

Letter to the Editor

Mr. Henry B. Pickett, editor-in-chief of The Compass, has received the following letter:

National Poetry Association 3210 Selby Avenue Los Angeles 34, California Dear Friend:

We take pleasure in announcing that the following poems, written by students of your college, have been accepted for publication in the Annual Anthology of College Poetry: Who?—Theresa Hall.

This Anthology is a compilation of the finest poetry written by college men and women of America, representing every section of the country. Selections were made from thousands of poems submitted. We congratulate the students on this honor.

Thank you for your continued interest and cooperation in this work.

Cordially yours, Dennis Hartman, Secretary

Mrs. Hall is a freshman at ECSTC. Her poem "The Prodigal Son" appeared in the October issue of The Compass. In her short period as a member of the Compass staff, she has made valuable contributions.

Alpha Kappa Mu Sponsors College Bowl

The Kappa Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society presented a College Bowl in the Lighthouse on November 11. Participating on the program were East College, represented by Robert Knight, Martha Purvis, and Joe W. Shambly and West College, with Clarence Biggs, Mary Puryear, and Lula G. Roberts serving as representatives.

Questions pertaining to history, mythology, sports, geography, literature, and other interesting topics were directed to the participants by George E. Kitchen, master of ceremony.

East College won the contest by a narrow margin of ten points over West College.

Prizes were presented to members of East College by Mr. Carl Franklin. Mr. Franklin said, "Next time use prizes well and win greater prizes." The prizes were pencils and notebooks.

Bias Hall Gives Party

Bias Hall sponsored a party Thursday night, October 21, in Williams Hall. All the persons on the campus and all day students were cordially invited. A variety of games was played at the party such as pin the donkey, trick or treat, and apple bobbing.

The party was a means of giving students on the campus some good recreational fun. An interesting dance contest was held in which Mr. Ruben Buggs and his dancing partner were chosen the best dancers. There were many aspects which made the party enjoyable.

Many thanks to Bias Hall for their time and effort toward making such an event possible.

Our Prayer for Today

Almighty God, as we go forth to witness for thee, let us be unafraid. Help us to perform our Christian duties, not for money, not for idle praise, not to build up a reputation among men, but out of love for thee. Dear Heavenly Father, it was Thine who sent to the earth Thine only son for our redemption. It was he who so supremely influenced the world.

Dear Father, accept our thanks for the great blessings that come to us from Thee. Cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and let us walk in glory of spirit for Thy Honor and Glory. Amen.

Is Today's Student Culture Competing With the Educational Process?

Sociology Professor Ansel P. Simpson of Elizabeth City State Teachers College says in the October issue of the North Carolina Teachers Record that today's youth has its own social system. The sociologists call it a "Student Culture."

"Student culture has its own unique values: 'just enough to get by' versus 'high aspiration'; 'working to achieve' versus 'striving for acceptance,' writes Simpson. He points to increased urbanization and reduced parental guidance as the chief causes of this new phenomenon.

In answer to the question 'what to do about it?' the Elizabeth City sociologist calls for cooperation between the student culture and the educational system. Spelling out what he means by this, Simpson says: "Educators must today make academic achievement more interesting, gratifying, attractive, and rewarding." This

Modern Art Exhibit at Elizabeth City College

Modern paintings have been put on display in the Lighthouse. These paintings were done by Wilbur Rouse of Murfreesboro, N. C. This exhibit, consisting of 17 paintings, is the second showing of Rouse's work at the college. The first was held in May, 1959.

Rouse is the son of the late Rev. George T. Rouse and Luvenia B. Rouse. Upon his graduation from Calvin S. Brown High School in 1958, Rouse began serious study of art at Elizabeth City State Teachers College. Due to his excellent technique and sensitive use of color, he was advised to enter the Chicago, Illinois, Art Institute, where he is now studying.

The exhibit is under the auspices of the Lighthouse Exhibits Committee, the chairman of which is Alice Myrick, sophomore, from Como, N. C.

We are indeed proud to have had Mr. Rouse in our college family. His paintings are now on display. The public is invited to come and view them.

The Dramatics Club

The Dramatic Club, one of the most outstanding, influential, and incited student organizations on the campus, has started off the 1960-61 school year with much success.

First, there were forty new members inducted into the club. These students have shown that they are interested in dramatic arts and are expected to form the foundation for the future growth and progress of the Dramatic Club. These new students showed signs of great dramatic potentialities in their auditions for this club.

Second, the members of the Dramatics Club were very proud of their float which won second place in the Homecoming parade. Their theme was "The United States, the home of the United Nations." The float consisted of a huge map of the United States with the U. N. building bulging out of New York and a table around which were seated four students who portrayed the most distinguished leaders of the U. N. They were William C. Slade as MacMillan, Prime Minister of Great Britain; Tony Ricks as Eisenhower, President of the United States; Colbert Minga, De Gaulle, Prime Minister of France; and Charles Cherry as Khrushchev, Premier of Russia.

Members of the Dramatic Club have also been placed into groups, and each group is expected to produce some type of entertainment for other members of the club on meeting nights.

—John Jordan

they can do by fostering more purely academic competition; more and greater recognition for academic achievement, and more dynamic and trenchant public relations program.

The "student culture" must discover the individual as an individual. The educational process must discover the individual as the necessary and essential component of the group.

Kennedy Wins Campus Election

"Who will be the next President of the United States?" was the theme of the forum presented in the Lighthouse on November 5. Vice President Nixon, the Republican candidate, was represented by Mr. Carl Franklin. Serving as spokesman for John Kennedy, Democratic nominee, was Mr. Taylor Jackson. Other panel members were Mary Leavens, Edmond Johnson and Clarence Biggs.

Many interesting and important facts about each candidate for the Presidency of the United States were given by members of the panel. At one point in the discussion, a lively debate between Mr. Franklin, GOP, and Edmond Johnson, Democrat, helped make the forum a very intellectual presentation.

After the forum, students registered and voted for their candidates. Kennedy received over two-thirds of the popular votes cast by students of S. T. C. This was in line with the general opinion of the people of the United States, as was demonstrated by Kennedy's election to the Presidency the following year. Charles Cherry became the first Catholic to hold the highest office in the United States, also the youngest).

The English Club

Under the guidance of members from the English Department, the English majors and other interested students were given permission to organize an English Club. The purpose of the club is to stimulate students to read more books on the college level.

Officers for the year 1960-61 are: President, Leonard Slade; vice-president, Janice Pickett; secretary and treasurer, Naomi Jenkins; reporter, John Jordan; and chairman of the program committee, Charles Cherry. Dr. Coragrene Johnstone and Mr. L. E. Sugg are directors of the club.

The club is open to all students who are interested in any form of reading. English majors and minors especially, are urged to join.

For the first semester members of the English Club will read and discuss books that are popular around the country. These include: "Gone With The Wind" by Margaret Mitchell; "A Tree Grows In Brooklyn" by Betty Smith; "The Ugly American" by William Lederer; "Act 1 of An Autobiography" by Moss Hoit, and "Diary of a Young Girl" by Anne Frank.

A Friend

A friend is a person whom you can trust; A friend is a person to whom you can take your problems; A friend is a person who will not lead you astray; A friend is a person who will help, not hinder; A friend is a person who will not say things behind your back; A friend is a person whom you love; A friend is a person till the end; Think Have you a Friend? Ruby Redrick

WITH THE GREEKS

Delta Theta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Gives Annual Rush Party

In keeping with an annual tradition, the Delta Theta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority entertained freshman women on Friday, November 11, 1960, with a Rush Party. The recreation room at the college was beautifully decorated with ivy and in the sorority's colors—pink and green.

Guests were entertained with music, song and dance furnished by the members of the chapter and the Ivy Leaf Club. Members of the chapter and the Ivies were introduced to the guests by the chapter president. Words of welcome were given by Peggy McMillan, president of the

Ivy Leaf Club, and by Mary Puryear, chapter basileus. After the guests had introduced themselves, timely remarks were heard from officers and advisors of the chapter.

"Dancing, games and card playing, the distribution of souvenirs and the serving of delicious refreshments concluded the evening's program. With the singing of appropriate songs by the group, the party came to a close. Many guests present expressed appreciation for having been invited and stated that they had spent a most enjoyable evening.

—Mary Puryear

Iota Chapter Inducts Five National Achievement Week Observation

Iota Chapter of Sigma Rho Sigma Social Science Honor Society welcomed five members into its fold on November 16.

The neophytes are: Lula Roberts, senior; Edmond Johnson, the junior David James, junior; Robert Knight, senior; and Robert Wynn, senior.

Professor Ansel Simpson, the guest speaker, gave the neophytes some topic to think about as he spoke on the topic, "The Average Person Today A Paradox". The definition of paradox was stated by Mr. Simpson as being a statement that is self-contradictory or false.

"How did the paradox come about?" asked Professor Simpson. In answering the question, he emphasized three major points. They were: (1) extra curricular activities; (2) the lack of competition; (3) lack of adults in the community.

In his elaboration on the question, he stated that there are no activities on the campus that are on the same footing with the curricular activities. He further stated, "If your extra curricular activities are leading you to be an average and not a superior student, then your education is not leading you."

Mr. Simpson is a graduate of Virginia State College where he received his B. A. degree. From the University of Pennsylvania he received the M. A. degree. He did further study at the University of Chicago and the University of Missouri, where he has completed requirements for a Ph. D. degree. Before coming to State Teachers College, he worked at Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va.; Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C., and Grambling College, Grambling, La.

Devotion was led by Charles Everette. George Kitchen gave the welcome, and Henry Pickett introduced the speaker. The pledge was administered by Mr. C. W. Gregory, advisor to Iota Chapter.

Mr. Franklin Speaks On Public Relations

The regular all college assembly was held in Moore Hall Auditorium on October 27, 1960. Mr. C. M. Franklin, who heads the Department of Business Education, was speaker for the hour.

"Speaking to the staff and students, Mr. Franklin very clearly explained the meaning of public relations, and pointed out what we at Elizabeth City State Teachers College can do in order to make our public relations function better.

Mr. Franklin stated that the impressions we make stem from the way we act as individuals, the way we work together, and by what we achieve as individuals and as a group.

He further informed us that we do have a public relations activity here at Elizabeth City State Teachers Col-

National Achievement Week Observation

Sunday, November 13, 1960, at 6 o'clock p. m. in Moore Hall Auditorium at Elizabeth City State Teachers College, the Delta Iota and Lambda Gamma chapters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity presented their annual "National Achievement Week Observation."

The speaker for the occasion was Brother Walter H. Riddick, president, Riddick Funeral Service, Norfolk, Va. The theme was "Youth of the World: Accelerators of Progress and Change". Brother Riddick emphasized the fact that the younger generation is to determine what the world of tomorrow will be. He stated that the youth of today are not afraid of adventure. They are eager to explore and to accelerate progress and change.

At the close of the program, certificates were awarded to the following persons for outstanding work in the following areas: Dr. Walter N. Ridley, administration; Dr. George H. Walker, research; Rev. N. F. Elliott, public relations; Miss Evelyn A. Johnson, fine arts; and Mrs. E. H. Mitchell, classroom teaching.

Public School Students Lyceum Attraction Guests

Elizabeth City State Teachers College played host to more than 550 public school students at a matinee performance of the German folk tale, "Kumpelschickel", on October 31, 1960. Children from all the schools in the area were invited to attend the performance free.

Dr. Walter N. Ridley, president of the college stated the purpose of this performance was to share with the community the facilities and offerings of the college. Spelling out the community relations program, Dr. Ridley stated, "Elizabeth City State Teachers College belongs to all of the people of North Carolina. It, therefore, is our policy here, to open to the public as many of our activities as possible. By doing this, we feel we are able to discharge the responsibilities which the high purpose of public education imposes."

The matinee performance was held in Williams Hall gymnasium. The play, presented by the Barber Players of Virginia, was the third attraction in the college's 1960-61 lyceum series.

However, it was pointed out in his speech that the Public Relations Committee cannot achieve for the student's behavior for him, nor can it speak for him. It can only distribute to the various media of communication, a report about what he has achieved, what he has done, and what he would like to do, and it can only do this if everyone gives the fullest cooperation.