

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORTS

Results of the Trial

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Reporter for the Student Council
 On the twentieth and twenty-first day of October, 1963, 220 of the Elizabeth City State College students entered the Elizabeth City Municipal Court House to hear the results of the Freedom Demonstration on September 24, 1963.

At eleven o'clock P.M. the 220 students heard the results of the trial.

Lawyers Pearson and Mallone, the defendants for the 220 students, gave the following closing remarks for the student:

LAWYER PEARSON: The year 1963 is called "A Social Revolution," and demonstrations are not new. They are as old as America itself. "This country was founded on demonstrations. The Boston Tea Party was founded on demonstrations. "The main reason why these students are demonstrating is because they want to be somebody. They want to be treated as the laws of this country have inferred. They want to be treated as free citizens. "I urge you Sir, (Judge Fentress Horner) this is immoral. These students are not criminals and should not be treated like criminals. They are the Future Leaders of Tomorrow!"

The people of North Carolina are not violent people. There are hoodlums on both sides but they have not gotten out of hand.

Send these students back to school to continue training for citizenship which will probably continue this phrase of progress in Elizabeth City. In conclusion, I submit to you Sir, we all live under the same law and want to be treated the same.

LAWYER MALLONE: "It is the duty of this Court and every court to enforce the laws of this land. But what have we here? We have here some two hundred and twenty men and women born in America, and in most instances born in North Carolina. These young people in an effort to assent and obtain their birth rights given them are now protesting their here in Elizabeth City."

"These people (students and City people) went to these places dressed proper and clean, and it has been stated that the only reason the owners have denied these students is because they are Negroes."

These young people had no intention to break the law. They only wanted the rights they were born to have and to be treated as human beings."

How long will we allow a small group of citizens to force their prejudices against the Negroes? These Negroes are tried and are only asking for their rights.

I want to point out that this is not a criminal act, nor is it one based on an act of criminality in mind. I ask you Sir, does anyone have the right to humiliate any individual?

Judge Horner read the cases of *State vs. Clayburn* because this case was nearly the same as the case of the students. (You can read this case if you desire to further understand if you read it.)

After the reading of the case, he said that the students were breaking the law of North Carolina, and that they should have read the law before demonstrating. He stated that it was mostly the leaders who were responsible for committing the students to demonstrate, therefore, he would dismiss the followers because they were only following the leaders and because they did not know what they were doing.

He then called those he thought were leaders before the Court and sentenced them. The leaders that he called are as follows:

1. Willie Francis—13 Months in jail or placed on a \$600.00 bond.

2. Colbert Minga
3. Colin Minga
4. Edward Bracey
5. Norris Earl Francis

The latter four were sentenced to 12 months in jail or \$500 bond each. "All of the other students sentenced on loitering and trespassing laws were asked to appear before the Court on November 11, 1963.

Social Affairs Committee Lists '63-'64 Objectives

Matthew Lewis, Jr., chairman of the Student Council Social Affairs Committee, has stated that the objectives of the Social Affairs Committee for the year 1963-64 will be as follows:

1. To plan with the officers of the Student Council all campus activities.
2. To make final arrangements for any dance and to conduct all persons involved.
3. To announce in advance all major campus activities.
4. To requisition and keep up to date new records for dances.
5. To conduct the treasurers.

To help the committee carry out these objectives, Mr. Lewis has selected the following persons as members of the committee: Eula Cordan, Geraldine Wright, Earl Brown, Ernest Holley, and Wilma Foskey.

So far, the committee has sponsored two scholarship dances. The first dance was after the Livingstone-Elizabeth City game and the second was after the Winston-Salem-Elizabeth City game. Music for the second dance was played by the Rhythm Kings of Norfolk, Virginia. The benefits accrued to the scholarship funds of the College.

Other activities sponsored by the Social Affairs Committee were:

1. Talent programs between the dormitories.
2. Jap Curry and Orchestra on October 19.

Lewis is urging more students to participate in the activities. It is not the responsibility of the Social Affairs Committee to sponsor all activities.

Elizabeth City Gains

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lege and of A. & T. College (Chemistry); Instructors Harold L. Gamble of American University (social science); Mrs. Carol E. Jones of Virginia State College and Howard University (English); Mrs. Dorothy J. Lee of Alabama State College (English); Albert J. Lee of Alabama State College (art).

We are also happy to see Mrs. Edna Braxton (Virginia State College, New York University), assistant in the Lighthouse College Center; Larry G. Wilson (North Carolina College and Howard University) program director of the Lighthouse College Center; Mrs. Laura S. Irvin (Northwestern University and Atlanta University) dormitory director; Mrs. Mary H. Leavens (Elizabeth City State College) bookkeeper; Miss Odessa A. Williams (N. C. College at Durham) and Mrs. Lillie Pitt Curtis (Elizabeth City State College) faculty secretaries.

Keep Our
 Campus Clean

Student Council Prexy Addresses Student Body

Norris Earl Francis, president of the Student Council, and other student leaders addressed the student body in an assembly program sponsored by the Student Council, held October 3, 1963.

Basic purposes of the program were to present the student leaders of the campus to the college family; to have each student leader tell the student body the purpose of the organizations represented by them; and to invite each student to participate in an organization of his choice.

The program began with a Handel "Prelude and Fugue in D" by Geraldine Vaughan, organist and an advanced freshman.

Students and participants and organizations they represented are: Viola Gams, president, Women's Government Association; Otha Sydnor, president, Men's Government Association; Jean Rowlette, president, Lighthouse Activities, Ulysses Bell, editor of the *Compass*; Joseph Freeman, president of Student NAACP Chapter; Nathaniel Grant, commissioner of the Intramural Program; Marcell Forbes, Miss State College; Norris Earl Francis, president of the Student Council; and James Jackson, Phillipa Duke, Richard Gore, James L. Terrell, John Robinson, Matthew Lewis, Jr., and Lloyd Troy Porter, members of the Student Council.

Marcell Forbes, Miss State College, welcomed the freshmen and new students and encouraged them to work to the maximum of their capacities in their classes and to make use of the facilities provided for them.

Student Council president Francis emphasized unity in the student body and the responsibilities we possess as college students.

"The unity of the group or organization is very important if the group or organization is to be stable and long endurable," Francis said. "The student body of Elizabeth City State College must possess this unity."

He continued, "Unity has conquered many problems in the history of the world . . . A house divided against itself cannot stand." Again I stress the power of unity of the student body."

Francis' emphasis on responsibility took the form of "There is a great responsibility facing the college students of 1936-1964. The barriers of segregation and discrimination are rapidly breaking. Will we be ready to accept the responsibility? Will we have people for the new jobs? Will we know how to adapt ourselves in these new situations?"

"These points are very important," he declared. "You can meet this responsibility if you prepare yourself. Don't be satisfied with making "C's" in your classes, because just "C's" will be "F" in our complex world."

He concluded "Take advantage of every educational experience provided by the College."

Six Buses to Norfolk

State College students traveled in style to witness the Elizabeth City-Norfolk State game at the Portsmouth Stadium (Portsmouth, Virginia) on September 28.

Six chartered Trailways buses lined up in front of the infirmary and with a minimum of confusion the students embarked on the "big" journey.

The return was not as enjoyable as the first leg; everyone was exhausted and displeased because of the 18-8 defeat. A stop at a grill made things a little better, though, the refreshments served to a "big" lift.

Defeat or not, students are looking forward to making another trip soon, Elizabeth City will see better days and everyone will be there to support her. (Note: We'll support her, win or lose!)

We have asked that you do not purchase any items in the Lighthouse produced by Elizabeth City merchants. These items include sandwiches, doughnuts, Cokes and Pepsi-Colas.

We have noticed that certain students are still failing to pay this little sacrifice. For anything worthwhile, a sacrifice must be paid. If the white man can keep you from eating in his place because he fears that he will lose his white customers, you can stop buying in his town until he treats you with the same respect and human dignity as he does any other citizen.

The students of Elizabeth City State College were extremely embarrassed on October 4, when representatives of Winston-Salem State Teachers College were our guests. On that night, two Negro radio announcers sought accommodations in the Virginia Dare Hotel in this city and they were refused. This is a great embarrassment to the student body of Elizabeth City State College. Elizabeth City State College students have been told that a Committee, made up of residents in the city, had gotten the hotels open to Negroes.

We have suspended our demonstrations until November 9. We will give the merchants of the city a chance to make considerable progress. If nothing is done, we will be left with no other choice but to march into the streets and express our continuing dissatisfaction and embarrassment.

We do not want to demonstrate, but if it is necessary to acquire the things that are ours through God's granted rights as a human, we will do so. We must stay together and follow our leaders. We must have faith in God and our fellow man, that we shall overcome some day.

Right now our leaders are working in the city to awaken the conscience of the Negroes who live in the city. We cannot win this battle alone. It will take the unified efforts of all Negroes. We have stated, "We are not afraid because God is on our side. What we are doing is right, so whom shall we fear?"

We have received legal help from the N. A. C. P. and they have stated they will stick with us to the end. They also stated if things are not satisfactory on the deadline stated they will send professional help here to help combat this social evil.

This problem should be of concern to everyone. We are tomorrow's world. We must make our future. Will it be of segregation and discrimination?

We will be attending meetings every Thursday night until the deadline arrives and everyone will be informed of the progress.

The Human Relations Committee has invited the governor's counselor on Civil Rights to meet with the merchants and food handlers of the city as soon as possible to inform them of the advantages of integration without confusion. Whether this will help, we do not know, but we will hope and pray that the people of the city are awakened before it is too late.

As previously stated your campus leaders will be working in the city to make this movement a city wide movement and through a city wide effort, we will accomplish the things we want, when we want them. We cannot win this battle alone, we will invite anyone who has the "courage" to walk hand and hand with us until the victory is won.

Please do not spend your money to "buy" segregation. We impress upon you to refrain from purchasing Cokes, Pepsi-Colas, doughnuts, and cold sandwiches in the Lighthouse. Please make this sacrifice.

We would also like to ask you to attend church Sunday, and let all

citizens know this is a fight for all and not let them think that we are trying to take over their city. We are very much concerned, and we want them to be concerned also about the conditions in this city. Please, impress upon them that we do not feel we are better than they are, because, regardless of our education, we cannot go to any place that they can't go. We are all Negroes and one Negro is not free until all Negroes are free. There will be transportation to various churches provided for you Sunday in front of the infirmary. Let's go to church Sunday and make God the leader of our movement for our Democratic and Christian rights. Your Campus Leaders.

To Help the ECSC

We, the students of Elizabeth City State College, in order to develop a spirit of co-operation on the campus, to encourage student initiative, to afford development through self-expression, self-control and leadership, to create mutual co-operation between administration and students in all matters of general welfare, do unite in establishing an association, representative of all students, and do accept for our government the following constitution.

Article I

Name and General Function

Section I.

The name of this organization shall be the Student Council of Elizabeth City State College. The Student Council shall be the Supreme Student Governing Body in matters of general welfare and common interest of the students.

Article II

Purposes

The purposes of the Student Council shall be:

1. To have a joint jurisdiction with the faculty and the regulation in promotion of the student activities.
2. To provide a medium for opinions, thoughts, and complaints coming from the student body.
3. To train for leadership by encouraging attendance and participation in the various programs and activities of the College.
4. To develop and maintain high standards of scholarship and citizenship.

Article III

Powers of the Council

Section I.

1. The powers of the Student Council are delegated to it by the College, and are subject to suspension or withdrawal at any time.

Section II.

The Power to:

- (a) The Student General Fund
- (b) The financial records of organization that represent the school.

Section III.

The power to recommend recognition of students to organizations.

The power to recommend legislation and add amendments by a two-thirds majority vote of the student body present at any meeting.

Section V.

It shall be the responsibility of the Student Council,

1. To formulate and supervise the enforcement of freshmen regulations.
2. To plan and conduct occasionally Assembly and Vesper programs during the year.
3. To appoint all student delegates who represent the College at conventions.
4. To enact and enforce all legislation necessary to carry out the provisions of this Constitution.