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Delta Sigma Sorority on S. T. C. Campus

The Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was organized on State Teachers College campus on December 12 1953.

Mrs. Pauline F. Weeden, the Eastern Regional Director, established the under-graduate chapter on the campus and Epsilon Beta Sigma, the graduate chapter, in the city.

Out of town guests were the under-graduate chapter of Hampton Institute, and visiting sorors from Ohio, North Carolina, Michigan and Virginia.

Officers of the undergraduate chapter for the year are: President, Mary Wise; Vice President, Elizabeth Taylor; Secretary, Anna Battle; Treasurer, Doris M. Smith; Historian, Delorice Taylor, Parliamentarian, Gloria Reid; Co-Deans of Interest Group, Lois King and Gloria Reide, Co-Deans of Pledges, Alice Harris and Amaza Manley.

In keeping with the purposes of sororities on college campuses, the members of Delta Chi are striving to establish a greater awareness of finer womanhood and higher scholarship and to promote a closer relationship among students.

DEAN'S LIST

Fall Quarter, 1953-54

Seniors

Betty Tillery, Dollie Best, Earl Thomas, Thelma Stevens, Louis O'Pharrow, Luther Williams, Caroline Banks, Shirley Harrison, Myrtle Hill, Elaine Welch, Ada Martin, Doris Perry, Pearlene Alston, Ethel Anderson, Elsie Palmer, Hortense Boone, Mary Bullock, William Bowser, Lucinda Busch, Edith Felton, Sarah Freeman, Johnnie Holloway, Juanita Jackson, Ella ones, Martha Knight, Lizzie Leathers, Amaza Manley, Alfred Marbley, Clinton Patterson, Ruth Privott, Gladys Proctor, Doris M. Smith, Fannie E. Taylor, Melvina Young.

Juniors

Delorice Taylor, Anna Battle, Mary Gatling, Dewildera Pope, Melvin White, Marceil Brown, Olethia Davis, Queenie Ferebee, Pauline Jones, Herman Horne, Dorothy Robinson, Mary Mann, Carlos Mullen, George Pierce, Carolyn Proctor, William Andrews, Barbara Copeland, Earlonia Davis, Wynola Davis, Alice Harris, Mattie Seward, Estella Simons, Verline Williamson, Millicent Wilson.

Sophomores

Ethel Mornings, Margaret Lewis, Martha Coward, Geraldine Jones, Patsy Morton, Erlyn Morris, Florine arco, James Spence, Robert Harvey, Georgia King, Alta Markham, Cornelius Page, Gloria Reide, Doris L. Smith, Iris Thompson, Anna White, Mary Wise.

Freshmen

Margaret Coley, Mary Maggette, Shirley Uzzell, Annie Riddick, Bernice Gatling, Wilhelmina Smith, Odie Hardy, Carolyn Mitchell, Eunice Taylor, Marva Thomas.

The Poor Scholar's Soliloquy

By Stephen M. Corey

No I'm not very good in school. This is my second year in the seventh grade, and I'm bigger and taller than the other kids. They like me all right, though, even if I don't say much in the classroom because outside I can tell them how to do a lot of things; they tag me around and that sort of makes up for what goes on in school.

I don't know why the teacher don't like me. They never have very much. Seems like they don't think you know anything unless you can name the book it come out of. I've got a lot of books in my room at home; books like Popular Science, Mechanical encyclopedia, and the Sears! and the Ward's catalogue—but I don't very often just sit down and read them through like they make us do in school. I use my books when I want to find something out, like whenever Mom buys something—I can use the index in a hurry.

In school, though, we've got to learn whatever is in the book and I just can't memorize the stuff. Last year I stayed after school every night for two weeks trying to learn the names of the Presidents. Of course I knew some of them, like Washington and Jefferson and Lincoln, but there must have been thirty altogether, and I never did get them straight.

I'm not too sorry though, because the kids who learned the Presidents had to turn right around and learn all the Vice-Presidents. I'm taking the seventh grade over, but our teacher this year isn't so interested in the names of the Presidents. She has us trying to learn the names of all the great American inventors.

I'm not very good in geography. They call it economic geography this year. We've been studying the imports and exports of Chile all week, but I couldn't tell you what they are. Maybe the reason is I had to miss school yesterday because my uncle took me in his trailer down state about 200 miles, and we bought almost 10 tons of stock to the Chicago market.

He had told me where we were going, and I had to figure out the highways to take and also the mileage. He didn't do anything but drive and turn where I told him to. Was that fun! I sat with a map in my lap and told him to turn south, or southeast, or some other direction. We made seven stops, and drove over 500 miles round trip. I'm figuring now what his oil cost, and also the wear and tear on the truck; he calls it depreciation, so we'll know how much we made.

Civics is hard for me too. I've been staying after school trying to learn

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DANFORTH FELLOWSHIPS

The Danforth Foundation of St. Louis Missouri invites applications for the third class (1954) of Graduate Fellowship for seniors and recent graduates who are preparing themselves for a career of college teaching, and are planning to enter graduate school in September, 1954, for their first year of graduate study. The Foundation welcomes applicants from the fields of Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities and other fields of specialization to be found in the undergraduate college.

President Williams has been named as the Liaison Officer to work with the Danforth Foundation on the selection of candidates. These appointments are primarily "a relationship of encouragement," carrying a promise of financial aid within prescribed conditions as they may be needed. Students with or without financial need are invited to apply. A Danforth Fellow is allowed to carry other scholarship appointments, such as Fulbright, Woodrow Wilson, G. E. B., etc.

All Danforth Fellows will participate in the annual Danforth Foundation Conference on Teaching, to be held at Camp Miniwanca in Michigan next September. The qualifications of the candidate as listed in the announcement from the Foundation are:

Evidence of superior intellectual ability in college record. Good record of health and emotional stability. Outgoing personality and the concern for people, essential for successful teaching. Choice of vocation of teaching as form of Christian Service. Deep religious convictions and growing religious perspectives. (The Foundation is looking for candidates who are seriously examining their own religious life, and who are seeking a maturing faith and social outreach.)

Each institution is asked to limit its nominations to two, or at the most three. Any student wishing further information should get in touch with President S. D. Williams.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Why are we here? What do we anticipate accomplishing here at Elizabeth City State Teachers College? These questions as they are related to our daily lives carry different meanings. To survey the campus for opinions would perhaps result in an entirely different answer for each different personality you encounter. Each new opinion would carry a deeper significance than the last. We might say, we are here to become future teachers, to prepare ourselves for life, to seek a spouse, to attain a career, to experience college life, but would any of us, one of us, say that we are here to fulfill our life's ambitions through active participation, spiritual or physical, in all activities that should be of direct concern and interest to us.

It is now that we should realize (See STUDENT, page 4)

PRESIDENT ATTENDS MEETING

President S. D. Williams along with representatives of all state colleges in North Carolina appeared before the Commission on Higher Education which was authorized by the late general assembly. Dr. Williams delivered a prepared statement concerning the objectives, organization and contributions of the Elizabeth City State Teachers College.

In his statement he gave a brief history of the college, calling attention to the area which it served and explained its curriculum and philosophy. Other items discussed were inservice training of teachers teacher placement and the relationship of the college to other state institutions.

President Williams also attended a meeting of the Association of Colleges and Secondary School in Memphis, Tennessee. "Next Steps in Education" was the main topic. Much of the discussion was given over to the Supreme Court's pending decision on segregation in the schools and general education.

President Williams has been asked to serve as a consultant on a panel at the annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in Chicago. The theme of the panel will be based on phases of student teaching.

DELTA IOTA CHAPTER OF THE OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY Inc. Presents Annual Achievement Program

On Sunday afternoon, November 8, the Delta Iota Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. presented its annual National Achievement Week Program at Elizabeth City State Teachers College.

An organ Prelude by Mrs. E. Martin was followed by the scripture reading and prayer by Dr. W. W. Hoffer. Then the Lord's prayer was beautifully rendered by Currituck Union School Quartet. Mr. Arthur Bagley gave the history of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and Achievement Week. James Joyner winner in the 1953 Omega Talent Contest, sang "The Rosary." The guest speaker, Dr. Bernard S. Proctor, director of Department of Industrial Arts, Hampton Institute, was introduced by Dr. Kermit White.

"Opportunities and Responsibilities of Integrated Citizenships In Our Democracy," was Dr. Proctor's theme. The interesting presentation of his discussion emphasized five responsibilities of Negroes; namely, to further the development of racial pride; to abolish the idea that Negroes are not ready for integration; to encourage leaders to refrain from thinking of individual gain and do more for others; to strive to develop faith and hope. In conclusion, Dr. Proctor stated that we, as Negroes, have many opportunities as well as responsibilities for integrated citizenship in our democracy.

The program was concluded with a solo "Lassie" by Bennie Jones of P. W. Moore High School and remarks by President S. D. Williams.