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NOTED EDUCATOR IN LECTURE

At the morning devotions on February 8th the faculty and students were privileged to hear Dr. Harry W. Crane in an address in the University Auditorium.

The speaker was secured through the efforts of the Lyceum Course and featured as the first attraction for the year. Dr. Crane is a member of the Bureau of Mental Health and an instructor at the University of North Carolina.

"Why We Are What We Are" was the subject of the lecturer. His entire discourse was rich in human Psychology and Philosophy. Dr. Crane treated the basic principles of the physical laws, which involve Behavior, Heredity and Environment of individuals. He also set forth a definite basis of all behavior and response which is applicable to any group of people.

"Society determines the future generation" was an essential statement that counterbalanced, "each day a product of our yesterdays." The fact emphasized was that one can pay the debt he owes to society by living the best, the cleanest, and purest life."

In the last analysis, he summarizes effective training as being indicative of every proverbial influence and mannerism. He urges for more strength of character, the cultivation of an atmosphere of beauty and pleasure, a broad, cultural appreciation for the artistic, and for every one he urges an appetite for a good literary diet.

The audience was most appreciative and enthusiastically applauded the speaker at the close of his lecture.

NEGRO HISTORY WEEK OBSERVED

The week of Feb. 11-17 marked the observance of National Negro History Week at Johnson C. Smith University. An inspiring program was conducted throughout the week which included many interesting talks in the University Chapel. Messrs. Brinkley, Ancrum, and Clement, and Prof. Douglass, Head of History Department, reviewed the progress of the Negro from the end of the Civil War to the present time. Instances of Negro achievements cited by these speakers showed that the Negro is an asset to American civilization and that his contributions to the world are noteworthy. That the Negro has used his educational opportunities advantageously is testified to in the many well informed orators, like J. C. Price and William Pickens, and the educating conversationalists, like Kelly Miller and W. E. B. Du Bois.

The week was successfully closed by an address from one who represents another milestone on the road which has led the Negro to a place among the advanced races of the world. Mr. McMillan, A. B., Howard; B. D., Yale, and formerly professor of Old Testament History at Shaw University, now circulation manager of the Afro-American, spoke to the student body on "Correct Christian Living." He based his address on the first chapter of II Timothy, and impressed us that, just as Paul preached, and taught and exhorted Timothy to hold fast to the faith, so should we radiate the divine light of love and good will among our fellowmen.

NEW STAFF OF THE STUDENT TEACHERS TO HOLD CONVENTION HERE

With the beginning of February and following the long established custom, new officers were elected for The University Student. The past year has seen many changes in the make-up contents of this paper. Under the past corps of officers it grew from four pages to eight with an extra two pages Christmas and Easter. Its circulation was increased from twelve hundred to fifteen and eighteen hundred. The extent of its circulation was increased to take in many European and South American countries.

So it is that the new staff takes over the Student. With these advantages a prosperous year is ahead. The duties of the various new offices are being met wonderfully well. This, their first issue, speaks for itself.

It was found necessary to add an additional member to the original staff. Due to the increase of circulation and the work of the circulation manager an assistant was added to aid him.

Those who were selected were:

A. E. Manley, Editor.

T. A. LaSaine, Jr., Associate Editor and Publisher.

R. E. Jones, Secretary.

C. C. DeVane, Circulation Manager.

E. W. Jones, Business Manager.

T. Jeffers, Assistant Circulation Manager.

Prof. T. S. Jackson was re-elected for the third consecutive time as Treasurer.

FACULTY COMMITTEE CHOOSES SUPERLATIVES

The following is the report of the Faculty's decision of Smith's Superlatives: 1929 Bull, Smith University, Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Sirs:

Your committee appointed to chose the five best on the campus submits to you first and second choices for each of these honors:

Best all round student: A. E. Manley, Edw. W. Jones.

Most handsome: I rice L. Neal, Thebaud Jeffers.

Best dressed: A. J. Clement, J. O. Horne.

Best all round athlete, J. O. Ellis, H. E. Jones.

Most popular: M. J. Whitehead, Roy H. Lee.

Respectfully submitted:

J. HENRY ALSTON, Chairman

G. W. BROWN.

J. C. BRYANT.

T. S. JACKSON.

RANDY TAYLOR.

RICHARD B. HARRISON TO APPEAR AT SMITH

On Tuesday evening, March 5, 1929, the dean of Negro players, Richard B. Harrison, will appear in recital at Johnson C. Smith University. Mr. Harrison is eminently qualified by training and experience to please the most discriminating audience. He is at the height of his career as an artist. His interpretations

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The North Carolina Teachers Association is to convene in this city on March 28, 29 and 30. Arrangement is being made to entertain about one thousand teachers who will come from all points of the State.

Most of the program of the session will be conducted at the City High School. The final meeting will be held at Johnson C. Smith University.

Officers of the Association are:

Prof. S. G. Atkins, President; Profs. J. W. Seabrooks and F. J. Rogers, Secretaries, and Dr H. L. McCrorey, President of Johnson C. Smith University, Treasurer.

Principal W. H. Stinson, of the city High School, is chairman of the entertainment committee, and states that he is receiving the fullest co-operation from school officials and citizens in preparing for the occasion.

SMITH GETS NEW INSTRUCTORS

The advent of this school term has brought to Smith increased teaching force in its Departments of French, German, English and Chemistry. For some time there has been much ado here because of the increased enrollment and interest shown by the students majoring in Foreign Languages, English and Chemistry, which developed into a crying need for these additions.

Professor Willis Menard, A. B., 1909, from Williams College, Massachusetts, has a record which includes seventeen years as a teacher of French and German at M. Street School, and later at Dunbar High School, Washington, D. C. As a scholar of the modern school he cannot be excelled, and his broad and varied experiences make him an efficient head for our Language Department.

The Department of English, by good fortune, introduces Professor Timothy C. Meyers, A. B., Lincoln University, Pa., and A. M. from Columbia. At Lincoln he is remembered for his exceptional work on the gridiron. For five years Professor Meyers served in the Department of English at Tuskegee. At the same time he evoked considerable commendation from the foot ball world of America as assistant backfield coach. He was instrumental in the development of the "Four Horsemen," of Tuskegee's Championship Eleven. During the past season Professor Meyers was assistant foot ball coach at Lincoln University, Pa.

Professor Frank Willis'on Williams, M. S., from Howard, 1925, Summer School at University of Chicago, heads our Department of Chemistry. A few months of service here have revealed that he is a man who is "capable of scientific work of a creditable kind." Professor Williams shows interest, zeal, and that indispensable critical faculty which makes a good teacher. He served in the capacity of teacher and co-worker in the laboratories at Howard with Dr. St. Elmo Brady, and has done special work in the field of Biology and Mathematics at Shaw and Winston-Salem Teachers' College. Prof. Williams also served as Principal and

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DEBATING SQUAD PREPARING FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The Debating Squad is swinging into its third successive year of preparation for varsity forensic encounters. Beginning a little over three years ago with what was then an inexperienced group of men, Prof. G. W. Brown has worked up what is considered one of the best teams in the South.

Several varsity debates are to feature this year's team. And if negotiations which are now being carried on between several schools are successful there will be a Northern tour for the debaters.

The Pentagonal Debate is the real big thing of the year and as a result of the unusual amount of interest and co-operation on the part of those who are trying for positions on the team we shall surely bring home both sides of the question.

Talladega, the present champions, seem from the reports in the "Mule's Ear," to be trying for a repetition of her last year's feat.

The squad is composed of members from all four college classes and yet no one has been selected for positions on the coveted teams.

FIRST PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL FORMED

What has long been a dream in the minds of some came into reality when several weeks ago there was formed by the three Fraternities on the hill what is known as the Pan-Hellenic Council. The obvious need for such a Council where the acute questions involving all of these organizations could be discussed and means provided for their solution be formulated, finally impressed themselves so forcibly upon the constituency of the various groups that the above organization was the result.

The immediate work of the newly formed Council will take up the question of pledging new and old students to these Fraternities. Very haphazard and uncertain methods have heretofore been employed and the resulting confusion of such an unsystematic procedure caused much of the friendliness that should exist between these groups to turn into other and more detrimental channels.

Another very pertinent question to be righted by this organization is the seeming competitive nature of their annual banquets.

The Council is formed by two men representing each Fraternity. One of these men from each Fraternity will serve two years on the original while the others being Juniors now will serve one full year. This will prevent the appearance of a wholly new and experimental Council at any time.

The members of the Council and the Fraternities they represent are as follows: Messrs. A. J. Clement, Jr., and J. O. Ellis, Alpha Phi Alpha; Messrs. O. L. Wilson and Dean Henry Alston (faculty advisor also), Kappa Alpha Psi; and Messrs. M. J. Whitehead and T. Jeffers, Omega Psi Phi Fraternities.

The presidency and other offices rotate among the three groups represented from year to year.