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S. T. C. Introduces Student Union Program

Recently, a Student Union Program was initiated at Elizabeth City State Teachers College. Some of the purposes of this program are: (1) to let the "Lighthouse", which is our union building on the campus, serve as the community center for members of the college family, students, faculty, administration, alumni and guests; (2) to let the "Lighthouse" serve as a part of the educational program of the college; and (3) also to let it serve as a unifying force in the life of the college, cultivating enduring regard for and loyalty to the college.

To help make this program a success, a group of students were selected to serve on a "Steering Committee", which later developed into a Student Activities Committee. Clarence E. Biggs, a sophomore, was selected overall chairman of the committee. Other students chosen are: Evelyn Byrd, George Griffin, Robert Wynn, Frank Britt, George Kitchen, Joe Manley, Della Herring, Peggy McMillan, Alice Myrick, Leonard Slade, Neophia Moore, Catherine Green, Barbara Vaughan, Wilson Bryant, Don Morgan, Lenora Slade, Leonard Downing, Mary Puryear, and Janice Pierce.

From this large group, five sub-committees were formed. They are: the House and Hospitality, the Games, the Forum, the Dance, and the Fine Arts Committees. These students are constantly at work, planning for varied activities which they hope will bring about a closer relationship not only between student and student, but between faculty and student as well.

It is hoped that with the coming of the Student Union Program, students will enjoy planning for and carrying out the many programs which are to be presented on the campus of S. T. C.

National Book Week Observed

"Go Exploring in Books" was the theme of a program presented by the Library staff on November 5, 1959.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Midgette, librarian, spoke on the topic, "Bits About Books and Reading." She gave the history of the celebration of National Book Week, which began during the year 1919. The first theme was "Better Books for Young Readers". "We need to keep this theme before us daily, for each of us should continue to grow up with books," stated Mrs. Midgette.

In giving the history of children's literature she spoke of John Newberry, an English printer who was the first to issue books for children. Another writer of children's literature, Caldecott Randolph, the famous illustrator, was also mentioned. She stated that his work best represented joyousness of picture books, as well as beauty.

The meditation thought was given by Pretlo Solice, and Joyce Welch sang a solo, "Take Joy Home," by Bassett. A clarinet solo was given by Janice Pierce and Lula Roberts read "Prayer in a Library" by Kenneth J. Foreman.

Books Explorer Awards were given to Marian Jenkins and Joyce Welch for reading the most books for pleasure.

The man who does things makes many mistakes, but he never makes the biggest mistake of all—doing nothing.

Poor Richard

Mrs. Nannie H. Smith Deceased

Mrs. Nannie Hines Smith, a former member of the staff of Elizabeth City State Teachers College, departed this life October 15, 1959 at Park View Hospital, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, after an extended illness.

Mrs. Smith attended the public schools of Rocky Mount, in Edgecombe County, where she was born. She also attended North Carolina College, Durham, North Carolina. Prior to her illness she served as a member of the staff of Elizabeth City State Teachers College, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, a position she held for eighteen years.

Surviving are her husband, Arthur E. Smith of Washington, D. C.; one son, Robert L. Hines, Rocky Mount; one grandson, Robert R. Hines; five sisters, Mesdames Cora Parker, Sallie Armstrong, Mary Walker, all of Rocky Mount; Mrs. Lucy Douglas, Henderson, North Carolina; Miss Lillian Hines, Tallahassee, Florida, and a host of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Smith's memories will forever live in the minds and hearts of all her acquaintances and associates.

Sunday School Reorganized

The Sunday School officially began this year's activities, with the election of the following officers: Yvonne Hare, superintendent; Ina J. Lennon, assistant superintendent; Gladys Johnson, secretary; Leonard Slade, assistant secretary, and Frank Britt, treasurer.

Each Sunday, a special guest speaker speaks to the Sunday School. Its purposes this year are: (1) To broaden students' knowledge of the Bible. (2) To give the college family opportunities to study biblical literature. (3) To acknowledge the presence of God in our daily lives. (4) To make conscious the need for God's guidance.

Strength For These Days

Thou hypocrite, first cast the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast the mote out of thy brother's eye.

—(St. Matthew 7:5)

It is said that to understand is to forgive. To understand that we ourselves are not without faults, and then to try—with God's help—to correct them, will lead us to understand and be sympathetic to the weakness of others, and in kindness and charity to be of help to them.

Dr. Harry A. Johnson Speaks

On Thursday, October 22, Dr. Harry A. Johnson spoke to us on many interesting facts concerning his experiences while visiting foreign countries. At the present he is Associate Professor of Education and director of Audio-Visual Center at Virginia State College at Petersburg, Virginia.

The speaker emphasized four major points. They were: (1) that college students should take a serious look at work, at study, and at travel to the extent that they will benefit from scholarships, fellowships, and many of the opportunities which will enable them to travel abroad; (2) that college students should explore in those professions which will include travels abroad; (3) that college students should be curious, adventurous, and energetic enough to explore in a profession and get the most out of it without looking mainly for security; and (4) that college students should be able to resist the racial brainwasher.

New WGA President



Rose Cherry

WGA Holds Installation Service

The Women's Government Association held its Installation Service on November 6, at four o'clock in Moore Hall auditorium. The service included installing of officers for the Dormitory Councils of Doles and Bias Halls and the acceptance of pledges by the Junior Counselors. The officers of Women's Government Association were the last to be installed with Martha Purvis, vice-president, and Rose Cherry, president, making statements regarding the purposes and meaning of the organization. Other officers of W. G. A. installed were Peggy McMillan, secretary, and Vivian Lynch, treasurer. Dean Rae Williams performed the installation.

Women's Government Association initiated three years ago became effective last year. It has as its purpose to stimulate democratic principles, cultural growth, and responsible leadership; and to promote a feeling of unity among all women students. Each woman student upon entrance to the college automatically becomes a member of Women's Government Association.

In the past years W. G. A. has placed emphasis on raising funds for World University Service and planning an effective Women's Week-end in the spring. This year, in addition to these things, the W. G. A. is working toward giving some woman student the opportunity to have summer travel outside the United States.

Dr. Johnson's studies have enabled him to go on many tours of the world, mainly in Europe. Some of the European countries which he has visited are: Germany, Norway and Sweden, Switzerland, Denmark, and France where he spent most of his time.

He also presented us with a film which gave information on many of the outstanding features of each country which he has visited. Some of the pictures were those of Notre Dame, Fountain Glow, the American Exhibition, the Russian Exhibition, Buckingham Palace, the Building of Parliament, and many other historical buildings of the European countries.

Dr. Johnson was educated at Virginia State College where he received the B.S. degree and at Columbia University where he received the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. He has wide and rich experiences as a teacher, as a research scholar, as a writer, and as a world traveler.

Annual Homecoming A Big Event

New Student Teachers Program Inaugurated

For the first time in the history of S. T. C., students will do their practice teaching at schools outside the area of Elizabeth City. The students have been assigned to the following schools:

Annie E. Jones—Elizabeth City, N. C., Dorothy Jenkins, Curtis Bryan, Josephine Barnhill.

C. S. Brown—Winton, N. C., Evelyn Simmons, Catherine Bartlett.

Edenton High School—Ogden Fiddemon, Juanita Harrell.

W. S. Creecy High School—Rich Square, N. C., Ruby Joyner, Lois Parker, Barbara James, Thelma Johnson.

Riverview—Murfreesboro—Stephanie Thompson, Doris Suggs, Marion Jenkins.

Marion Anderson—Belcross, N. C., Ruby McCoy, Mrs. Barbara Burke Jones.

Fourth Street Elementary—Plymouth, N. C., Marian Ricks, Evelyn Byrd.

R. L. Vann—Ahoskie, N. C., Pocola Simmons, Barbara White, George Gray.

Washington County Union School—Roper, N. C., Phyllis Vick, Paul James, Norwood Fennell.

H. L. Trigg—Elizabeth City, N. C.—Mary L. Hoffer, Rhoda Hodges, Barbara Moyer, Ruth Hare.

E. J. Hayes—Williamston, N. C.—Rose Cherry, Mary Lewis.

T. S. Cooper Elementary School—Sunbury, N. C.—Clarence Revell, Eva Baxter.

East End—Robersonville — Alice Wooldard, Pauline Carney.

'59 Graduates Get Placement

The Institution is proud of the fact that most of the graduates of '59 have been successful in securing jobs or teaching positions. There has been placement in each of the following states: North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland and also the District of Columbia.

A complete list of the placement of the graduates has not been obtained. However below is information concerning a large number:

Christine Artis, Columbia, South Carolina; Dennis Askew, Washington, D. C.; Gloria Avery, Red Springs, N. C.; Georgianna Barnes, Robersonville, N. C.; Elsie Battle, Halifax County, N. C.; Eugene Blair, Goldsboro, N. C.; Sannie Chamblee, Ahoskie, N. C.; Hzekiah Cooper, Winton, N. C.; Janie Foreman, Connecticut; Levon Godard, Williamston, N. C.; Evelyn Harris, Courtland, Va.; Jean Haynes, London Bridge, Va.; Lizzie Houpe, Washington, D. C.; Lillian H. James, Smithfield, Va.; Freddie Johnson, Aulander, N. C.; Katrina Johnson, Halifax County, N. C.; Charles Joyner, Craven County, N. C.; Helen D. Kates, Washington, D. C.; Lafayette Majette, Northampton County, N. C.; Vivian Markham, Halifax County, N. C.; Carolyn McArthur, Burlington, N. C.; Marie Terry Price, Martin County, N. C.; Irene Spruill Robinson, Halifax County, N. C.; Inez Russ, Washington, D. C.; Iona Vick, Louisburg, N. C.; Alfred Wright, Red Bank, N. J.; Ethel Yelity, Halifax County, N. C.; Harold Melton, Washington, D. C.; Alice Pope, Halifax County, N. C.; Doris McCray, Martin County, N. C.; David Small-

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One of the most successful homecoming celebrations in the history of Elizabeth City State Teachers College was held on October 17, with hundreds of alumni and students participating. A score of 34-20 by the E. C. Pirates over the Shaw Bears was one of the highlights in the success of the 1959 homecoming.

On Friday night preceding the game, a pep rally was held in Moore Hall. Rev. John T. Williams delivered the Bears' obituary sermon, which was widely accepted by the audience, as shown through loud cheers. Following the pep rally a bonfire climaxed the night's activities. Many cheers and songs were sung by students, and the band also added vitality to the bonfire.

As the bands from Pasquotank Elementary School, P. W. Moore, Ahoskie and Edenton High marched on, the crowd watched enthusiastically. The theme of the parade was centered around the fifty states. First place winner was the senior class who represented Louisiana. Others are as follows: second place winner, Choir, Virginia; third place winners, Junior Class, Hawaii; Vocational Club, Texas; and Dramatic Club, Alaska.

Miss Pauline Carney reigned as Miss Homecoming and was the center of attraction during the homecoming activities. She was crowned by President W. N. Ridley during the half-time ceremonies. The Hertford County alumus, Miss Evora Stephens, having won in the alumni contest, was presented as "Miss Alumni". Attendants of both of the winning ladies were also introduced.

The football game began at 2:00 p. m. and was filled with thrills, despite a little rain.

At 8:00 p. m. a dance was given in Williams' gymnasium by the alumni of S.T.C., featuring Joe Turner and his band. This was a fitting climax for a day of success and glory for State Teachers College.

First Friendship Candlelight Hour

On Sunday, November 1, at 6:00 p. m., the Lighthouse Student Activities Committee presented the first in a series of Candlelight Hours in the Lighthouse. The program was introduced by Clarence E. Biggs. In his introductory speech, he gave many of the purposes of the Lighthouse, and some of the things which the committee experts to accomplish during the school.

Miss Lenora Slade, a freshman, who is chairman of the Fine Arts Committee, planned the program so that it consisted of music and poetry. The persons who helped to make the hour a success by saying meaningful poems were: Alice Myrick, Neophia Moore, Don Morgan, Barbara Vaughn, Leonard Slade, John Jordan, Lenora Slade, and Clarence E. Biggs.

The poems which seemed to be the most appealing were: "In a Friendly Sort of Way," by Clarence E. Biggs and "Be A Friend," by Leonard Slade.

Not only did the students attend this program, but faculty members and friends from the city attended as well. The latter part of the hour was spent in a get-acquainted period, in which students and friends were able to meet the Student Activities Committee, the members of the faculty, and other members of the college family.