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SMITH UNIVERSITY PAYS TRIBUTE TO BENEFAC- TRESS

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In one of the most impressive ceremonies ever witnessed in the auditorium of Biddle Memorial Building, the students and faculty of Johnson C. Smith University paused in their regular routine to pay homage to Mrs. Johnson C. Smith, the great benefactress of the University.

President Lauds Donor

With words of laudation and appreciation and mentioning in a most graphic manner the timely aid that came to the University through the generosity and goodness of Mrs. Smith, Dr. H. L. McCrorey, the President of the University, called upon the faculty and students of the University to show their appreciation for this God-sent woman by catching a vision of her lofty ideals and consecrating themselves to a life of service.

Dr. C. H. Shute Speaks

Following the President in eulogizing Mrs. Smith, Dr. Charles H. Shute, the University's Chaplain, revealed the fact that the motivating spirit that governed the giver bespoke her Christian character. Dr. R. L. Douglass, as the last representative from the faculty, emphasized the fact in his remarks that the Negro youth in America had been given a chance by this sainted woman, and that it behooved them to grasp this opportunity to reach into spheres yet untouched, and to conquer problems yet unsolved; for in so doing they would become a better and more worthwhile integrant in American life.

Cup Is Presented.

After these addresses, Mr. Geo. Newell, of the Senior College class, and Mr. A. E. Fortune, of the Senior Theological class, in a manner befitting their respective oratorical abilities, tendered the honor and thankfulness of the student body, and then presented to Mrs. Smith a beautiful loving cup and a bouquet of flowers. On the cup these words were engraved: In loving appreciation and respect to our benefactress, Mrs. Johnson C. Smith; from the students and faculty of Johnson C. Smith University. In response to the presentation of the symbol of esteem and appreciation, Mrs. Smith expressed her heartfelt valuation for all that "her boys" do for her, and her sincere hope that "the promise would be realized."

Dr. Gaston Present

Dr. J. M. Gaston, of Pittsburgh, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Governing Board of the University, was present and made a few remarks. Mrs. Gaston was also present. Prof. Peyton had charge of the music, which was adapted to the occasion.

CHEER LEADER ELECTED

At an election recently held by the students for the purpose of selecting a yell leader for this school year. Mr. V. H. Chavis was elected. He is to choose two assistants.

For the past two or three years Mr. Chavis has held that position and it was on the merits of his past work and experiences, his diligence to the position that he was almost unanimously re-elected.

Beside holding this position Mr. Chavis is Editor-in-Chief of The University Student. He is also President of the Les Peu Choisis Social Club, Recording Secretary of the local chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and a very popular young man socially.

MRS. JOHNSON C. SMITH BANQUETS FACULTY AND STUDENTS

Saturday, October 20th, the Smith Bulls, in their first home played game, by a fusillade of forward passes and bombardment of line drives, completely demolished the Shaw Bears' wall of defense. Great was the fall of it. The cheering section of the miniature stands were sending up a galaxy of yells. But neither the team, as they fought hard to win, nor the cheering section as they yelled loudly for victory, was cognizant of what was being said in the sport model Packard standing beyond the West goal in our seatless athletic field.

So impressed was Mrs. Johnson C. Smith at the exhibition of the fighting spirit of "her boys" during the first half, that she said if the Bulls should emerge victorious she would give the students a dinner.

So on Tuesday evening following, it came to pass. The faculty and their wives and students indulged in a quite sumptuous dinner. Every one ate with a ravenous and sharp appetite. It was indeed a pleasant, timely and appreciated diversion from the accustomed "carte du jour." The gratitude and exultation of the students were demonstrated by the singing of the Alma Mater and the showing of rah rabs and applaud to this angelic and altruistic personality, Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Smith has been residing at her cottage since the opening of the fall term, September 18. The cottage was built during the summer.

CORNER-STONE OF JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY CHURCH IS LAID

On Tuesday, October 23, at 4:30 P. M., the corner-stone of the Johnson C. Smith church was laid. The ceremony was attended by Mrs. Johnson C. Smith, Dr. John M. Gaston and wife, faculty and student body and a small number of friends.

This church is another gift from our benefactress, Mrs. Johnson C. Smith, through whose munificence we have Smith Hall, Berry Hall, Science Hall, the Gymnasium and arch. The cost of this structure is \$125,000. It is to be equipped with a \$5,000 pipe organ.

The following program was rendered:

Invocation, Dr. H. L. McCrorey.

Introductory words, Dr. John M. Gaston.

Doxology, Congregation.

Scripture Lesson, Dr. Yorke Jones.

Hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord."

By Double Quartette

Declaration of Faith by Faculty.

Hymn 130, "The Church's One Foundation"

Is Jesus Christ Her Lord."

By Double Quartette

Announcement of Contents of Box Dedication

Dr. Gaston.

"Still, Still With Thee."

University Quintette

Dedicatory Prayer, Dr. L. B. West.

Hymn 164, "Onward, Christian Soldiers, Marching as to War."

Congregation.

Benediction, Dr. J. M. Gaston.

A very striking feature of the occasion

ALPHA OMICRON ENTERTAINS FRESHMEN

The entire Freshman class was the guest of Alpha Omicron chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha at a get-together meeting Wednesday evening, October 10, 1928.

The meeting was held on the "gym" floor proper of the new gymnasium. The chairs were arranged in a semi-circle effect, facing the movable platform. On this platform sat a very sweet-toned orthophonic victrola which furnished music for the occasion.

The meeting was featured by three main speeches by members of the fraternity, namely, the President, Vice-President and a graduate brother.

The President, Prof. G. F. Woodson, in his introductory address, welcomed the Freshmen to the occasion and to the fraternal atmosphere of the University. He also pointed out to them the origin and seriousness of fraternities and the fraternity idea.

The Vice-President, Mr. J. T. Wilson, attempted to point out some of the advantages of being a fraternity man, the importance of wise selection and the ways to make that selection. He also gave them an idea as to the necessary steps to take to become affiliated with any fraternity.

The third speaker, Coach Randy Taylor, gave them a brief history and some of the main principles of Alpha Phi Alpha. Some of the prominent men of the fraternity were alluded to as models of the Alpha Phi Alpha type.

After the speeches were made each member of Alpha Omicron chapter was introduced to the Freshman class by one Secretary, Mr. V. H. Chavis. The Sphinx Club was introduced to the Freshmen as a group.

The while the entire assembly was being so highly entertained by Paul Whiteman, Gene Austin and other famous musicians, made possible by this very efficient orthophonic victrola, a delicious ice course was served.

Just before the Alpha Phi Alpha hymn was sung by the fraternity each Freshman introduced himself by rising and giving his name and home address. The meeting was dismissed by the Christian Endeavor benediction.

The Freshmen gave a yell as an expression of appreciation to the fraternity for the friendly advice.

was the Declaration of Faith by the Faculty as follows:

"We, the members of the Faculty of Johnson C. Smith University, desire at this time to reaffirm our faith in the Bible as the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice; our faith in the Church of the living God, by whose ministry the world is to be brought to the foot of the Cross; our faith in Jesus Christ as the only and well-beloved Son of God the Father. We also desire to pledge our loyalty and obedience to the rules and ideals of Johnson C. Smith University, as revealed in the history of the institution.

A box was placed in the cornerstone containing an English Bible, University Bulletin, Alumni Journal, University Student, Charlotte Observer, Charlotte News and Shorter Catechism.

The church is to be completed by Spring and dedicated at the 1929 commencement.

This year Professors Williams, Bruynning and Thornton are the recent additions to the faculty. These men come to us heralded as masters in their respective fields, and much is expected of them.

THE Y. M. C. A. ENTERTAINS NEW STUDENTS AT RECEPTION

Among the many events which featured the opening of school, perhaps the most brilliant and entertaining was the Annual New Student Reception given by the Y. M. C. A. Several notable things went to make this the best of all previous receptions. The number of distinguished visitors far surpassed any of former years. Mrs. Johnson C. Smith headed the list of important persons, followed by Dr. J. M. Gaston and his wife.

Varying in many respects from the past receptions the program began with the singing of "Our Alma Mater. Then followed a solo by Miss Louise Bass.

Mr. T. M. Tolbert's saxophone solo was also a very pleasing number. The encore number was even more beautiful.

Dr. McCrorey's welcome speech was indeed timely and left the audience with a spirit of friendliness. The new students who had previously shown signs of nervousness seemed to rest at ease after this.

What to us was the real feature of the evening was the appearance and encouraging remarks of our beloved benefactress, Mrs. Johnson C. Smith. The interest she showed throughout the whole program gave all the participants a feeling of relief. After she had spoken all felt even less of the tension that had taken possession of every one.

Dr. Gaston put real pep into the affair and his request for a yell was answered by the three hundred or more lusty throated men who caught the spirit of the occasion and expressed themselves as only true Smithsonians can.

The whole program left an indelible impression upon the incoming students and also served to give a true portrayal of what the Y. M. C. A. stands for.

During the latter part of the evening a delicious ice course was served which was no doubt the most interesting part of the program.

CRAVER ACCEPTS NEW POST AT SHAW UNIVERSITY.

Although unanimously chosen by the Student Councils of the Y. M. C. A., at their last sessions, to continue his services as National Student Secretary, Mr. William Curtis Craver, who, for ten years has been a national student leader, has declined the offer and accepts the position of Field Secretary of Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C. Shaw University is under the auspices of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, New York City. The new office was recently created by the combined efforts of the Society, the University, and Baptists of North Carolina and the Alumni. The Society plans for improvements, new buildings, enlarged endowments and a general extension of the work at Shaw within the next four years that will call for expenditures of nearly a million dollars. Mr. Craver will be called upon as Executive Financial Secretary to take the leadership in this forward movement for the University.

Mr. H. C. Dugas, formerly of Augusta, Ga., is now business manager of the University, and is residing on the campus. His family, with the exception of three daughters, is here with him. Two of his daughters are at Atlanta and one is at Talladega. We wish to welcome this family to our University and school life.