

Rapping

by E.L. Cinorch

The phone rang and rang and rang and rang. No one answered. I tried again. It was busy. I hung up and dialed the number again. Nothing. I was frustrated. I couldn't understand why the telephone of a big university could be busy one minute and unanswerable the next.

Believe it or not I decided to go over there and check on it. I had been one to check on things anyway, when I got there the operator was out...yes! Out to lunch or supper or whatever, but she was definitely out.

Not wanting to cause a fuss, mind you, I waited for about 30 minutes and sure enough she came in. I hid myself and watched for awhile. When she got her wires connected again she dialed a number and started chatting with someone.

The conversation lasted for approximately ten minutes. There was much laughter and merriment, but lights were flashing all over the small switchboard. She paid no attention to the little lights until someone walked up to the opening in the cage and asked her for some information. Her reply to the question was: "Aun hav' no infamation. Yu' gotta' git dat frum down dere (pointing north in the general direction of a thousand doors).

Tired of the little game I was playing, I decided to speak seriously with her. I asked her why she stayed on the telephone so much. She said, "I ain't the operator no way." What are you doing behind the switchboard then? I queried. "I'm jes' fillin' in," she blurted out. Some filling in.

Anyway, whatever was going on was certainly improper and had some big administrator witnessed it he probably would have turned in totally disgust...or maybe they know about it and are pleased with it. Maybe the big administrators are where they are because underlings are too busy "minding their own business."

Anyway, it's always nice RAPPING to you. Rap to you next week.



Members of the group "New York City" is led by Winston-Salem State University grad.

Tim McQueen. Other members include Claude Johnson, Edward Shell and Johnny Brown.

Black Ball Features N.Y. City

The Triad Veterans Association presented a Thanksgiving extravaganza Thursday night, Nov. 28. The "Black Ball Fashion Show" featured "New York City" at Winston-Salem's fabulous Hyatt House at 9 p.m.

New York City is led by Tim McQueen, a graduate of Winston-Salem State University, with other members Claude Johnson, Edward Shell and Johnny Brown. They opened the show with their smash hit single "I'm Doing Fine Without You". They exemplified both versatility and showmanship as they sang "Wildflower", a rearranged version of "Until You Come Back to Me" and their late release, "Happiness Is".

The fashion show portion featured the Black Ball Modeling Company with two male models wearing the latest fashions from "The Real Thing", and four girls modeling swimwear, long

fur-trimmed dresses and sportswear from "The Show-room". Two of the models,

Doris Watkins and Jennifer Dillard, modeled outfits they designed themselves.



Leroy Easter displays work of local craftsmen in new boutique shop.

Boutique Shop Is Opened

The "Checker Board Square" located at 2205 E. 23rd Street in the Bowen Park Community held its grand opening Thanksgiving Day, November 28.

The boutique shop owned and operated by Lee Easter and George Witherspoon is designed to give local craftsman an opportunity to display and sell their wares, but also specialize in selling clothing for the tall male.

Other articles for sale include leather bags, African handmade jewelry, string art scented candles, incense and body oil imported from Jamaica and Africa.

Easter stated that he welcomes the idea of any artist or craftsman wishing to market paintings or craft; bring it to the "Checker Board Square."

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