

DARK FORESTS

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"Easy comrade though I'm not a Frenchman I am your friend. I could have killed you if I had wanted," he spoke in broken English. "What's your name?" "Joehardt", I answered "and yours?" "I am Johann Schindt, a deserter. Can't see any use in this damn war. What do you say we stay together. You're dead if you return, I'll be shot if I go back," he explained.

"It's okay with me," I said as he came to where I was laying and shook my hand.

From that day on he nursed me back to health and became as a brother. Life was not so bad, we lived, learned and profited from each other. He was a smart fellow though, a scholar, used to read from an old blue book....works of Socrates and Plato....and Aristotle. Sometimes I thought he was a little crazy, he didn't believe in God or anything like that. One day after a bad snow storm he stepped on a German booby trap, hidden in the snow. His leg became infected and developed into gangrene. Many times he lay screaming in pain, not knowing

day from night. He began to lose weight and around his eyes became black, his teeth fell out... he died. He died a terrible death before he went, maggots ate in his leg and his body became contaminated with fever.

Then I was left alone in the world, to live and one day to die. I thought I would go mad, until I found something to do. I began to make up stories, sing songs to myself and in a sense went back to my second childhood a little early. I kept records and used all that Johann had taught me. Today as I was wandering through the forests you found me. "Tell me is there still a France?"

"Yes there is a France, General Patton threw everything at the Germans except the kitchen sink. The allies invaded and took over all Germany.

Won't you please return with us? "The war is over and forgotten," Jean replied.

"I...I think...I think I can go home...to die now." He fell back on the grass, eyes open to the heavens.

"He's dead isn't he?" asked Monique. Yes he's gone to the dark forests of home.

Superintendent's Now Secretary Of ESA

Mr. Harvey L. Thomas, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds of Elizabeth City State College is a graduate of Hampton Institute. He is married to Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, associate professor in Biology at EC SC. They have one daughter, Dorothy.

In 1949 Mr. Thomas came to ECSC to assume his present position as well as that of acting dean of men. He has been at ECSC for nineteen years and has seen ECSC grow from 450 students to 1000 students.

He has been a very active man on and off campus in various committees. He is also a member of the Mayor's Committee on Housing for Minority Groups in Elizabeth City.

Most recently Mr. Thomas has been serving as secretary of the Eastern Seaboard Plumbing Association. ESA was organized in 1947. The purpose of this association is to help young people who are interested in



Mr. Harvey L. Thomas

heating, plumbing and air conditioning. It includes groups of men who are licensed, master and general contractors in heating, plumbing and air conditioning. It covers seven states: Connecticut, Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida and the area of Washington, D. C. He is also one of the owners of Brookridge Terrace.

The COMPASS salutes Mr. Thomas for the splendid work he has done over the years.

THE SPECTRE
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named three areas of student rights: (1) "Their full rights as citizens," (2) "Their right to democratically control their non-academic lives," and (3) their right to "participate to the fullest in the administrative and educational decision-making process."

Industrial Arts Makes Transition

The Industrial Arts Department underwent warring transitions during the summer months. The departure of Mr. Patterson for South America brought the service and talents of Mr. William Gibson who completed his undergraduate and graduate programs at A & T State University. We are happy to have Mr. Gibson in the Department.

During the summer essential and imperative equipment was added to the Industrial Arts Laboratories. The word laboratory has been significantly strengthened. The electronics laboratory is being organized and completed as the equipment arrives. This process remains a part of our daily tasks. In the area of metals, the laboratory has not been strengthened as needed, however, the completion of equipment for this area remains an integral segment of our curriculum.

Because of the assigned duties of Mr. Trent, Acting Chairman of the Department, Mr. Gibson has volunteered to serve as advisor to the Industrial Arts Club. The initial meeting of the club was held Thursday, October 5. The outcome of the meeting was the culmination of planning for numerous activities and experimental projects. The Club is also approaching one hundred percent membership affiliation with the American Industrial Arts Association, our national organization.

Our graduated Industrial Arts students of 1967 are performing in unique areas!

1. Wayne Holmes - Peace Corps
2. James Griffin - Southwestern High, Windsor, N.C.
3. Grover Eure - Deep Creek Junior High, Deep Creek, Va.
4. James Powell - Roper, N. C.
5. Donald Herring - Chestertown, Maryland.

It has come as a shock to learn that one of our 1966 graduates has passed, Mr. William Hill.

Kappa Delta Pi Nus

In November Miss Mae B. Felton and Mr. Wilbert D. Hawkins were inducted into the Kappa Delta Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi here on this campus.

Miss Felton and Mr. Hawkins are both juniors majoring in Elementary Education.

The induction ceremony began with the nominees presenting to the chapter excellent work that they had done in research from topics that they had chosen themselves. Miss Felton's topic for discussion was "New Hope for the Mentally Retarded" and the topic of Mr. Hawkins dis-

ussion was "An Investigation of Some Viewpoints Concerning Higher Education's Future in America." After each discussion, questions from the chapter members were entertained.

The members of the Kappa Delta Chapter are: Dr. Walter N. Ridley;

Dr. E. L. Davis, counselor for the chapter, Miss Arlease Salley, Vice President and Secretary and Miss Vonnie Moore, President and Treasurer.



Dr. Sekender A. Khan

Khan "Extracts" SNAKE VENOM

Dr. Sekender A. Khan, Chairman of The Flora Rooks Department of Biology at Elizabeth City State College, has written a book of verses called SNAKE VENOM.

Carlton Press, Inc. states that Dr. Khan writes out of conviction. SNAKE VENOM is without question a venomous attack upon some of the many evils of our society. Yet it is also a work of compassion and understanding. Both contradictory strands of feelings have been woven with skill into this dramatic and versatile collection of verses.

His voice is that of those millions who are unfed, unsheltered, suppressed, oppressed, and mistreated. He has tried his best to depict the millions who are neglected and overpowered. He never claims to be a great poet.

Dr. Khan writes with the fierceness of personal experience of death from hunger:

"Biggest of all the flames, is the fire of hunger... Fire flames where millions go to bed hungry, un nourished, uncared for, unfed"

The venom in his work is well illustrated in his powerful poem "Cannibal":

"I kill and tear only if I am hungry
You do the same thing when you are angry.
I never pretend to be a symbol of peace
You never practice whatever you preach
I never spread hate in the name of love.
Neither do I worry about hawk or dove...
I am a cannibal and you call me a beast,
I am much better--better than you at least."

SNAKE VENOM is a gentle and aggressive volume of verse from a poet hitherto not widely known in America.

Dr. Khan does all his work in his office or his laboratory. He has two more books of verses, BEE STING and MOSQUITO BITE, yet to be published.

Dr. Khan was born in Chandanbaisa, Dist, Bogra, now a part of East Pakistan. He received his Bachelor and Master of Agriculture degrees at Decca University in Pakistan. He came to A-

merica in 1957 and returned to Pakistan in that year.

He came again in 1959 and obtained a Ph. D from Louisiana State University and stayed until 1963 and returned home. In 1964 he came to Elizabeth City State College.

Dr. Sekender Khan is married with two children, Jurjehan and Shahjehan, to whom he dedicated his first book of verses.

Pan-Hellenic Speaker

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In respect to our observance of Pan-Hellenic Day, Mr. Thompson's introduction will spotlight foremost, Dr. Newsome's appointment as General President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity since 1964.

ECSC will be honored to be host to such a marvelous servant of society. We invite you and especially all Greek affiliates to hear Dr. Lionel H. Newsome, General President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, February 13 in Moore Hall Auditorium.

DR. RIDLEY RESIGNS

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Dr. Ridley was head of the Psychology Department at Virginia State College in Petersburg, and Dean at St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia, before coming to Elizabeth City in 1958. He was selected as "Tar Heel of the Week" by the Raleigh news and Observer in February, 1964, and in March 1964, was a member of a team of sixteen presidents and deans on an educational tour of Pakistan sponsored by the United States State Department. He was given the Citizenship Award for foresighted leadership in education and human rights by the North Carolina Joint Council of Health and Citizenship in 1964, and a plaque for meritorious service as president and treasurer of the American Teachers Association when it merged with the NEA at Miami Beach in 1966, among other citations.

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the best whether you like the subject matter or the instructor. You must understand that your instructor has his and you have yours to get. So it is left up to you to take advantage of it. So strive for the best at E.C.S.S.