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A Vigil in the Rain

Death of a Man

By Vivian Thornton

Several hundred civil rights demonstrators, standing in a cold rain in Selma, Alabama on March 12, listened silently to an oration which was imminent—the death of one of their comrades, the Rev. James J. Reeb.

The white Unitarian minister, social worker, and the latest martyr to the cause of civil rights, died in the seventh floor recovery room in the University Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama. A hospital spokesman said that an autopsy showed that death was caused by a blood clot on the left side of the brain. A bone in the minister's temple had been fractured.

John Reeb, 33-year old son of the deceased minister, wept when told that his father had died in a Birmingham hospital. He saw the bad news by Rev. D. Jack Mendelsohn, a close friend of the family.

No obituary can be adequate. He did not have to go to Selma; he could have recited psalms from his pulpit. He was a victim of racist goons who struck in the dark.

If we can send troops to Saigon in the name of freedom, how long can we refrain from placing a decisive federal presence in Selma?

Senator Edward M. Kennedy (Massachusetts) said: "Free people the world over bow their heads in sorrow and shame over the Rev. Mr. Reeb's death. His sacrifice will serve as a heroic symbol to the cause of equality for all mankind regardless of creed or of color."

Students Represent Choir at IMA Festival

Selected persons of Elizabeth City State College choir journeyed to Petersburg, Virginia, March 19, to represent the Choir at the IMA Convention.

The following students were chosen to make the trip: Gloria Moore and Geneva Penrott, soprano; Jocelyn Berry and Jo Ann Bost, alto; Avon Chapman and Wayne Thompson, tenor; and Clarence Thomas and David Freeman, basses.

These students were chosen by their fellow choir members and by their director. They left for Virginia State College on Friday afternoon in order to meet and rehearse with representatives from six other colleges. The concert was given on Sunday afternoon, March 21.

Last year the choir representatives went to Livingstone College in Salisbury for the Int-collegiate Music Association meet. EESC is a charter member of the Association.

Times held in the post office for days before the student knows about it. Is it asking too much to have a mail list posted for off-campus students who have not purchased a mail box?

The problem of handling armsful of books is of great concern. Is it asking too much to have lockers?

There is no need for off-campus students to be "left out" of campus life as they are. They are students just as the residents of the dormitories are.

When will they receive more consideration?

Faculty Notes

New to the College Faculty are Messrs. Dale Henderson, an Assistant in the Office of the President, and John Price of the Food Service. Welcome to both these gentlemen.

Dr. Edna L. Davis, professor of music, has been appointed chairman of the Music Department by President Ridley, succeeding Miss Evelyn A. Johnson.

Belated congratulations to Mr.

Obituary

The Compass extends condolences to the following members of the College Faculty:

Mr. Wendell J. Wilson, Instructor in Music—whose father, Mr. Franklin L. Wilson of Belflower, died January 23, 1955;

Mrs. Louise T. Delaine, Library Assistant—whose lost her aunt, Mrs. Martha L. Paige of Mullins, S.C., February 4, 1955;

Lillie Kinney, class of '68—who lost her mother, Mrs. Mary George Kinney, on February 18, 1955;

Mrs. Helene S. Taylor, Secretary in the President's Office—whose uncle, Mr. Levi Spencer of Panteo, died February 23, 1955; Mrs. Anna M. Bluford, Public Information Assistant—who lost her brother-in-law, Mr. Eugene M. Edwards, Jr. of Jersey City, New Jersey, on March 15, 1955.

Letter to the Editor

Mr. Ulysses Bell
 Editor-In-Chief, The Compass
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Dear Mr. Bell:
 I am grateful to you and your staff for the issues of The Compass which you were kind enough to send me.

I read all the items and recall, with pleasure, my many happy experiences at Elizabeth City.

Kindly express my gratitude to members of your staff.

With kindest good wishes, I remain yours,

Very sincerely,
 Harold L. Trigg
 DR. TRIGG WAS THE THIRD PRESIDENT OF EESC (1939-1945)

Edward N. Smith who earlier this school year won the new title of Property and Personnel Officer, upon an appointment by President Ridley.

A belated welcome to Mrs. Myrtle R. Rivers who joined the College Family as Cashier earlier this school year, and to Mrs. Gladys B. Barnette, Nursery School Attendant.

Mr. Leonard R. Ballou was elected chairman of a newly-formed committee of the Inter-collegiate Music Association, during its 4th annual meet at Va. State College March 19-21. The committee will coordinate among the 7 colleges active in the Association.

My First Impression As a Student Teacher

By Louville Johnson

Nervous, uncertain, shaky, but yet determined, I entered my classroom for the first day of observation.

I looked at my students as they stared at me, sizing me up and trying to figure me out. I tried not to show my fears by looking stern and very confident.

As I sat listening to my supervisor conduct his class, I noticed the way these high school students asked thought-provoking questions (those that could not be answered by merely thumbing pages in the textbook) I knew that this would indeed be a challenge, and I marveled at the idea.

I Teach

After my week of observation, I was assigned to teaching my first class. As I stood before my class I felt like a chicken being eyed by a hawk.

Everything was absolutely quiet; as the saying goes: "you could hear a pin drop." As I spoke to my class and stated my purpose for being there, the expressions and the atmosphere brightened.

They, the students, seemed quite relieved to know that I had not come to put them out of school but to work with them.

With all of this over, I finally introduced the lesson. Gradually students began to come out of (Continued on Page 3)

Who Has the Answer?

Elsewhere in this issue is a collection of quotations called, "Students Speak Out" and "Off Campus Students Speak."

The statements therein come from students throughout the campus. Some of them represent major problems and some are minor.

Some are problems which may be solved by the student body and others can only be wiped out by the administration.

What is to be done is yet to be seen. Students, meanwhile, are still seeking answers to many of these questions.

Will they get an answer?

The Students Speak Out

Recently your reporter sampled student opinion on issues concerning them. Let us learn what your fellow-students are thinking about.

Weak School Spirit

"What's happening to our campus? Why is campus life so dead this year? Everything seems so disorganized. The type of family atmosphere I felt my freshman year no longer exists. The campus is not the same and our social life has changed greatly. All other schools seem to be making progress but ours."

Restrictions

"If I were president of the Student Council, I would do something to make campus life more interesting. Students above the freshman classification are treated with too many restrictions. They are treated as if they are unable to take care of themselves.

"The administration's authoritarian position tends to make students feel that they aren't trustworthy. Students in general feel not trusted when they are not allowed to stay out later at night, especially in the season when days are longer."

Compass Problems

"The Compass has some interesting articles and some good information. We need more articles about our academic program. The Compass is not published often enough to really inform students. There is not enough news information and performance exchanges about students to create the college atmosphere in it. The paper is too brief and does not encompass a wide variety of subjects. There should be more pictures."

Social Lag

"The social activities on this campus are few. I think we should have more social activities. The Vespers and Lyceums are not adequate. Also, since attendance is required, it forces a rebellious attitude."

Turkey on Toast

"The situation in the Dining Hall has greatly improved, but we still have serious problems. Students wait patiently in line while others rudely cut line. Who's responsibility is it to check this action?"

"The quality of food is something we cannot change right away, but a student should be able to get something he likes, a soft egg for breakfast for instance, once in a while."

"Religious Emphasis
 'I admit, the Compass does have its merits. But if I had to write an article, I'd write on the inspiration and influence of Religious Emphasis Week. I would write on campus loyalty. I don't know why I haven't written an article.'"

Off-Campus Students

Whenever commuting students on our campus are asked, "What is the greatest problem that you encounter here as an off-campus student," the unanimous reply is, "I am not aware of many of the activities on campus." The second reply is, "carrying books around all day is quite a problem."

Commuting students are really "in the dark" as far as activities on campus are concerned. Announcements are put on the bulletin boards, but how many announcements are made in the dining hall and in the dormitories and are not posted? Many.

How many off-campus students are in these places when the announcements are made? None. How are the off-campus students to know about these announcements?

These students have been advised to purchase campus mail-boxes in order to receive announcements. Any off-campus student who has purchased a box will vouch for the fact that announcements are not put into the boxes. What purpose do they serve?

Speaking of mail, it is some-