



FAM-U SORORITY GETS NATIONAL CHARTER—Iota Alpha Theta Service Sorority, established at Florida A and M University on April 27, 1953, recently received its charter as a national organization during impressive ceremonies held in the moot room of the college of law building. Seated, left to

right, Rev. E. A. Spearman, notary; Delores O. Walden, chapter president; Paul L. Robinson, founder and national president; Lillian F. Pride, sorority mother; Attorney Charles Williams, legal advisor; standing, left to right, Elizabeth Jackson, Mary J. Riley, Shirley Leonard, Marian Wiggins, Mable Hall,

Willie Mai Lazier, Alfreda Johnson, Willie Ree Tillman, Rhoda P. Marshal I, Suste Thompson, Lula Johnson, Gloria Blue, Yvonne Hayling, Naomi Bryant, Eddiebelle C. Vereen, Mary E. Mourning, and Pearl W. Gore, Jr. (Staff photo by H. Jones, Jr.)

UNIVERSITY OF S. C. STUDENT LOSES JOB AS SENATE PAGE FOR ANTI-SEGREGATION VIEWS

COLUMBIA, S. C. Students at the University of South Carolina witnessed the burial of freedom of speech here last week when a 23-year-old senior was fired from his job in the State Legislature because of an anti-segregation letter he wrote to the college paper.

Raymond L. Morton, a telephone page in the Legislature, lost his job because of a letter that appeared in the Gamecock, student weekly at the University of South Carolina.

The letter is as follows: USC Gamecock, March 9. Man's first passion was a grunt. With evolution he has molded and shaped his emotions with color and song and speech. Sing we must, else go mad. Speak we must, else the throat choke and burst with silent truth. Speak we must before it is too late.

Listen, I am ashamed to be called a Southerner. By biological accident I, like most of you, am a native South Carolinian. With you I am a student at the University of South Carolina, a rather large school, admirably progressive in everything except the desire to forget the past.

Throttled by this slavish and solitary stigma, we are not attempting to free ourselves. Unconsciously we have been smothered and strangled with tradition, the so-called southern tradition, a backward looking and odious attitude appropriately attributed only to the United Daughters of the Confederacy. For several years I have been a Page in the State

Legislature. They too form a rather large school, and this is a monumental session in 1956. Arrested by the decision of "nine evil old men" on the United States Supreme Court they are intent on circumventing movements which would abolish segregation of races in our state.

Southern governors and legislators have been the embarrassing sound trucks for the South. Tempered by custom, they speak with weighty obstreperous and irrational voices. Never have they spoken for me and some of you. Never could they speak for those who feel as we do. Being a southerner my degrading segregation is worse than damning a venerable old god, but most gods are merciful and understanding. Many southerners are not. Most gods are forgiving and broad minded, most legislators are not.

Twelve miles below Columbia on a bluff overlooking the Congaree Swamp I was born. Clearly I remember racing through the haystacks over the holy pastures, green and blithe with the confusion of youth. The fields sang to us and our bodies ripened in the sun. My only playmate was Freddie, a Negro, and nothing I cared about the color of his skin. He was as young and free as I, and every moment as merry. Then one day my visiting auntie, an enormous woman, who smeared lipstick on her forehead when she smiled, saw us drinking from the spring. With all the affected dignity of a southern lady she informed me that Freddie was a

nigger and should never be caught drinking from the same spring again. Freddie covered away dumbfoundedly. I was abashed. Auntie died two years later and both Freddie and I watched the funeral less than a hundred yards from the spring. There I discovered suddenly, not sorrow, but hatred. I wanted to kick dirt in her embalmied face, a face representative of the ignorance and superstitions of generations past. But Freddie and all the fears of his young dark world cried pity, not hatred.

Now Freddie is a part of a Korean hillside and he died for the grace of people like Auntie, but Auntie's temperament did not die with her. Her stupidity is reflected and echoed in every Citizens Council today. This America is—sing to me of the sunlight of the human spirit journeying through open windows. This the South is—slur to me your syllables of interposition. This America is; show, don't dream to me of human dignity. This the South is; move to the rear of the bus."

The big surprise is that Morton wasn't banished from the state and his South Carolina citizenship revoked.

CO-ALITION SEEKS TO UNSNARE OMNIBUS CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS

WASHINGTON, D. C. Anticipating efforts to bottle up civil rights bills in the House Rules Committee, a bi-partisan group of 40 liberal congressmen have taken the initial step to secure discharge of the Omnibus Civil Rights bill which has been reported out of the House Judiciary Sub-committee. Also favorably reported out is an anti-lynching bill.

As a preliminary move to circulating a discharge petition for the omnibus bill, a resolution has been introduced by Reps. James Roosevelt (D-Calif.) and Charles B. Brownson (R-Ind.). If 218 signatures are secured on the petition, the bill can bypass further committee consideration. Without the petition the bill still would have to get by the full committee and the House Rules Committee, which in the past has been unfriendly to such measures.

The main provisions of the omnibus civil rights bill are as follows:

1. Establish a Commission on Civil Rights in the executive branch of the federal government to make a continuing study of civil rights and report to the President. The Commission would not have subpoena powers.
2. Create a "civil rights division" in the Department of Justice, and increase FBI personnel trained in civil rights cases.
3. Establish a Joint Congressional Committee on Civil Rights with authority to hold hearings and subpoena witnesses.
4. Amend existing civil rights statutes to make them more enforceable and to extend civil remedies.
5. Amend election laws to give further protection to voters.
6. Prohibit segregation in interstate travel, with criminal and civil penalties for violation.

The omnibus civil rights bill and the anti-lynching bill were introduced by Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-NY), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

Other Pending Civil Rights Measures Also pending in the House is a separate bill to protect the right to vote. In the Senate, several civil rights bills have been approved by the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights and are before the full committee. Their

main provisions are as follows: 1. Make it a federal offense to murder or assault members of the Armed Forces while they are in the performance of their duties.

2. Make it a criminal offense, punishable by a sentence up to 20 years, for two or more persons to commit violence on a person because of his race, creed, color or national origin or for the purpose of punishing such person for alleged crime.

Make it a criminal offense for any governmental officer charged with the custody of a prisoner to neglect to protect such prisoner or to fail to apprehend or prosecute any member of a lynch mob.

Authorize the Attorney-General to investigate violations of the Act.

Provide civil remedies for the victim or his next of kin against mob members and the local governmental body.

Voting Protection 3. Amend existing law against intimidation and coercion in federal elections to include primary elections, which now are not covered.

Make it illegal to deny the vote to any eligible person in any election, federal, state or local, because of race, color, religion or national origin.

Provide civil remedies for persons illegally denied the right to vote, and authorize the Attorney General to bring suits for preventive or declaratory relief in the name of persons who are denied the right to vote.

Four Democrats are opposing these civil rights bills in the Judiciary Committee. They are Sens. James O. Eastland, Miss., chairman; Olin D. Johnston, S. C.; John L. McClellan, Ark., and Price Daniel, Texas.

Democrats in the Judiciary Committee supporting the bills are Sens. Estes Kefauver, Tenn.; Thomas C. Hennings, Jr., Mo.; Matthew W. Neely, W. Va., and Joseph C. O'Mahoney, Wyo. Committee Republicans supporting the measures are Sens. Alexander Wiley, Wisc.; William Langer, N.D.; Everett Dirksen, Ill.; John Marshall Butler, Md.; and William E. Jenner, Ind. Two Committee Republicans are undecided. They are Sens. Arthur V. Watkins, Utah, and Herman Walker, Idaho.

Dedication For New Addition To School Held

ALBEMARLE

The new, quarter-million dollar plant additions to the Kingville High School, here, were dedicated in brilliant ceremonies held on last Sunday afternoon, March 18.

A crowd of nearly 1,500 patrons and well-wishers was on hand for the event which formally opened a new classroom building and a modern gymnasium. The two-structures, completed in December and in use since that time, were constructed at a cost of \$250,306.00.

Dr. Charles F. Carroll, Raleigh, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, delivered the principal address. "The World," he said, "is looking for men and women who have developed their talents." He added, "These fine and beautiful buildings are secondary to the service they will render in the development of good and substantial citizens. He spoke for the subject, "For What Purpose Are These Buildings?"

He led a delegation of prominent leaders in education and government who appeared on the program. Others included: Hugh Alexander congressman from the Ninth North Carolina District; R. L. Brown, chairman, Albemarle City School Board; D. A. Moose, mayor, city of Albemarle and Dr. F. A. Williams, dean, The Graduate School, A&T College, Greensboro, who represented the colleges of the State.

Other speakers included: Miss Mary Clark, president of the Student Council; W. H. Wall, Kingville PTA; P. E. Wall, Alberta Freeman, president, Kingville PTA; P. E. Wall, president, Kingville Civic League; Rev. A. W. Walls and Rev.

M. C. Robinson, local ministers and Rev. E. N. French, Montgomery, Ala., minister.

Claud Grigg, superintendent of the Albemarle City Schools, introduced the speaker and E. E. Waddell, principal of the school, presided.

Music was furnished by the Kingville band and chorus.

Tar Heel Gob Elevated At Training Post

Frank S. Reaves, son of Mrs. Gertrude Reaves of Bangham St., Statesville, N. C., has been appointed squad leader of his recruit company at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

As a recruit petty officer he will wear a miniature rating insignia as a badge of authority during the remainder of his nine weeks of "Boot Camp."

He was chosen for the position in recognition of leadership qualities displayed while undergoing recruit training. He is scheduled to graduate March 31.

NORTH CAROLINA DURHAM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE HAVING QUALIFIED as administrator of the Estate of Mrs. Mable Christine Strudwick, deceased late of Durham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 31st day of March 1956, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. Dated this 23rd day of March, 1956. Mechanics & Farmers Bank, Administrator of Estate of Mrs. Mable Christine Strudwick, Deceased. Mar. 31, Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28 and May 5

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NORTH CAROLINA DURHAM COUNTY In The Superior Court NOTICE ANN JOHNSON vs. Marion S. Johnson, Robert D. Holleman, Trustee, and First Federal Savings & Loan Association

The defendant, Marion S. Johnson, will take notice that a special proceeding entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Durham County, North Carolina, by the petitioner to sell real estate owned by the petitioner and defendant, Marion S. Johnson, as tenants in common, for division.

And said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Durham County, in his office in the Courthouse in Durham, North Carolina, and answer or demur to the petition filed in said proceeding on or before ten days after the 21st day of April, 1956, or plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said petition. This the 20 day of March, 1956. J. R. Stone, Assistant Clerk of The Superior Court, Durham County. March 24, 31 April 7, 14

NORTH CAROLINA DURHAM COUNTY Administrator's Notice HAVING QUALIFIED as administrator of the Estate of Oscar D. Page, deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of March, 1957, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. Dated this 29th day of Feb. 1956. Mechanics & Farmers Bank, Administrator of Estate of Oscar D. Page, Deceased. March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7

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