

Alex Haley to present lecture at SECCA

The Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, or SECCA, will present a special program by renowned author Alex Haley at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 16.

In a lecture titled "Roots: A Saga of Black History," Haley will discuss his research and experience in writing "Roots," the best-seller which traces 200 years and six generations of his family.

Haley's "Roots" is the biggest best-seller in the history of U.S. publishing and, with translations in 37 languages, its worldwide sales have topped 20 million.

When "Roots" was made into a 12-hour television miniseries in 1977, it attracted the second-highest program audience in television history, with more than 130 million viewers.

Haley was born in 1921 in Ithaca, N.Y., and was reared in Henning, Tenn. The eldest of three sons of a college professor and a grammar school teacher, Haley finished high school at age 15. He attended two years of college before joining the U.S. Coast Guard as a messboy.

During his 20 military years,



Alex Haley

Haley wrote constantly and assisted with Coast Guard public relations. In 1952, the Coast Guard created a new rating for Haley, making him chief journalist.

Upon retirement from the service, Haley published his first book, "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," which is now required reading in most U.S. high schools and colleges.

Haley next entered the long, intensive and challenging ordeal of researching the maternal side of his family, tracing back to his fourth great-grandfather, Kunta Kinte, who was kidnapped in West Africa and brought to the U.S. as a slave in 1767.

The resulting book, "Roots," earned Haley both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book

Award. *Time* magazine called Haley "a folk hero" and his book "a cultural landmark." He is currently working on a major new book, "Henning."

Tickets for the Sept. 16 lecture are \$2 for SECCA members, students and senior citizens and \$3 for the general public. Seating is limited, and the public is urged to purchase tickets in advance at SECCA.

District Garden Council holds meeting

The executive council of the Fourth District of the Federation of Garden Clubs of North Carolina met at the home of Catherine Franklin Sept. 6 to plan the monthly agenda for the year 1986-87.

Mrs. Franklin is the incoming president and a member of Within the Picket Fence Flower Club. Roberta Cook is the district director.

Active flower and garden clubs for the coming year are Along the Garden Path, Alta Vista, Best Yet, Flora Buffs, Flower Niche, Prince's Feather, Rake and Spade, Romelia Mason and Within the Picket Fence.

Other council officers are Katherine Walker, vice president; Elsie C. Blackman, corresponding secretary; Mildred Poindexter, recording secretary; Emaline H. Goodwin, assistant secretary; Mary B. Hopkins, financial secretary; Iveyne

McDaniel, chaplain, and Acie McGhee Jr., reporter.

Mrs. Franklin opened the meeting with prayer and presided over a discussion of key events for the year, including the flower show and a year-end social affair.

Other non-officers attending were Frances Bowen, Ella Belle Tillman, Alberta B. Singleton, Mary B. Hopkins and William McKoy Sr.

Seven members of the Fourth District attended the 51st annual convention, held in Charlotte, from Aug. 3 to 5.

Mrs. Cook was honored for many years of service at the convention. She was directly responsible for the first black all-male garden club in the state, Prince's Feather.

The regular meeting date for the district is the second Wednesday night of each month at the East Winston Library.



By the way...

By Joe Black

For the past three decades Black people have been shouting and inferring that we gained increased pride in our heritage and culture. But is that fact? Or is it just talk for show?

You see, way back when a college education was almost an impossibility for Black people, they gained hope when Cheyney opened its doors in 1839. And Lincoln University offered educational opportunities in 1854. In 1865, the churches recognized the need for ex-slaves to learn readin', riting and ciphering, and with the help of The Freedmen's Bureau, they founded Howard University, Fisk University, Tougaloo College, St. Augustine College and Morgan College, to name a few institutions of higher learning.

It's a fact! When Black folks needed them, the Black colleges welcomed them and gave us many of our great doctors, scientists, lawyers and educators. But as the saying goes... how soon we forget. Today, when many of these Black schools need the support of Black Americans we are giving them "tip" service rather than the financial support that they need. My friends, many of these Black institutions of higher learning are facing extinction. Black America is not a welfare state; we have annual gross spendable income in excess of \$130 billion. That is a definite indication that we can and must help our own community and its centers of education and culture.

But too many of us are busy doing our own thing; young Blacks have accepted the fallacious belief that you can't learn anything in a Black college except how to party or play ball; while middle and upper income class Black families seem to have adopted the attitude of "I got mine, shame on them if they don't have theirs."

We have arrived at the time when we must replace rhetoric with money. Each graduate from a Black college or university should mail a minimum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to their alma mater each year. You know, the school that we save may be your own.

Joe Black

Vice President

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Dr. Ernest Wade, the new director of minority affairs at Wake Forest, hopes to help minority students over the "rough spots" of college life.

WFU names new minority affairs director

Wake Forest University has named Dr. Ernest Wade its new director of minority affairs.

Wade, formerly the director of the Student Development Center at the University of Arkansas, succeeds Dr. Herman Eure, who has returned to full-time teaching duties in Wake Forest's department of biology.

Wade says his major responsibility will be in a "supportive role. Although a minority student who has been accepted at a school like Wake Forest should not feel intimidated by other students, sometimes they need a little help to get over the 'rough spots.' I will try to help them get involved in extracurricular activities, become student leaders and feel they are making a contribution to the university."

Wade also will recruit and help with retention of minority and disadvantaged students.

Wade received his bachelor of science degree at Johnson C.

Smith University and his master of science in counseling degree at the University of Wisconsin. He received his doctorate at Michigan State University. Wade was also a post-doctoral fellow in clinical psychology in the department of psychiatry at Memorial Hospital of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

At the University of Arkansas, Wade also was the director of the Northwest Arkansas Upward Bound project and was responsible for special services and testing in the Student Development Center.

Wade has taught graduate-level courses in educational psychology at the University of Wisconsin and developed a counselor training program on the graduate level which led to the increase in the number of minority counselors in the Milwaukee public school system.

Wade is married and is the father of three children.

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