

Expanded Staff, Record Entering Class At Tenn.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — An expanded faculty and staff, a record 1,043 freshmen and transfer students were engaged in orientation activities last week at Tennessee State University began its 43rd year.

The faculty's first meeting of the year was held Monday Morning (September 12). General activities for 1955-56 were outlined. Benson L. Dutton, Dr. H. A. Bowen, and Dr. C. M. Hill, school chairman, presented new faculty members in engineering, education, and arts and sciences respectively. Dr. W. S. Davis, university president, presided.

The orientation program planned primarily to help freshmen and transferees adjust to campus life, opened with a convocation session Tuesday (September 13) and will close Sunday, September 25 when the president holds his annual fireside chat and a reception in his home. Movies, lectures, mixers, square dances, religious services, a picnic and a banquet are the major orientation activities which the newcomers are enjoying.

Dr. William Simmons, dean of men, was principal convocation speaker. "How Much Am I Bid for My Life?" was his subject. Other speakers during the week have included

Dr. A. V. Boswell, university vice president; Dr. Virginia S. Nyabongo, student personnel director; and Dr. Elsie M. Lewis of the history staff.

Physical examinations and tests in English, speech, typing, and mathematics were held September 14. Registration which began Wednesday closed Saturday, September 17. Classes began Monday, Sept. 19.

Negro Professor To Teach At Washington State

GRAMBLING, La. — J. Edward Blackwell, a member of the social science faculty at Grambling college, has been granted a year's leave of absence to accept a \$1,400 plus tuition free teaching fellowship in the sociology department at Washington State college, Pullman, Washington.

Blackwell will instruct two classes in sociology and anthropology per semester and take 20-hours toward the Ph.D. degree in sociology.

A member of the Grambling faculty for the past three years, he has been active in community and collegiate life, serving on the Curriculum Committee, Student Activities Committee, and the president's Committee on Drop-Outs and withdrawals.

DR. F. D. BLUFORD KEYNOTER AT STAFF ORIENTATION CONFAB

GREENSBORO — The teacher who might be well initiated by his students was described at A&T College recently as a noble example of the profession. The speaker was Dr. F. D. Bluford, president of the college, who delivered the keynote address at the opening session of a three-day Faculty-Staff Orientation Conference.

"The Example you set, the inspiration which you might give, are challenges which mount in importance because of the needs of our youth today," he said.

"We have a righteous cause as classroom teachers." He concluded, "We have a divine mission for in our hands are placed the fortunes of youth."

The conference held at the college was conducted along the theme, "Rethinking the Aims and Objectives of A&T College."



Eleven of the new faculty and staff members at North Carolina College are shown here receiving welcome to the institution from, lower left to right, Dean G. T. Kyle, Business Manager William Jones, Assistant Dean Richard K. Barksdale, and President Alfonso Elder. New appointees left to right on rostrum are Miss Edith Willoughby, home economics; Miss Mildred Wilson, house director; Mrs. Arona McDougald Parker, mathematics; Le Marquis De Jarmon, law; Miss Delphine Webber, assistant house director; Miss

Aletha Rease, secretary; Miss Hazel Borden, secretary; Miss Roxie Holloway, secretary; Norwood E. Pearson, manager, canteen; Miss Ernestine Johnson, secretary; and Miss Mary Frances Suggs, professor of commerce. Other appointees who are not shown are Mrs. Annie King Corley, home economics; Benjamin F. Gray, music; Paul McGirt, French; Mrs. Annie Pate Taylor, house director; Miss Mabel Ames Dupree, circulation librarian, Mrs. Mattie Canty, Mrs. Omega Smith, and William Bland, maintenance.

Must Make Application Before October To Get Back Benefits

A considerable number of widows, young children, and aged parents of working people who died between June 1940 and September 1950 have failed to claim the monthly benefits payable to them under a 1954 change in the social security law, announced Mrs. Nina Matthews, manager of the Durham social security office. Those who do not apply for their benefits before Oct. 1, she pointed out, will not be able to receive benefits for all the months back to September 1954, the effective date of the new provision in the law.

Under this provision, it is now possible to pay monthly social security benefits to the qualified survivors of workers who died between June 1940 and September 1950 if the deceased wage earners had credit for as little as a year and a half of work under social security. The families of many of these workers applied for benefits at the time of the family breadwinner's death, Mrs. Matthews said, but were told that they could not receive payments because under the law, as it then stood, the worker had not earned enough social security credit to provide survivors benefits for his family.

Where a claim for social security benefits is filed within 12 months of the time a beneficiary is first eligible, his payments can be made to him retroactively for the whole period, Mrs. Matthews pointed out. But if a claim is delayed for more than 12 months, benefits for some months will be lost. She therefore urged the survivors of workers who died between June 1940 and September 1950 to get in touch with their nearest social security offices before October 1, 1955. Qualified claimants who apply before that date can be paid benefits back to September 1954.

Monthly benefits under this provision may be paid to the aged widows of such workers who at the time of death had worked on jobs under social security for at least a year and a half to surviving children under 18 years of age, and to their mothers. Where no widow or children survived the worker, payments can be made to his aged parents if he was providing their support.

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In Demand As Speaker On Soviet Affairs

GREENSBORO — The extreme interest of the American public in Russian affairs has been demonstrated in the demands of speaking engagements of Dr. W. E. Reed, dean of the School of Agriculture at A&T College, here, who

recently visited the country. Dr. Reed, a member of a 12-man American farm group, spent nearly 30-days in the USSR, visiting every section covering a total of over 27,000 miles in the tour. He returned to the States three weeks ago and since that time has been busy answering requests for speaking engagements.

He has already made two television appearances, spoke at a public mass meeting in Greensboro, sponsored by the Greensboro Citizen's Committee, the city's leading civic organization and has appeared before the faculty of A&T College.

His address before the students at A&T this month is to be transcribed for use on the Voice of America.

Add Thirteen To Faculty At Hampton Inst.

HAMPTON, Va. — Dr. William H. Martin, dean of faculty at Hampton Institute, announced this week the addition of 13 new members to the college faculty.

These new faculty members were oriented to the college during the Ninth Annual Educational Staff Institute held

for the Hampton Institute faculty last week.

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