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WHO'S WHO ON THE EDITORIAL STAFF

By Henry L. Foster, '28.

This writing is to introduce to you the individual members who constitute the present staff of "The University Student." The editorial staff for another school year will be elected the first of February. The records of the present staff at Johnson C. Smith University are as follows:

A. R. Dawson

Mr. A. R. Dawson, Editor-in-Chief of "The University Student," hails from Wilson, N. C. He entered the university in 1920, and has held many responsible places among his fellow students in college: President of his class in 1920 and 1925; sports writer for the University Student for years, member of the Varsity Debating Team; manager of the basket ball team, 1925.

Mr. Dawson is a scholar and gentleman. Basileus of Rho Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and represented the chapter at the conclave held in New York City, December 27-31, 1927. The student body has known him for seven years and can say of him whether as secretary, treasurer or editor, he has ever measured up to the utmost demands made upon the incumbency of his position. He finishes this coming June from the College Department.

T. L. Plair

Mr. T. L. Plair, who is the Associate Editor and Publisher of "The University Student," hails from the "Land of Sunshine," Jacksonville, Fla. He entered the university in the fall of 1920. Since that time adapted himself to the leading activities of the university and city, on the campus and has commanded the respect and regard of his fellow students and the faculty. In the social world he has won laurels that would grace the brows of the historic heart-breakers.

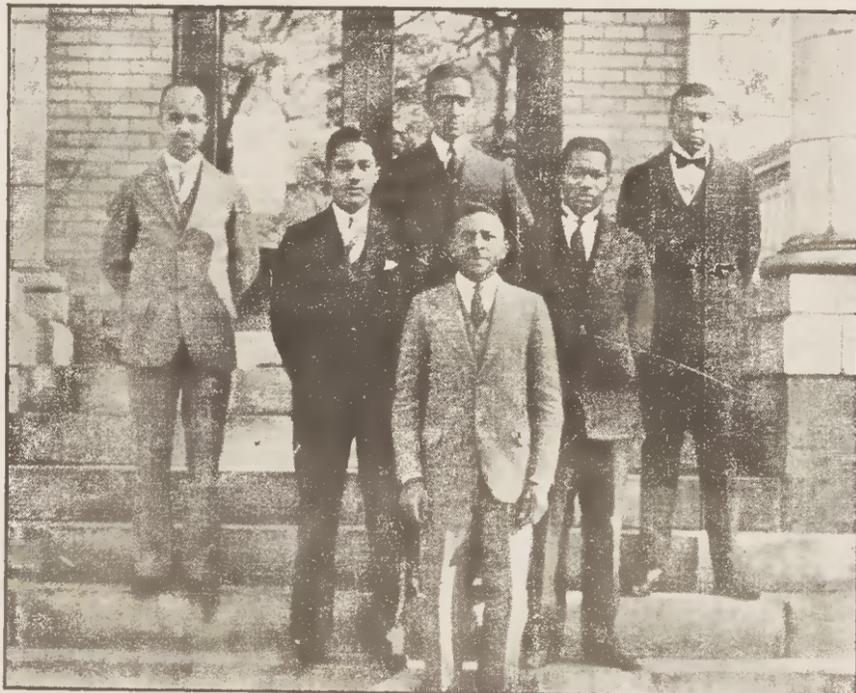
Mr. Plair has held many responsible places among the students, namely: Secretary of his class; corresponding secretary of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity of which he is a member; manager of the 1927 foot ball squad, and was elected associate editor and publisher of "The University Student." Also the winner of the High School oratorical contest 1924, and the agriculture prize given by Prof. Chisholm. He is a member of the class of 1928, and exalted mogul of the G. A. Association.

Thos. E. Gilliard, Jr.

Mr. Gilliard hails from Sumter, S. C., and is the secretary of "The University Student." He is a graduate of Morris College '24, holding the highest honors of his class. Since entering the university has won the respect of the student-body and faculty. Also a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, holding the office of financial secretary, and is one of the pioneer debaters of the university. Mr. Gilliard is a member of the class of '28—a scientific student of the College Department and loyal member of the G. A. Association.

M. A. Hawkins

Mr. Hawkins, business manager of "The University Student," hails from Newport, Arkansas. Graduate of the High School Department, Johnson C. Smith University. He has held the presidency of his class three different times; sporting editor of the Higher School Messenger; reporter for the Lampados Club under the auspices of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; President of the Les Chevaliers Elegants and member of the Sophomore Class.



Retiring Editorial Staff of "The University Student," Johnson C. Smith University.

Back row: (left to right): T. L. Plair, M. A. Hawkins, C. H. White.

Middle row: (left to right): T. E. Gilliard, Jr., A. R. Dawson.

Front row: T. S. Jackson.

C. H. White

Mr. White comes from Louisburg, N. C., and is the circulation manager of "The University Student."

He is a graduate of the class of '22 of Mary Potter Memorial School, Oxford, North Carolina; also of the class of '26, of the College Department, Johnson C. Smith University. He is a member of the middle class of the Theological Department of Johnson C. Smith University.

Mr. White is a promoter of the Y. M. C. A., the Latton Literary Society and the Philosophy Club. He is also a founder of the Alexander Dumas Reading Circle, and the reporter of the Theological Department for "The University Student."

He has played an important part in many of the activities on the campus, and has the respect of the faculty and student-body. He is also a personal worker and a good mixer. Mr. White is a member of the Alpha Omicron Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; was delegate to the 19th annual convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, December 27-31, 1926, Richmond, Virginia. He is treasurer of the following group: Alpha Omicron Chapter, the local branch of the Y. M. C. A. and the Theological Department. The "Social Whirl," and "The Derby Club" say he is an ex-member of their folds.

T. S. Jackson

Mr. Jackson is a graduate of Indiana University, holding A. B. degree. Instructor of education in the College Department of Johnson C. Smith University, director of extension work; President of Board of Athletic control; faculty advisor to Y. M. C. A., treasurer of "The University Student." He has done three summers of graduate study at Chicago University, is President of the Charlotte Branch N. A. A. C. P., and member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

The out-going staff shall be remembered by the student-body. We wish them success in every line of human endeavor. We have been associated with men engaged in different vocations of life, but have never been associated with a body of men that had more of the milk of human kindness in their make-up than the staff that retires with this issue of The University Student.

NOTES FROM THE EXTENSION CLASS

Since the last edition of The University Student three subjects of major educational importance have employed the attention of our community pedagogues. High School Secret Societies, Student Participation in Control of Study Halls, and School Spirit have been the centers of attraction during the past few weeks and the reactions to these stimuli have been both interesting and shocking.

High school and college authorities might weigh and consider the objections and values of secret societies in schools. Some of the demerits of these societies are as follows: (1) Fraternities are not democratic; (2) They develop snobbishness and clannishness; (3) They lower standards of scholarship; (4) They are too expensive; (5) They decrease school morale; (6) The school becomes secondary and the frat primary in the lives of the Greeks; (7) Personal appearance and personal property are over-emphasized in the selection of members, and (8) Fraternities are mainly social in their motives and are contributing nothing to the constructive program of the schools.

The merits of the organization though few in number are well taken and sufficiently stable to counteract the objections stated above. (1) Fraternities develop real friendship; (2) They encourage scholarship by requiring of all candidates scholastic work beyond the average; (3) They stimulate students to attend high school and college by offering scholarships and holding mass meetings with parents and students; (4) They teach loyalty, cooperation, leadership and fidelity.

The real objectives of fraternities are to sponsor programs for the advancement of the race as well as their own individual memberships. The purpose of these secret bodies in our schools is to work with the authorities in raising the standards of scholarship and in teaching many students the very valuable lessons of obedience, how to dress, and how to behave on various social, civic, and religious occasions.

Of course we understand why the number of objections is greater than the number of values. In nearly all cases the opponents do not belong to fraternities or they joined after graduating from college. These knockers have not tasted the "bitter medicine" nor felt "little mother," which processes make the public see these societies in a different light.

Because the high school student has wished to be like his college cousin or brother, because he wants to wear a pin bearing Greek letters a very dangerous situation has developed in the high school. Principals and teachers of high schools with fraternities are striving to abolish them by substituting other organizations. And the chief reason for this is that the high school student is too immature in body and mind to understand and carry out the principles of fraternities.

Prof. W. J. Knox, head of the Chemistry Department, represented Alpha Omicron Chapter at the twentieth annual convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, held at Cleveland.

SENIOR EVENTS

Thos. A. Jenkins, '28.

Of the many dangers, toils and snares that arise during a college career, one does not usually find satisfaction until the final outcome is known. The last Fall Semester is soon to be realized around Smith by many, and its passing will in no wise cause any worry or any discontentment, whether it has been pleasure or work.

If we were to pause long enough to review the successes and failures of the year just ended or of the trials, hardship and heartbreaks of the holiday season just passed, we would no doubt find many who have turned over a new leaf. W. A. Perry was the first to do so socially. Probably disappointments that came to him unfortunately in the city, in spite of his deep interest, soiled the old leaf.

Often we hear flowery ministerial phrases used, assuring us that Rev. "He" Williams, Rev. "Doc" Johnson and Rev. "Fess" Beavers are bound for Theology next term.

During the holidays, we were able to learn just why Thos. Gilliard speaks so well of Fisk University, and where his interest is centered specifically.

No rest has as yet come for the weary. Dean's Psychology and Dr. Anderson's Logic are "keeping all feet to the fire" without mentioning the other courses such as Prof. Jack's education and Prof. Peyton's biology.

Messrs. Caviness, McKeithen, Battle, Davis, Foster and Jenkins have not as yet denied the statement made by the "Lone Wolf" in the last edition, concerning the apron strings, they must know just what he means.

In recent editions the "Lone Wolf" has been showing great interest in the social activities of the class. It will be wise to read his column for further information. We would like to know who he is.

Those who spent a few days off the campus during the holidays were: Messrs. Belton, Scales, Foster, H. E. Williams, C. E. Williams, Johnson, Gilliard and Dawson.

The Rho Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was represented at its Annual Conclave, held in New York City, by Mr. A. R. Dawson, Editor of "The Student."

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