

## "Artistic Life Best and Most Humane," Says Allen Gilbert

Keynote speaker at the opening of the 1967 Fine Arts Festival Dr. Allan H. Gilbert, feels that "the artistic life is the best and most humane life."

The 79-year old professor emeritus of Duke University suggested to his audience that one can best carry on his work if his surroundings are such to stimulate it. He showed his audience slides of his room at Drew University where he has many pieces of art which as he put it, "must be things which one really likes" in order to "stimulate" one's work.

Dr. Gilbert has in his room, chairs, rugs, pictures, and other items from various historical periods. Many items belonged to great personalities of the literary world.

The professor emeritus was recently decorated as a Knight in the Order of Merit by the Italian Republic. The Consul General of Italy, presenting the medal to Dr. Gilbert, praised him "for spending your life to create

a love between Italy and the United States." He, who has taught English Literature throughout his career (which goes back to the early part of this century), has been described as a man who is "strong as a blacksmith."

Dr. Gilbert, who is an authority in the field of literary criticism, has been honored for his numerous writings on significant Italian authors, including 10 books about Italian greats as Dante Alighieri and Niccolo Machiavelli.

Interestingly, he keeps in good physical condition by running around the block of his Greenwich Village home, daily. One jaunt, especially, attracted police attention. He jovially told newsmen, "I run against the traffic so that I can see my death coming at me. But this one morning, I noticed the headlights coming from behind. It was the police. They thought I had taken something, but they know me now."

## Dr. Sutton Elected to IDC Board of Directors

Dr. Louise N. Sutton, professor of mathematics and chairman of the departments of Physical Sciences and Mathematics was elected recently to a one-year term on the Board of Directors of the Perquimans County Industrial Development Corporation.

Dr. Sutton, who joined the ECSC faculty in 1962 is a native of Perquimans County and is also a member of the Perquimans County Good Neighbor Council. Last May, she was one of five delegates elected to the State Democratic Convention by the Perquimans County Democratic Convention.

Dr. Sutton is listed in all editions of Who's Who of American Women, Dictionary of International Biography and North Carolina Lives. She submitted biographical data for inclusion in the next edition of Who's Who in the South and Southwest and also Men of Science.

## DONATES HIS WORKS



Clarence Thomas, graduating Art major, has donated 7 of his pieces of art to the Lighthouse College Center. The gift includes 4 paintings and 3 busts.

The busts are: "Bust of a Slave", "Bust of Today's Negro", and "Bust of Lincoln". The paintings on wood include "Sea Scape", "Still Life With Fruit", "Flower Vase 11". All of the compositions are recent ones except "Bust of Lincoln", which has been displayed several times. The others were displayed during the Senior Art Exhibit.

Thomas is a native of Ahoskie, N. C.

## Fraternity Pledges First Negro

(ACP)--A Negro was pledged into the previously all-white fraternity system of Davidson College, Davidson, N. C., recently, the Davidsonian reports.

The Negro, a freshman, was one of 189 students pledging into the college's 12 fraternities. His poedging climaxed a series of changes in both outlook and policy in the Davidsonian system, whose first chapter was established just prior to the Civil War.

In April, 1965, the college's board of trustees called for the abolition of any existing discrimination clauses in the charters of local chapters. The action, followed by about three months similar action at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, the first school in the state to drop discriminatory barriers.

The edict went into effect last September. Since then 10 chapters have fulfilled the requirements, and the other two have been granted waivers to bid Negroes by their national offices, which still maintain "white clauses."

## Announcement of Director of Summer Session

Mr. Thomas E. Carter, Assistant Dean of the College, has been appointed DIRECTOR OF THE SUMMER SESSION. All inquiries, applications and business related to the summer session should be forwarded to Dean Carter in his office in the New

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## Legislator Twice Denied Seat, Addresses ECSC



Julian Bond

Julian Bond, the Negro who was denied his seat by the Georgia House of Representatives for his stand against the Vietnam War, was the guest speaker for Women's Week-end at Elizabeth City State College.

"We should get out of Vietnam," Bond said. "We should not have been there at all. Congress should declare a victory and withdraw all troops except, those engaged in technical aid."

The legislator said in a discussion in the Lighthouse College Center that the war in Vietnam is not specifically a Negro problem, although the money being spent there diminishes

what can be spent on the home-front.

Bond was elected to the Georgia House in 1965, but was not allowed to take his seat because of a Vietnam policy statement drafted by his Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee which he helped found. He won a special election called later, but was not seated until January of this year, following a ruling by the United States Supreme Court which affirmed his right to express an opinion.

Bond, now the father of three children, is ineligible for the draft, but said he would not serve in Vietnam regardless. He backed Cassius Clay's refusal to serve in the Army and supported Martin Luther King's proposal to demonstrate against the United States' involvement in Vietnam.

He also believes that the draft should be abolished because it is unconstitutional and violates the 13th amendment, which says, "there should be no involuntary servitude." He feels that the draft also discriminates against men because women are not effected. "There is no reason why women should not be drafted," he said.

Bond told the students they should study their past and be proud of being Negroes and stand up and take their place in society. And, in politics they should look at every political issue as to how it will affect Negroes. He urged the students to take an active part in the civil rights movement because "nothing can be accomplished until young people become involved."

## Among "Programs of Excellence"

## Booster Program Boosted

The ECSC Pre-College Booster Study Program conducted during the summers of 1965 and 1966 has been recognized by the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) among its citations of "Programs of Excellence."

Mrs. Mary Ann W. Franklin, Associate Professor of Physical Science, was director of the programs.

"I am very happy that the institution, through this program, has gained 'positive' recognition," Professor Franklin said. She praised President Walter N. Ridley for his "foresight and efforts in initiating and implementing the opportunity for the program."

"There are any number of students among this group (Boosters) who might not have entered college in either 1965 or 1966 had they not reaped the benefits of the special offerings in the Program," she said.

### Citation Details

Our Booster Program was one of 68 instructional programs recognized by AACTE. Elizabeth City State thus joined with, for example, Arizona State, California State (Los Angeles), The Church College of Hawaii, Cornell, Florida State, George Washington U, Indiana, North Carolina College (Durham), Rider College (N. J.), Savannah State, University of Connecticut, UCLA, Wisconsin State U, etc., in pro-

moting and maintaining learning situations of superior calibre.

The Association's booklet announcing recognition for ECSC and the other institutions, entitled Excellence in Teacher Education (for 1967), thus described the ECSC Booster Program:

"To develop improved attitudes regarding academic work and to improve many personality traits and characteristics on the part of students in economically depressed areas and from disadvantaged social economic circumstances, Elizabeth City State College conducted the Pre-College Booster Study Program. In this program, recent high school graduates were selected to participate in a work-study program of nine weeks duration. They studied to improve their knowledge in two basic subjects: mathematics and English. Their desire to pursue higher education was essential to their acceptance in the program. Nearly all of the participants enrolled in college in the fall."

### Statistics

During the first Booster Program (June 11 - August 13, 1965), 33 men and 72 women were enrolled, including eight persons from out of state (Virginia and District of Columbia).

The 1966 Program (June 10 - August 12) had a total of 70 enrollees, including those participating July 1 - August 12. There

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## Female Succeeds Female As Compass Editor



Charlotte Riddick

Charlotte Riddick, sophomore Business Education major, succeeds Barbara Fearing as editor-in-chief of THE COMPASS for the 1967-68 school year.

Charlotte is a native of Hampton, Va. and a graduate of Phenix High School. During this year she served as treasurer of the student newspaper staff and has been a member of the organization since she entered the institution.

Ingrid East, "Miss ECSC" - elect will serve again in the coming year as associate editor of THE COMPASS. Jeroline White has been elected secretary and Flora Rooks as treasurer.

For the second time all officers of the staff are ladies.

## Singleton Elected Prexy



Charles Singleton, Health and Physical Education Major from Summerville, S. C., has been elected Student Body President for the 1967-68 School year. The above photo shows Singleton with ECSC coeds in a pose of "confidence" as he faces the coming year.