

Humanities Series Begins March 1

The influence of 5th Century B.C. Athens upon present-day Western civilization is the subject of a five-part humanities series that begins on Tuesday, March 1 at College of The Albemarle.

"The Greek Moment" is a segment of "The Measure of Man: Humane Values in Western Civilization" programs developed by the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and the N.C. Humanities Committee. This is the second year that the multiple-seminar series has been conducted on the COA campus.

The coordinator for this year's lectures, which are open to the public, is Jerome Rhee, COA assistant professor of history. "Remarkable as it seems," Rhee said, "about 2,500 years ago in Athens, a city half the size of Charlotte, a spectacular culture evolved, flourished, and created virtually all the important traditions of Western civilization."

All of the programs are scheduled at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday in the COA lecture auditorium through March 29. Rhee said the five lecturers who were selected to participate in "The Greek Moment" series were chosen for

their expertise in their fields and because of their humanistic grasp of each topic of discussion.

The first lecture, "The Forms of the City," will be presented on March 1 by Dr. Charles E. Scilla, assistant professor of art at Old Dominion University. He will attempt to give his audience an insight into the feeling of the vitality of Athenian daily life as it was nurtured by and reflected in the forms of the city's monuments and buildings.

"Democracy's Birth: The Citizen" will be featured in the second seminar on March 8. Dr. John Douglas Minyard, classics professor at UNC-G, will examine the Athenian tenet that man finds his deepest meaning only within society, comparing that belief with subsequent 18th century and modern ideas.

During the March 15 segment, "Socrates and the Sophists: A Question of Truth," Dr. Eugene Purcell, associate professor of philosophy at Atlantic Christian College, discusses the concerns of the "right" living of Greek experience. He will provide a comparison of the teachings of the Sophists, who offered pragmatic advice, to

those of Socrates, who searched for ethical sincerity.

The following week, on March 22, Dr. Charles O. Burgess, assistant professor of English at ODU, shows his audience the dramatic forms that evolved from the annual Dionysian festivals and performances of dance and choral poetry. "The Muse's Prompting: The Birth of Tragedy," emphasizes the power of the Greek tragedy that reigned unequalled for 2,000 years until the appearance of Shakespeare's works.

The final seminar, "The Love of Wisdom: Plato and Aristotle," will complete the series. Dr. Larry Hatab, assistant professor of philosophy at ODU, will discuss the work of the two philosophers that has endured through the ages.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

It has been brought to the attention of the Greenville City Council by Mr. W. C. Cobb, who is President of the North Carolina-South Carolina Association of Railroad Passengers that the Carolina Association of Passenger Train Advocates known as "CAPTA" are working with the major goal to improve and increase rail passenger service within the two Carolinas.

We are informed that CAPTA has been organized with some 70 members and according to news releases, the Department of Transportation reveals that AMTRAK in North Carolina has jointly agreed to run a test train from Raleigh to Charlotte. Since the test run has been announced, we feel that the Greenville City Council would be justified to support CAPTA in requesting that the train begin in Greenville or Washington and to Raleigh and Charlotte.

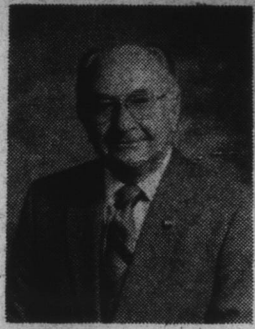
It is our understanding that whether Greenville receives this service or not, our citizens will still have to help pay for this since Federal Law 403-B is an AMTRAK law that authorizes AMTRAK to finance the train if the State makes it purchase so this train will be known as the 4-0-B Train.

Therefore, the Greenville City Council would like to offer its endorsement and support to CAPTA in an effort for AMTRAK to begin in Greenville or Washington and to Raleigh and to Charlotte, which will be at no cost to the City of Greenville. We further encourage your support and membership to join in this combined effort to obtaining this additional mode of transportation through our cities and in our State.

Sincerely,
Percy R. Cox
Mayor

The James Report

by
Rep. Vernon James



I am chairman of the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference which is comprised of legislators from southeastern United States. There was a special meeting held last Friday in Atlanta to discuss ways of controlling fire ants. This is a very serious matter in most southern states and particularly in the coastal states.

Approximately 50-million acres in the South are infested by imported fire ants. Infested states include portions of Texas, Arkansas, South Carolina and North Carolina. All of Florida and Louisiana and most of Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia are seriously impacted. Fire Ants are now in southeastern North Carolina.

Arrangements are being made for Representatives from these 15 states and Puer-

to Rico to meet in Washington, D.C. with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture John Block, Sen. Jesse Helms, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, and Representative E. Delagarza from Texas who is chairman of the House Agriculture Committee. The North Carolina congressional delegation is coordinating this meeting to be held in the near future.

The House Agriculture Committee enjoyed a delicious country breakfast sponsored by the N.C. Department of Agriculture at the Farmer's Market on February 15.

We were delighted to have Miss Melanie Peel and Miss Mary Butler serve as pages from Pasquotank County last week.

Payment-In-Kind Program Closes

Farmers have only a few weeks left to sign up for the payment-in-kind program. The signup period ends March 11, and will not be extended, according to John J. Cooper, State Executive Director, North Carolina Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

"Farmers will not have the opportunity to change their mind and sign up after this deadline. However, those who have already enrolled and those who enroll before March 11 will have the option of withdrawing or changing their enrollment without penalty provided it is done before enrollment ends," Mr. Cooper said.

Severe weather conditions may have caused some problems for farmers around the country. However, recurring storms or any other problems will not change the signup deadline.

The PIK program is designed to bring supplies more in line with demand to improve the farm economy. It encourages farmers to further reduce 1983 crops of wheat, corn, sorghum, upland cotton and rice from the previously announced acreage reduction and land diversion programs. In return for participating, farmers will receive an amount of the commodity as payment for reducing planted acreage.

All farmers for which a 1983 acreage base and yield has been established for wheat, feed grain, upland cotton and rice under the previously announced farm programs are eligible to participate in PIK. The ASCS official said

farmers who would like to see an improvement in the market situation should seriously consider the program and do their part toward reducing the surplus that is hurting the economy. "We urge farmers to sign up now and not miss the opportunity by waiting or expecting the deadline to be extended. The signup period will end at the close of business on March 11."

Democratic Officers To Be Elected

Democratic Precinct Officers and Delegates to Chowan County Democratic Party Convention will be elected at precinct meetings to be held Thursday, March 3, 1983. Precinct meetings will be held at 8:00 P.M. in each precinct at each polling place.

"Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee is committed to actively work towards making life better in Chowan County," reported Lueta Sellers, Chair of Chowan County Democratic Party. "This year each precinct will have on its agenda a place for Democrats to voice their concerns about life in our county and our Democratic Party. The expressed concerns will then be studied by our County Democratic Executive Committee and action, where possible, will be taken for improvements. We are also anticipating that our city and county elected officials will be interested in the concerns expressed. We are looking forward to working with Democrats in each precinct and our elected officials in this most vital project," concluded Sellers.

Colonial Baptist Acquires A Building

The members of the newly organized Colonial Baptist Church are busy this week, as they prepare their new building. After a long period of meeting in living rooms, the church has acquired a building most suitable for use as both a meeting place for services, socials and other meetings and as a parsonage. "What really amazes me most," observes Pastor Yancey, "is the way God has worked in our search. We named the church 'Colonial Baptist' because it was born in Cape Colony, and then it appeared we would be forced to accept facilities far from the Colony. Now, God has given us a building on (you guessed it) Colony Drive. What could be more appropriate?"

The church hopes to open its doors to the public during early March with a program designed for the maximum benefit of those who desire to attend this "Old Time Gospel" church. According to Pastor Yancey, "The church is attempting to take the name 'Baptist' back to what it was in the days of Moody and even to the day of Roger Williams, the founder of the first Baptist church in America."

Hancock To Introduce Senate Resolution

Lt. Gov. James C. Green has announced that he had requested Sen. Gerry Hancock of Durham to introduce a Senate Resolution calling for a study by the Governmental Operations Commission of the feasibility of limiting the length of legislative sessions.

"We are asking the Government Operations Commission to look into a number of facets of the legislative process, most notably, the limiting of legislative sessions," Green said. "The trend toward professional legislators in this State has become disturbing to many people, and shorter sessions would go a long way toward reversing this trend."

The other branches of government are being called on to limit their budgets, and I see no reason why the

General Assembly should not examine its budget. It costs the taxpayers approximately \$24,000 each day that the legislators are in Raleigh, and, judging by the experience of our sister states,

we could conclude our business in considerably less time than we have been consuming. Virginia, for instance, limits regular sessions to 60 days and none has been extended in the decade since adoption of the law," Green said. He further stated, "I do not see the necessity for 1400 new laws every two years as we have done in every session since 1977."

The resolution proposes that regular sessions of the General Assembly be limited to 60 days and extra sessions be limited to 20 days.

Film "Prophecy" To Be Shown

On Wednesday, March 2nd at 7:30 P.M. at Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library on Water Street in Edenton, a newly released film, "Prophecy" (1983), will be shown, free to the public. It is made of original footage taken after the atomic bombings at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and contains some recollections of survivors of those events.

It is sponsored through Physicians for Social Responsibility, a nonprofit group of doctors working to improve the international public's understanding of the meaning of nuclear war.

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