strong interest in journalism prompted a meeting with Dr. Seabrook who was president of the college at that time. Reid's enthusiasm was so intense and sincere that Dr. Seabrook gave his support to this 18 year old freshman to proceed with his idea of starting the college paper.

This monumental task was exacerbated by the fact that no one had experience, and if talent was available it was not readily known. The contagion of Reid's enthusiasm began to permeate the campus. Talent came out of the woodwork, and under the strong guidance of Mr. Reid propelled the idea to fruition.

After the first issue of the FSTC Voice came off the press, Reid was called into the Army. Fearing that the Voice may be short lived, he encouraged James Washington, another 1945 freshman to become the 2nd news editor of the FSTC Voice. Washington kept the dream alive until he, too, went into the Army.

FSTC Voice has been

changed to the Broncos' Voice, and Fayetteville State Teachers College has been changed to Fayetteville State University. But, the Voice has survived these 45 years because an enterprising freshman student named Clyde Reid persevered. Reid went on to Michigan State University and obtained a degree in Journalism. He also did graduate study at Oklahoma University.

His other journalistic exploit was as editor of the Amsterdam News in New York. He was also on the staff of Radio Station 1010 WINS, a news station in New York City. Among his other endeavors, he was astute in encouraging talent such as George Barner (Pulitzer

Prize journalist at the New York Daily News) and Ishmael Reed (the noted Black writer).

George Washington Carver said, "No individual has the right to come into this world and go out without leaving behind him some distinct and legitimate reason for having passed through it."

Clyde Reid may have left many reasons for having passed this way, but one can be sensitive to his being founder and editor of the Voice.

- Dr. J.E. Washington O.D.,
M.P.A.

Dr. Curry Retires

Dr. Virginia Curry, a former faculty member of Spanish, retired during the summer of 1990, having taught at the institution since 1961. She had participated in many activities and had assumed various academic responsibilities, among which was to serve for a number of years as chairperson of the Area of Foreign Languages.

Dr. Curry was a Phi Beta Kappa honor graduate with an A.B. degree and a M.A. degree from the University of Kansas. Studying on a Ford Foundation Scholarship, she received a Ph.D. degree in Spanish from Indiana University. She is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

She is currently enjoying her leisure pursuits and her work as a reader at the Christian Science Church services.



Dr. Curry

She hopes that students are utilizing their capabilities and are making progress in their various endeavors. She expresses very best wishes for all of the University family.

- V.C.

Celebration Honors Marcus Garvey

The celebration honoring Marcus Garvey's birthday occurred on September 7 at the Rudolph Jones Student Center. The educational event expressed the ideas and philosophy of Marcus Garvey. The program concluded with an open discussion concerning unity.

Garvey (1887-1940) was born in Jamaica and worked as a printer before establishing the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA) in 1914. He arrived in the United States in 1916 and expressed pride and unity for people of African descent all over the world. He was sent to prison after government persecution and was later deported back to Jamaica. From there, he continued to be involved in world events until his death in 1940.

The program commenced with a skit where children were greeted by Marcus Garvey in Miss White's history class at Jefferson Elementary School. Later, several speakers gave messages concerning Garvey's

ideas of self-reliance, politics, economic independence, and Pan-Africanism. After the presentation, the audience was invited to ask questions and discuss certain subjects.

The topic of most discussion was how Fayetteville State University has changed. Valerie Jones, one of the speakers and also an alumnus of the university, said that the school seemed dead, and it did not have the same pride and unity among students that it used to have a few years ago. A couple of the alumni spoke of their pride in graduating from an historical Black college and how present students should try to solicit more spirit on the campus. The theme of the discussion was unity, which was Garvey's goal.

- Albert Johnson