

67th Founders' Day Held At A & T, Bust Of Dr. F. D. Bluford Unveiled

GREENSBORO — The challenges A&T College, and similar institutions in this country, have faced and will have to measure up to in the future were described here recently.

The event was the annual Founders' Day Observance commemorating the 67th anniversary of the college and the speaker was Dr. F. D. Drake, Normal, Ala., president of the Alabama A&M College.

A life size bust of the late Dr. Ferdinand D. Bluford, former president of the college who died in 1955, was unveiled as a main feature of the observance.

As the covering was removed from the sculpture by Felicia Black, Greensboro senior in Biology, "Miss A&T" for the current year, an unveiling Litany service was conducted by Rev. Cleo M. McCoy, director of religious activities at the college.

The work, executed by Isaac Hathaway, noted sculptor from Montgomery, Ala., who was present for the ceremony, was made possible by contributions from students, faculty and staff members. It will be later transferred to its permanent location in the main

foyer of the Bluford Library, named to honor the late president.

Speaking from the subject, "The Challenge of Our Heritage," Dr. Drake, a long time friend of Dr. Bluford, paid high tribute to the late A&T president. "The life and works of those whom he (Bluford) and his own leadership at the A&T College," he said, "represent a significant part of the heritage of this college, of its alumni and students and of the entire field of higher education."

He said modern education is challenged today by our philosophies of it from the past. "The challenge," he declared, "comes that we through education must continue to seek the answer as to what is the highest good."

He continued, "we are challenged by the ideal and idea of universal education and which is further high-lighted by the heavy increase in college enrollments, an increasing competition with industry and a need to maintain high quality facilities and adequate facilities and an increasing demand to maintain a superior quality of education and provide opportunities to more and more students."

He said that colleges like A&T

are challenged today by the new concept in higher education as exemplified by the land-grant college tradition which seeks to train through research and demonstration.

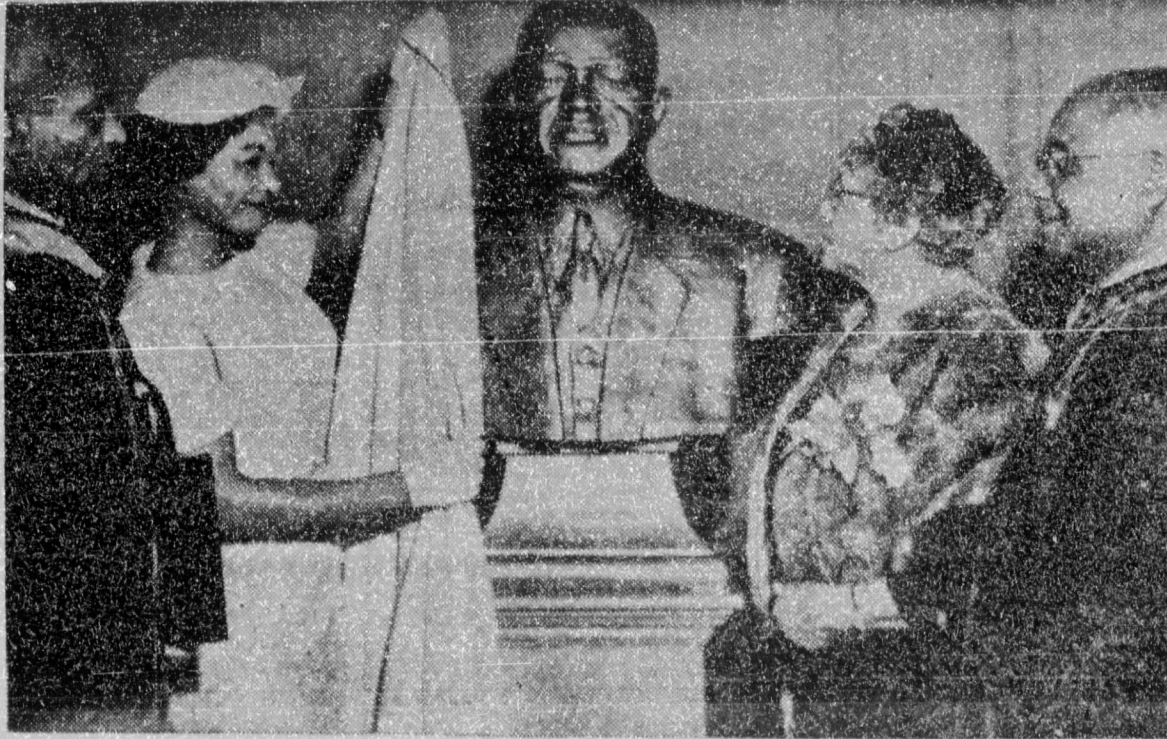
"The final current challenge to educated leadership," he concluded, "is to rediscover the spiritual basis which makes it possible for the individual to meet and conquer the other challenges of life." He said that throughout America there is renewed interest and concern in the spiritual and moral values of education. The speaker stated that scientists have joined their voices in calling for some system of moral control of the deadly weapons they have created.

Other persons appearing on the program included: Rev. John C. Mott, rector of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, invocation; Ellsworth T. Smith, Jr., Greensboro senior, representing the student body; Mrs. Carrye V. Kell, associate professor of English, representing the faculty and staff; F. Marcellus Staley, Orangeburg, S. C., dean of the School of Agriculture at South Carolina State College, representing former faculty and staff; Howard C. Barnhill, Charlotte health educator and president of the A&T College National Alumni Association, representing the alumni; Rabbi Fred L. Rypins, Temple Emanu-El, Greensboro, dedicatory prayer; and Rev. J. C. Melton, retired minister, benediction.

The college choir, under Howard T. Pearsall, chairman of the Department of Music and the Symphony Band, under the baton of Walter F. Carlson, Jr., presented the musical numbers.

The program was preceded by a military review of the Joint Corps of the Air Force and Army ROTC units held on the front campus lawn.

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IN UNVEILING CEREMONIES — A life size bust of the late Dr. F. D. Bluford, former president of A&T College, was unveiled at the annual Founders' Day Observance at the college last week. Participants in the ceremonies included from left to right: Dr. Warmoth T. Gibbs, president of the college; Miss Felicia Black, Greensboro, "Miss A&T" for the year and who lifted the covering; Mrs. Bluford, widow of the late president and Dr. J. F. Drake, Alabama A&M College, Normal, Ala., who delivered the main address.

Alpha Phi Alpha Top Officials Meet In Ill.

CHICAGO—(ANP)—The executive committee of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity met at national headquarters, 442 South Parkway, last week-end to dispose of an accumulation of business, prior to the 44th general convention to be held in Philadelphia, with headquarters at the Sheraton hotel, Philadelphia's newest and finest.

Lawrence T. Young, general secretary, reported the Fraternity to be in the best shape, financially and otherwise, than it has been

since its inception in 1905.

General President Myler A. Paige, Justice of the Court of Domestic Relations, New York City, head reports from the committee on finance; Kermit J. Hall, chairman of the re-organization committee; Raymond W. Cannon, chairman, and the building foundation, William M. Alexander, chairman.

Legislation was enacted whereby Kappa Chapter, at the seat of Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio received a grant permitting them to purchase a fraternity house, in Fraternity Row on the campus at Ohio State.

Kermit J. Hall, convention

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chairman reported on final plans for the receiving of 2,000 or more Alpha Phi Alpha men as delegates.

Judge Paige was pleased at the progress of the Fraternity, and offered felicitations to three past presidents, who attended the meeting: Frank L. Stanley, A. Meeco Smith, and Raymond W. Cannon.

Among those present were Meredith C. Ferguson, Nashville, general treasurer; Ernest N. Merial, New Orleans, general counsel; Lionel Newsom, Baton Rouge, chairman of educational activity; Kermit J. Hall, Philadelphia, comptroller; W. D. Hawkins, Jr., Nashville, auditor; Blodley C. Cyrus, chairman of election commission; Sidney A. Jones, former acting secretary; John Patton, St. Paul; Burt Mayberry, Kansas City, Mo.; L. Hume Williams, Tulsa, Okla.; William M. Alexander, St. Louis, and chairman of building foundation.

and W. E. Shortridge, Birmingham, Ala.

Kidnaps A Baby, Caught At River

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (ANP)—James Faison, 23, this city, allegedly kidnapped little Bonnie Jane Barker, 3 months, from home.

Pursued by frantic police and spectators, Faison ran to a nearby river and became mired in the treacherous mud about 20 feet from shore.

Holding a pair of scissors at the throat of the little girl, Faison held pursuers off for 30 minutes.

He relented and handed the baby over to relieved police and parents.

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