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## Work Begins on New Gymnasium

### V. H. Chavis Elected Editor of Student COLLEGE GLEANINGS

By A. J. Clement, Jr., '30.

#### JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY TO HAVE NEW GYMNASIUM.

Charlotte, N. C.—Johnson C. Smith University is to have a new gymnasium. President McCrorey made the announcement at the morning chapel exercise on Saturday morning, January 28th. The President further stated that work would begin on the gymnasium at once. The gymnasium is the gift of Mrs. Johnson C. Smith, the University's benefactress. Mrs. Johnson C. Smith has already given to the institution the following buildings: The Johnson C. Smith Theological Dormitory, Berry Hall, a dormitory for college students, the Science Hall, three cottages for teachers and a beautiful arch at the entrance to the University campus. The gymnasium is given in memory of Mrs. Smith's nephew and will be known as the Hartley Wood Gymnasium.

Although the gymnasium had been promised, when the announcement was made on Saturday morning, both faculty and students were surprised that the gymnasium would come so soon. The student body and faculty expressed their appreciation of Mrs. Smith's generosity in a very demonstrative way.

Johnson C. Smith University has a modern and well equipped plant for the carrying on of its work and the addition of a gymnasium will materially increase its facilities. Under the efficient leadership of Dr. H. L. McCrorey, the President, the institution has rapidly forged to the front. It is now an A rated college, so rated by the North Carolina State Department of Education, and a member of the Association of Colleges for Negro Youth.

## SENIOR EVENTS

Thos. A. Jenkins, '28.

In a few more days the beautiful green will be seen peeping from beneath the gay colors of winter, causing many hearts to rejoice that Spring has again appeared in full splendor. Of all seasons that are to come, there is one that is really on the minds of the Seniors, the Summer season, which bringeth forth commencement. Past seasons on the campus have not at all been dull. Fate has been rather kind, producing "politicians," "lovers," "philosophers," "social kings," and most everything else. Everybody seems satisfied and well contented at present.

But just suppose:

All do not have 128 hours each to their credit June 6th.

Chapel services were compulsory.

Battle was not allowed in Cherry and there was no plank road for C. E. Williams to travel.

Steele would never receive any mail from Baltimore.

Haircuts and shaves were regularly donated to a certain classmate.

Charlotte people knew about the little boxes Alston received so often from out of the city.

Massey knew why he finds nothing but door knobs on Brevard Street.

Plair had not met disappointment in his first love affair.

Caviness and McKeithan could not be out on the campus around 8:15 A. M.

Perry would receive another upset in Greenville.

Gilliard and Belton knew all that happens on Fisk's campus (socially).

Beavers would stop overcharging and disappointing students and profs.

The University was many miles from Charlotte's society.

Shute, Edwards and Foster were slims instead of shortsies.

This last college semester was our first or beginning.

All the above statements were true. Then what would happen?

## THE MATTOON LITERARY SOCIETY

By S. H. Travis, '31.

There are three qualities imparted to us by the thinkers of the past which justly characterizes a versed man.

Reading and writing, the first two of these three essential elements that constitute an efficient man, have been duly emphasized by educational systems of the world.

But the third, the art of conference, no less important than the other two, has, in a number of instances, been sadly neglected, but its necessity in the life of one who may be termed educated should not be subordinated. Realizing the omission oral composition has received by students because it is not largely stressed in the class room, there has been organized in institutions of learning societies that promote public speaking and stage decorum. Here at Smith we are proud of the Mattoon Literary Society which has satisfactorily met the needs of the students who have desired to improve themselves along these lines.

The 11th of February marks the beginning of a new administration in the Society. The retiring cabinet has served well and is to be commended for the untiring labor they gave a worthy society. The meeting on election night was made interesting by the emotional flights of rhetoric used by the members in their nominations and the rivalry shown for various offices. Quite frequently Mr. C. H. White, a strict interpreter of the constitution, and one who knows all articles contained therein, was called upon for advice of a legal nature; while Mr. B. E. Lowe was very scrupulous about parliamentary usage and near the close of the meeting succeeded in obtaining the floor and advised every member to make a study of Roberts Rules of Order.

Finally when the confusion died away the officers elected were as follows: A. A. Jones, President; H. Brown, Vice-President; C. C. DeVane, Secretary; C. D. DeVane, Assistant Secretary; L. L. Blakeney, Treas.; H. L. Marshall, critic; J. J. Jordan, Sergeant-at-Arms; S. H. Davis, Reporter to The University Student.

This administration promises to be a prosperous one as we have much to look forward to in the Spring. The Society will also be represented in the Annual.

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"The Charlotte Post," "The New York Age," and "The Pittsburgh Courier."  
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that there is a brotherhood of the said Club on our campus. If so we know that Mr. A. C. Caviness and Mr. George McKeithan must be charter members of the local brotherhood.

Messrs. Hawkins and Powell are seekers for the favors of one of Charlotte's most bewitching maidens. May the gods smile upon them (the seekers).

Why, when and how did Mr. V. H. Chavis place a sign on Seventh Street which reads thus: "The bump not allowed?"

Three gallant, nonchalant and debonair gentlemen have united for a concentrated assault in an attempt to gain the devotions of Caldwell Street. Mr. George Dockery's presence is generally augmented by Chemistry and English there.

Why does "Sparky" always refer to Ricks for the Lady Friend?

## THE PHILOSOPHY CLUB

By Leroy Young, '28.

The scientist's God which was an astounding question, January 17, for philosophic reflection and countless deliberation, having been sighted as more than abstract or intangible force, involving a greater scope than a mere biological phenomena, a spawning, a struggling, decomposing farce, in which a perishable being or molecule of matter will yearn and dream and battle to survive in life than lose itself.

The scientist's God involves rational principles based on logical sequences and facts, and also includes that mysterious urge beyond the vale of remorse which speaks to us through rising sap, and thrusting root and all the ordered marvels of the universe. The word of God is used to describe that which is behind the mysteries of existence.

The paramount contribution and earliest scientific investigation which was made by such men as Pasteur, Sir Isaac Newton, Galileo and others who were not only religious men, but faithful members of their community considering the ideal summit on the fixation of moral and spiritual values.

Mr. A. W. Waddell's essay on compilation of facts relating the origin, motivation, and of early scientific discovery, stimulated the entire group. Every one followed attentively his perusal in all its excellencies, reflecting and masticating along with him the contents of his discourse. In conclusion he seemed to have harmonized science and religion, stating that there is no scientific basis for denial of religion nor was there any excuse for the conflict between the two, for the fields were entirely different.

The possibility of religion and pure science ever conflicting becomes evident when one examines the purpose of each respectively. The latter's object was to develop without any preconception a knowledge of facts of the laws and processes of nature; the former, a more important task to develop the ideals and aspirations of mankind.

Come out and join us in our interesting discussions.

### JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY PRESENTS

The University Glee Club  
In a Concert of Spirituals and Choral Numbers  
at  
The City Auditorium  
Wednesday Evening, March 7, 1928,  
8:30 o'clock  
Orchestra, 50c. Balcony, 35c.