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Assembly Speaker:

Dr. Franklin Calls For Human Dignity

The free world is better but modest improvement is all that can be claimed at this juncture."

John Hope Franklin, distinguished historian and recently returned from England, inaugurated the 1963-64 Lyeum Season here in Moore Hall Auditorium on Sunday night, September 29 and gave this assessment in lecturing on "The Challenge of Socio-Economic Change to the Free World."

Speaking to a large audience which included students staff and townspeople, Dr. Franklin discussed problems created by the myriad changes being experienced at mid-century in world society and especially in our own social order.

Franklin said that the United States has veered to the left in its concepts of human dignity despite pronouncements of conservatives. The Nation's most significant governmental shift, the historian said, is increased activity in the area of human rights.

Franklin felt that this shift makes possible a closer approach to the real genius of the western world: (1) the opportunities in its societies provide for self-improvement and (2) relative (yet enlightened concepts of individual) dignity.

Excessive Solicitude

The native Oklahoman whose choices of words and phrases were as precise as the angle of his bow tie, said that our country has as one of its problems its "almost excessive solicitude" about world events—its historian "sense of mission," this would be a natural outgrowth of its "national conceit" which has involved in it the affairs of so many nations.

Yet its chief product, democracy, is "not an exportable commodity" if it is not a widely used product at home, the lecturer said. Amid the world community, America's lapses in this regard are glaringly evident, he reported.

The famed historian seemed to imply that we may not now be as 'Ugly Americans' as we once were (due to various factors) but that our collective visage is still far too 'homely' for the comfort of world-travelling

ECSC Hears Kennedy

Attorney General Robert Kennedy was the major speaker at the 50th anniversary convention of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority held August 12-18 at the Americana Hotel, New York City.

Dorothy Baker, a native of Greenville, North Carolina and a Junior Business Education Major, represented Delta Chi Chapter of Elizabeth City State College at this significant event in the Sorority's history.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

November 10-16, 1963

"Education Strengthens the Nation"



Americans who must find answers to searching questions about the gaps between preachment and practice.

The noted author called for eradication of glaring defects in the social order and for increased recognition of the importance of the individual.

Those who deny human rights, he said, are delinquent in human relations. The free world already has had "more than its share of deviations" from concepts of human dignity, he declared.

Laurels and Warnings

Professor Franklin congratulated the College on the manifest educational advances it has made since his first visit to it some two decades ago. However, he warned college students that although opportunities for them are immeasurably greater than formerly, it is incumbent upon Negro college students especially to assume increased responsibility for having skills and know-how to meet its 52 opportunities—to meet the challenges. He cited as one example a lack of personnel trained in Renaissance and Early European History.

Visiting Professor

The speaker had just returned from a year as William Pitt Visiting Professor of American History at St. John's College, Cambridge University, Cambridge, England. He is a frequent published author, his most recent book being *Emancipation Proclamation* (1960).

His *From Slavery to Freedom* (two editions) is in wide usage as a text and as a source book. His *Reconstruction—After the Civil War* is an answer to the bias so often found in student works on the subject. Other works have been published.

A former history professor at St. Augustine's College (Raleigh), he has been History Chairman at Brooklyn College since 1957.

Ulysses Bell, editor of *The Compass*, served as master of ceremonies for the lecture.

Students Attend Organ Recital In Norfolk, Va.

Ten students of Elizabeth City State College heard an organ recital at Christ and St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Norfolk, Virginia, October 3, 1963. Fernando Germani of St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, was the organist.

The organ, a 3-manual Casavant, was purchased at the cost of \$70,000 and was dedicated the previous Sunday.

Those attending were Judy Freeman, Carolyn Thompson, Geraldine Vaughan, William Bryant, Phyllis Wright, Charlie Vaughan, Bonita Carr, Althea Blackwell, Gloria Johnson, Albert Thweatt, Miss Evelyn A. Johnson, Miss Edna L. Davis and Mr. Leonard Bailou accompanied the group.

—Carolyn Thompson

Our College Continues on the Move

Architects' drawing of proposed new women's dormitory to accommodate 176 students. Having an area of 38,646 square feet, the structure will feature lounges, studies, a kitchen, utility rooms and a suite for the director. Each room is handsomely equipped for two students.

Our campus is also scheduled to have a men's dormitory, the two campus living structures estimated to cost \$825,000. These are expected to be completed by the end of 1964.

Also proposed are a classroom building and a new library. Indicative of the growth and bustle on-campus are renovations of the old laundry building for Industrial Arts classes;

renovation of Williams Hall (Health and Physical Education moved upstairs, Mus., expanded downstairs); temporary alleviation of crowded classroom conditions with strange subjects being taught in the Cosmetology Building and in the Infirmary.

IBM equipment has arrived, additional property and structures have been acquired, facilities are increasing to match a growing student body and various improvements on the grounds have been effected. Future renovations are also expected involving the present Library and Light House.

Our College continues ON THE MOVE!

Elizabeth City State Gains New Dean, Additional Staff



Hugh Bullock, prize-winning art instructor whose paintings were on exhibition at A. & T., October 19, shown with two amateur artists, Elsie Williams '63 and Geraldine Klid '64. See next issue for an article on Mr. Bullock.

Dr. William E. Anderson, former chairman of the Area of Education and Director of Testing at Alabama State College, has begun duties here as Dean of the College. Anderson, whose experience includes the Deanship at Langston University (Oklahoma) holds the rank of Professor of English, according to announcements of his and other appointments by President Walter N. Ridley.

Dean Anderson holds degrees in English and in psychology from Morehouse College, the University of Chicago and Colorado State College.

Serving as co-chairman of the Department of Education and Professor of Education is Isaac C. Bracey, a graduate of South Carolina State College, Temple University and the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Bracey comes to the college from Jackson College (Mississippi).

Ward S. Winfield is the new chairman of the Industrial Arts Department, including the Vocational-Technical Institute. Mr. Winfield is a graduate of Saint Paul's College and of A. & T. College.

Additional appointees are Dr. Thelma Hill Anderson, graduate of Langston University and the Universities of Kansas and Oklahoma (Professor of psychology); Dr. Francis J. Merchant, holding degrees from Brooklyn College, City College of New York and New York University (Professor of English); Dr. Gloria B. Merchant, a graduate of Chicago Musical College, New Mexico Highlands and the University of Iowa (Associate Professor of music).

The *Compass* also welcomes the following assistant professors and instructors: English Professors: Mrs. Hazel G. Spellman, a graduate of Elizabeth City State College and the University of Pennsylvania with advanced study at the University of Chicago (Supervisor of Reading Services); James Hubert Townes, a graduate of Virginia State College, Marshall Col-

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Dr. Chi Kao Wang was assembly speaker on October 10. Topic "The Dispute Between Russia and Red China."

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ECSC Students In Protest Movement

The Elizabeth City State College students opened the school year with non-violent demonstrations. The first day, with a heavy downpour of rain, there were six hundred student demonstrators. These demonstrations continued to increase during the following week, reaching a height of 1500 students from the College and the city.

The following week, 222 students were arrested while marching on behalf of them. They were charged with "trespassing and blocking the sidewalk." The students appeared in court for trial on October 21, 1963.

A new phase in the efforts to achieve equal rights for Negroes was realized when a truce was called between the student leaders and representatives of the local BI-Racial Committee.

The students decided to promote a "selective buying campaign" until the walls of segregation are eradicated. A deadline for meeting the students demands was set for November 9, 1963.

- The demands are as follows:
- To be able to secure accommodations and receive services from all business establishments serving the public, on the same basis as all other citizens in this city.
 - To participate in the cultural and recreational activities of Elizabeth City.
 - To be able to secure employment in industry, municipal government and business on the basis of abilities and without discrimination.
 - To have clear access to all educational institutions on all levels available in this community.
 - To be able to enter an edifice erected for the worship of God without restraint and with the freedom that we believe Christ would have exist.

Governor's Mansion Visited

Albert C. Robinson, Jr., was appointed by the president of the Student Council to represent the student body with Governor Sanford in the Governor's Mansion in Raleigh, North Carolina. Many student leaders and civil rights leaders met for a discussion on "Demonstrations in North Carolina."

As a result of the discussion, suggestions were given to bring about integration for the Negroes in North Carolina.

Edna Harris Mitchell
August 8, 1963

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