

Alumni News



MRS. GLADYS TROTMAN

Miss Alumni of 1958 Native of Elizabeth City

Mrs. Gladys Cartwright Trotman, Miss Alumni of 1958, is a native of Elizabeth City and a graduate of the P. W. Moore High School.

As a student at Elizabeth City State Teachers College, she was outstanding. She participated in the College Choir, the Future Teachers of America, and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Her experience as a teacher began in the Princeton Graded School in Johnston County where she taught for one year. For the last two years, she has been a teacher at the Bank Street School in Elizabeth City. Here she directs the Glee Club and majorettes, and assists with the rhythm band.

Mrs. Trotman also engages in community activities. She is organist for her church, a member of church clubs, sponsor of a teen-age club, and also vice president of the Delta Sigma Theta Alumnae Chapter of Elizabeth City.

She is the wife of the Rev. J. E. Trotman, pastor of the new Saint Stephen Baptist Church of Elizabeth City, and the mother of John E. Trotman, Jr.

"Big Jim Fisher"

The funeral bells are ringing,
And the last farewell is said;
A requiem they're singing,
For "Big Jim" Fisher is dead.

The man had not been ailing
Nor fading day by day;
To a victory he was sailing,
But his life was snatched away.

Conscientiously he had traveled the
road,
He had traveled from state to state;
So God blessed him, relieved him of
his load
And led him through Heaven's gate.

Now innocent and unaware of death,
Not knowing, we are sure;
But all who knew him miss him
From among the good and pure.

The "College Days" with "Big Jim"
We will all remember;
Also how God took him
On Saturday, the eighth of November.

"Big Jim," may God bless you
And your two friends so true;
May you all in Heaven rest safely
And your Heavenly duties do.

"Big Jim" has gone to Glory,
And there he patiently waits;
For he cannot tell us the story
Till he meets us at the pearly gates.

—Mildred H. Stephenson, '49
(Former Editor-in-Chief of
the Newsletter)

Outlook Bright For STC Alumni

The General Alumni Association is making progress. Efforts put forth by individuals and chapters made the 1958 Homecoming one of the best the College has ever known.

One step toward better college-alumni relationships is a plan to send to members of the Alumni Association four issues of the Newsletter during the present school year. Alumni news will be included in each issue.

Executive Board to Meet

The General Alumni Executive Committee will meet in the Science Hall of the College on January 10, 1959, at 11 a.m. Plans for the alumni participation in annual Founder's Day and commencement programs will be made. Dr. Walter N. Ridley will be present.

Report of 1958-59 Membership Fees

Below is a report of General Alumni membership fees that were reported from October through November 1958.

Chapter	Fees
Elizabeth City	\$465.00
Pitt County	300.00
Brooklyn	251.00
Gates	225.00
Hertford County	110.00
Halifax County	105.00
New York	125.00
Washington, D. C.	100.00
Northampton County	100.00
Johnston County	90.00
Hyde County	80.00
Perquimans County	70.00
Greene County	70.00
Portsmouth	40.00
Martin County	95.00
Norfolk	60.00
Duplin County	15.00
Mrs. J. H. B. Joyner	5.00
Mr. A. C. Crowder	5.00
Total	\$2,311.00

Mr. Clinton Patterson, former S. T. C. band member, presented his Spring Hope High School Band during the recent Shaw-Maryland State game in Chavis Park, Raleigh, N. C.

Among the many alumni who attended the North Carolina College and State Teachers College basketball game on December 2 was Carroll Rogers, former editor-in-chief of the State Teachers College Newsletter.

Dramatic Club Reorganized

At a meeting held in the Little Theatre on September 23, the Dramatic Club was reorganized for the school year.

Officers elected were: President, Hezekiah Cooper; vice-president, George Kitchen; secretary, Ida Powell; assistant secretary, Rosa Walston; treasurer, Don Morgan; business manager, Ralph Glover; costumers, Edna Pruden and Barbara Burke; make-up artist, Christian Artis; reporter, Lula Roberts; sergeant-at-arms, Sylvialus Walston.

Plans were made for participation in various campus activities. The club voted to continue regular meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

At a later meeting try-outs for students interested in dramatics were held and 22 members were added to the club. They are: Carlinda Biggs, Leonard Britt, Algie Bridgette, Mary Burke, Inez Campbell, Mary Cates, Louise Goodings, William Hager, Alfonso Harrell, Thomas Hodges, Freddie Johnson, Gladys Johnson, William Long, Nathaniel Moore, Herbert Mott, Rudolph Ruffin, James Swimpson, Joyce Welch, Catherine Williams, and Jethro Williams.

Biology Classes Observe Oregon Inlet

Biology classes, under the direction of Mrs. Helen Muldrow, journeyed to Oregon Inlet on Bodie Island on October 23 and 28. Bodie Island extends from Nags Head to Oregon Inlet and lies between the Pamlico Sound and the Atlantic Ocean. The purpose of the trip was to observe land and water communities. The position of the island made it possible to compare life forms in salt and fresh water near the shore, and also the adaptations of these plants and animals as they were found in the area.

Each group left the campus at 8:00 a.m. and arrived at its destination, the National Park Service Headquarters, about 10:30 a.m. The instructor got pamphlets and other information to help the classes in finding their way around.

After leaving headquarters, the groups went to the visitors center where they were greeted by the Park Naturalist who told them about his duties.

He also served as guide through the center, pointing out interesting geological pictures which showed the evolution of the formation of the island. There were also pictures of different kinds of birds that migrated or could be found around the shores. Many of the birds were familiar, while others were very strange. There were pictures which showed the common plant and animal population to be observed on the island. These

Dance Group In Demonstration

The State Teachers College Dance Group was invited by the Consolidated School in Tyner, N. C., to give a dance demonstration at the North-eastern District meeting of the North Carolina Teachers Association, which was held on November 14 at the Pasquotank Elementary School. Members participating were Marian Bartlett, Morgan Jackson, James Spivy, and Frances Whitaker.

The demonstration consisted of basic movements that could be woven into any dance pattern. Frances Whitaker and Morgan Jackson presented to the group a duet, "Ruby." Mr. Jackson also gave a solo dance, "Mambo Variations."

The Dance Group will give several exhibition dances during the basketball season to entertain our spectators at half-time.

Homecoming

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P. W. Moore, Elizabeth City; and State Teachers College Band.

At 2:30 in the afternoon attention was focused on the football game. Despite rain and other disappointments, the team put forth an earnest effort to win.

Half-time activities were well executed. One of the most colorful events was the formation of the letters "E. C. S. T. C." by the five bands. The climax came with the crowning of Adeline Price as "Miss S.T.C." and Mrs. Gladys Trotman as "Miss Alumni" by President Walter N. Ridley.

An outstanding alumni activity was the presentation of a plaque to former President S. D. Williams by the alumni president, Mr. John C. Bias.

At this time three prize-winning floats were announced: "The Japanese Tea House," College Choir; "Vocation Leads the World," Vocational Department; and "Not at the Top, But Climbing," Freshman Class, as first, second and third, respectively.

During the second half it became evident that the Pirates would lose in their struggle with the Falcons, but the spirit remained high to the end.

At the close of the game, students, alumni and friends looked forward to one more feature, the annual dance to be held in the gymnasium. This proved a very enjoyable affair.

included birds, shell fish, ocean myrtle and sea holly.

The classes were taken to the second floor where they enjoyed a 20-minute orientation film to acquaint tourists with the many possibilities for spending an enjoyable vacation on Bodie, Hatteras and Oracoke Islands. These islands are known as the Federal Seaside Park.

They were then off to the Pamlico Sound where their observation began. Many strange plants and animals, both in water and on land, were found. Some of the specimens were crabs, fish, snails, wasps, mosquitoes, yellow jackets, and bugs of various kinds. Plants were such as myrtles and goldenrods. Among the specimens were two snakes, which members of the class were unable to capture.

The study of the Pamlico Sound was very interesting, but the groups were driven away from the shores by the hordes of mosquitoes which covered their entire bodies.

A few hundred yards away, there were no mosquitoes. This brought the class face to face with an example of the effect of the physical environment upon the kinds of populations. For example, the ocean beaches are constantly sprayed by salt water, while on the sound the atmospheric moisture results from the evaporation of the Pamlico Sound. By contrast, the shore of the ocean was composed primarily of sea oats whose roots were perfectly adapted to the shifting beach sands.

The trip was not only pleasant, but informative.



JAMES HALL BASS

Great American Basso Presented in Concert

James Hall, distinguished American basso, was presented in concert at the Elizabeth City State Teachers College by the Zeta Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority on Friday evening, November 14, 1958. The entire program gave evidence of the rich and pleasing qualities of the artist's voice and a personality which won deep admiration from his audience. Particularly outstanding was his rendition of the cantata, "The Creation," and his masterly treatment of the spirituals which concluded the program.

This was the sorority's third annual cultural project through which outstanding artists with varied talents have been featured as contributors to the cultural life of Elizabeth City and neighboring communities. With proceeds of each year's concert, the sorority has established a scholarship fund used to aid high school students to enter college. Zeta Kappa Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority also maintains a child welfare project through which children of the city's elementary schools are supplied with milk during the school year.

"The bells are ringing merry chimes. The friends you love are near. The family's gathered home at last. And Christmas Day is here."

Deltas Greet Four Neophytes

Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., welcomed into her bonds on November 6 four neophytes. The guest speaker for the occasion was Soror Mae D. Holmes, superintendent of the State Training School for Girls, Kinston, N. C.

The talented young ladies are: Martha Purvis, Rocky Mount, N. C., a sophomore—member of the College Choir and College Band, also president of Bias Residence Hall; Ethel Yelity, Littleton, N. C., a senior—attendant for Miss S.T.C. of 1958, member of Women's Glee Club; Jauanita Moore, Ahoskie, N. C., sophomore—College Choir; Ethel M. Terry Price, Rocky Mount, N. C., a senior—outstanding member of College Choir and Dramatic Club.

Following their induction into Greekdom, the neophytes were entertained in the lounge of the Home-making Department. Greetings were extended by Soror Barbara Burke, and the neophytes serenaded with a medley of songs long to be remembered.

Soror Mae D. Holmes, whose experience has been greatly enriched by her activities as an educator and social worker, spoke on "Imperatives for Growth." She emphasized qualities necessary for the development of the well-rounded college student.

Greetings were also extended by Soror Mary L. Wise, president of Elizabeth City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, and Soror Evelyn Byrd, president of Delta Chi. An attractive and appetizing buffet supper was enjoyed.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Adds New Members

On November 6, 1958, in an impressive and beautiful ceremony, Delta Theta Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority inducted the following new members into its fold: Miss Rose M. Cherry, Hamilton, N. C.; Miss Mary S. Lewis, Tarboro, N. C.; and Miss Ruth C. Mattison, Williamston, N. C.

Following the initiation, a banquet was given in honor of the neophytes at Robin's Restaurant in Edenton, N. C. The dining room was beautifully decorated in pink and green; a delicious meal was served, and gifts for the new members were presented.

Some of the projects of general interest which the chapter is planning this year include a "CAN-CAN" party where cans of food to be given away to the needy will be the admission charged; the scholarship for a high school graduating senior, and a chapel program.

CAN-CAN DANCE

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority sponsored a Can-Can Dance in the College Recreation Room on Saturday night, December 13.

The purpose of the dance was to obtain some canned goods for the needy and to provide wholesome recreation for the College family who were leaving for the Christmas holidays.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Choir Concert—Handel's "Messiah" December 14.

Barter Theatre of Virginia—February 17.

North Carolina's Little Symphony Orchestra—March, 1959.

Deltas Give Benefit Dance

Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., sponsored its annual Benefit Dance on Friday night, December 5, in the College Recreation Hall.

Clothing and toys that were donated will be gift wrapped and presented to needy families of the community at Christmas.

Members of the sorority have expressed sincere gratitude for contributions made by students and faculty.