

# DEPARTMENTS ON PARADE



Editor's Note: The purpose of this section is to give the reader some insight on the progress that is being made in ten major departments. Two departments per edition will be featured, mostly with pictures telling the story.

## Modern Language Department and its Activities

This week the Compass Staff picked up their pads and pens and went over to the Modern Language Department to see what they could find.

We found there a charming lady Dr. Anne M. Henderson, who is chairman of the department.

We talked with Dr. Henderson for awhile and learned some very interesting things about the Department of Modern Language. There are, at the present, seventy-five majors in this department, which is a considerable improvement from the thirty-five it began with.

The Modern Languages Department is pleased to know that over half of the Elementary Education majors have chosen English as a field of concentration.

There are eleven instructors in this department, including the Dean of the College, Dr. William E. Anderson. Some of the instructors have done special research which will help to make the Department of Modern Languages more beneficial to the students. They are--Mr. B. L. Peterson, Mrs. Helen Caldwell and of course the chairman, Dr. Henderson.

Dr. Henderson stated that Dramatics was one of the things of which the department was very proud. The Dramatics director is Mr. B. L. Peterson.

The Department of Modern Languages recognizes the importance of language in a democracy for both the general student and the major. It, therefore, has two objectives: (1) to teach all students to become literate, to read with comprehension, to write clearly, to listen critically and to become articulate in speech

and (2) to train students to teach English in the secondary school or to continue their studies on the graduate level.

After asking about the Modern Language Department, and the work they were doing to help the college, we were told that the department has an English Club which takes part in all of the school projects. The English Club also joins hands with other departments, such as the Art Guild in helping to carry out projects. The Modern Language Department sponsors an annual affair known as The Literary Bowl in which the Junior English majors will compete with the Senior English majors.

It was noted that the Modern Language Department offers a non teaching major for those who do not want to become teachers.

The Department consists of two laboratories; one of Foreign Language and another of Reading. The Foreign Language Lab is headed by Mr. Robert Duke and the Reading Laboratory by Mrs. Hazel Spellman.

We asked Dr. Henderson if there were any students who had made outstanding recognition in the department, and we were told that a young man who is a freshman, Mr. James W. Jackson, has written a poem that has been accepted. This was of special interest to us because Mr. Jackson happens to be one of our reporters. We understand that some of the members on the faculty have done some work in creative writing also.

Truly, the Department of Modern Language is on the move.

### ENGLISH MAJOR AT WORK



Elizabeth Strickland

### SPEECH LABORATORY



Mrs. Helen Caldwell Instructs

### FRENCH CLASS IN SESSION



Mr. Robert E. Duke Lectures

### AMATEUR DRAMATIST



Moses Skinner and Geraldine Lewis

### SPEECH CLASS



Mr. Bernard Peterson Demonstrates

### CONFERENCE HOUR



Mr. Alexander Washington Offers Guidance

## Speech Clinic Established On Campus

The Speech Laboratory which was established on the campus during the second semester of the school year 1963-64 is now operating as an integral part of the academic activities.

The clinic which is presently centered in the Language Laboratory is designed to serve all students of the college. Any student with major articulatory defects and, or other minor speech deviations may apply for testing and, consequent, enrollment if the tests warrant this. Over the last four semesters the laboratory has serviced over a hundred students. Mrs. Caldwell is especially pleased that many of these students applied themselves for enrollment and have re-enrolled over several semesters. She is also enthusiastic over the facilities of the Language Laboratory which allows servicing of twelve students at a time with five different programs running simultaneously.

Mrs. Caldwell, the clinician who works with the students, is a speech therapist trained at New York University. She did her internship at Bellevue Hospital, where her special case was "a charming little seven year old stutterer." She has been accepted to full membership in the American Speech and Hearing Association, the professional organization for speech and hearing therapist.

She states that the field of speech and hearing correction offers immediate opportunities for trained persons; she cites, as an example that North Carolina, which is late in employing correctionists for each school system, is having "much difficulty" filling positions. Other states such as New York, New Jersey, and Maryland have employed trained speech persons for many years.

## Instructors

## Illustrate

## Creativity

It has been found that four instructors presently in the Modern Languages Department have contributed more than thirty-two literary pieces to the reading public. These persons are Mrs. Julia M. Hoffler, Mr. Bernard L. Peterson, Dr. William E. Anderson, and Mrs. Dorothy J. Lee. These findings are based on information taken from The Elizabeth City Log, a bulletin of faculty-staff creativity. The information in the Log represents the creativity completed by those faculty-staff members serving here during 1962-63 and 1963-64.