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Noted Violinist Conducts Concert Here

On January 12, the audience of Frederic Balazs, noted violinist, was inspired to great heights as they listened to the talented virtuoso. Mr. Balazs made his audience feel "at home" when he began to speak and tell them of the background for his renditions. He seemed to have a familiarity of hand to bow and the swell of the music seemed to be an eternal flow.

The manipulation of his fingers over the strings proved that he possessed the qualities of a fine musician. He displayed a dexterity of rhythm and movement in his rendition of Bach's Chaconne which took fourteen minutes to play. When he played in the violin and piano duet of "Mother and Child" there emanated a feeling of a beautiful lullaby. In giving yourself to the mood there was actually a musical picture painted in the melodic notes of a talented violinist.

No other piece played on the program however touched and thrilled the audience quite as effectively as his own interpretation of the beautiful "Ave Maria". At the first contact of the bow and strings the spell of music was woven over all who were present; it did not break until the last note died away. Such a show of mastery has not been witnessed in a long time.

Added to Mr. Balazs wonderful interpretations was the inspiring piano accompaniment by our own head of the Music Department, Miss E. A. Johnson.

HONORARY SOCIETY HAS PROBATION

The Sigma Rho Sigma Club stands for the promotion of continued improvement in human relations. Its purpose is to eradicate hatred, racial prejudice and fear. Keeping abreast with the times and the changes in current events is another one of its endeavors. Since this club has purposes which imply a great deal of foresight, it is important that the members chosen for this organization have certain qualifications which are conducive to the betterment of humanity.

On December 19, 1950, this club chose nine students from the various classes to become pledges and, later, members. They were as follows: Myrtle Borden, Rosalyn Brothers, Ernestine Cordon, Gilbert Cradle, Rosa Ebron, Doris Flood, Evelyn Hodges, Sawyer Holley, and Bennie Williams. Increased enrollment in this inspiring organization should cause it to operate more effectively than it has heretofore, and the accomplishments in better human relations should be greatly increased.

E.I.A.C. HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING AT FAYETTEVILLE STATE; Randall and Clarke Make All Conference Football Team

On December 15, 1950, the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference met at Fayetteville State Teachers College, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Representing Elizabeth City State were Coach James H. Williams, Coach Jack Housen, and Commissioner Taylor E. Jones.

Norfolk State was declared the 1950 E.I.A.C. Football Champion, and Fayetteville as Basketball Champion. Maryland State Teachers College of Bowie, Maryland was accepted as a member of the Basketball Conference. Due to a Maryland Law, no teachers college can engage in a football game; therefore, Maryland State Teachers cannot become a member of the football conference.

The E.I.A.C. 1951 basketball tournament will be held at Elizabeth City State Teachers College on March 16 and 17, 1951. The conference also approved a measure to send Mr. Robert Vaughn, erstwhile of ECSTC, now in the armed forces, news of the progress of the conference.

Thus you can see that 1950 was a good year for the E.I.A.C. Support your school and when you do, you are helping the E.I.A.C. also.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF COLLEGE ALUMNI MEETS

On Saturday, January 27, the Executive Board of the State Teachers College Alumni Association held its semi-annual meeting in the Alumni Lounge with F. P. Shields, president, presiding.

Reports from Homecoming activities were made, and plans for participation in the Founders Day and Commencement programs were considered.

At the close of the business hour, the members of the committee were served dinner in the new Homemaking department in the Fine Arts and Physical Education building. The dinner, the first to be served in the new quarters, was planned by Misses F. L. Johnson and Miss A. V. Smith who were very ably assisted by the young ladies of the Freshman Class in Homemaking.

Those attending the meeting were: Mr. F. P. Shields, Scotland Neck; Mrs. Mayola Murrell, Brooklyn N. Y.; Mrs. J. W. Jones, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. M. E. Turner, Warsaw; who was accompanied by Miss B. Beatty and Mrs. O. S. Hill; Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Brinkley, Windsor; Mrs. J. S. Thompson, Hertford; Mrs. M. A. Howell, Portsmouth, Va.; Reverend J. R. McRay, Dr. J. E. Jones, Mrs. E. H. Mitchell, Elizabeth City; Mrs. G. F. Gallop, Norfolk; and President and Mrs. S. D. Williams.

PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH



Our personality of the month is a senior, Bertha Mae Sampson, a native of Clinton, North Carolina, and a graduate of the Sampson County Training School in 1947.

In the fall of 1947 she came to State Teachers College. Ever since her entrance, she has been an active student. Some of the extra curricular activities in which she engages are the Dramatic Club, Senior Art Society, Sigma Rho Sigma Social Studies Club, and the Future Teachers of America. "Bert", as she is familiarly known, has been an honor roll student since her freshman year. She has made the only "A" average for the first quarter of the school year, ranking high in Practice Teaching and Classroom Management.

On the campus "Bert" has made steadfast friends because of her honesty and straightforwardness. A working student during her four years of college, she believes in that never-give-up policy, which guides her actions.

"Bert" has her own private philosophy of life and education. She plans to continue her education after graduation in May.

SCIENCE CLUB NEWS

The Future Scientists of America have made remarkable progress since their organization in November.

The clubbers spent an enjoyable afternoon cleaning up the new science club room located upstairs over the laundry. This is a very large room with running water and cabinets. Many improvements are being made.

The club has engaged in several activities recently. Bennie Williams has carried out an experiment in taxidermy. He successfully mounted a beautiful raccoon. During a call meeting of the Science Club an interesting demonstration of the development, printing and enlarging of pictures was given by President Williams.

We promise you more interesting and thrilling events soon.

Frontline News

On Monday, January 29, 1951, the college family had the rare treat of hearing first hand reports of the Korean War. The reporter was Mr. Jimmy Hicks of the New York Division of the Afro American.

Mr. Hicks gave detailed information on the situation in Korea. He told much of the plight of the American GI in Korea, and made us understand his hardships, inexperience, and his dire need for our support, both moral and physical. Mr. Hicks painted for us a vivid picture of the Korean enemy and his tactics. He spoke of the policies of the different branches of our own armed forces, especially in regards to the Negro GI.

In the question and answer period which followed his lecture, which was very informative, informal and colorful, Mr. Hicks proved to be master of the situation, answering all questions.

It is felt by all that Mr. Hicks' speech has stimulated an interest in current events. This need be, in that almost any event in almost any far-off spot, could change the course of our daily lives.

First Speaker of the Year

The Reverend W. W. Finlator lived up to all expectations when he appeared before the student body under the auspices of the Imperial Nautilus Club as the first speaker of the year.

Dr. Finlator spoke about "Cost Plus". Using this as his theme, he emphasized the fact that we pay the cost in serving God, but usually fail to go beyond that point. To help make a better world to serve a greater cause, we must pay the plus. He so beautifully pictured the necessity of giving this "plus" to God. To do one's duty as a Christian is not enough. Our fate and belief and thanks to God for his Guidance and deliverance should be and are worth the "Cost" and the "Plus."

AMERICAN YOUTH HOSPITAL TO GIVE SCHOLARSHIP TRIP

Wouldn't it be wonderful to take a trip to Europe, all expenses paid? If you are talented with pen and paper you may have a chance to do so this summer.

The American Youth Hospital, Inc., will award a scholarship trip to Europe to the person who writes the best essay entitled "Why I Would Like to Go Hosteling in Europe." Entries for the contest must be in by April 15, 1951. Full information and application forms for the scholarship may be obtained from National Headquarters, American Youth Hostels, 6 East 39th Street, New York 16, New York.