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Two Firsts At ECSC



Job Opportunity Panel

The first college-community relations panel, designed to extend the services of Elizabeth City State College to the community on broader levels, was held in the spacious and well equipped board room of the new Wachovia Bank & Trust Company building. With Dr. R. Irving Boone, College Minister and member of the College-Community Relations Committee, serving as moderator, four panelists concentrated and expressed their views on "An Analysis of the Job Situation Among Negroes in Elizabeth City, North Carolina."

Following the invocation by the Reverend, Dr. J. R.R. McRay, alumnus of the college and pastor of Corner Stone Baptist, Dr. Boone expressed deep gratitude to Mr. William Smith, Vice-President of the modern local bank, for opening the doors of the facility to this panel. Dr. Boone set the mental atmosphere in order for this "serious venture in togetherness," by quoting statements made by three distinguished Americans which stressed the importance of the harmonious relationship between blacks and whites on an equal basis, and of the value of a good economic base for all Negroes.

Mr. Chester Gregory, Associate Professor of History at the college, discussed, "The Present Employment Status Among Negroes." He pointed out that the present ratio of employment here "runs closely with the population ratio." Using generalities, he proceeded to state that "There are not enough

Negroes in Jobs." Mr. Gregory urged that, "Don't just hire Negroes on a temporary basis. Give jobs that have permanency to them." He reiterated the suggestions of earlier local study.

Mrs. Edith M. Spellman, Secretary of the local Human Relations Council, listed fifteen important areas in which Negroes desire employment. The list included every facility from City Hall to the local radio and newspaper facilities. She expressed her firm conviction that the broadening of job opportunities for Negroes would increase the "Opportunity for well rounded participation (by them) in the community."

The host, Mr. Smith, hit upon an important point when he stated, "Solution to the problems of treating people as human beings." Speaking on the "Present Additional Job Opportunities," the bank official went on to emphasize that "We should work together to revitalize the development of industry."

Mr. Wayne W. Massey Jr., manager of the local Belk-Tyler Department Store which has been under repeated pressure, took a bitter approach to the problem, saying virtually nothing as he tried to complete the discussion on "Job Prospects for the Immediate Future."

Following the presentation by each panelist, resource personalities from the business, educational, and civic communities commented on the problem during a lengthy question and answer period.

Placement Director Attends Workshop

Ranaldo Lawson, Director of Placement at Elizabeth City State College, attended the recent Workshop for College Placement Officers, at Atlanta's Paschal Motor Hotel. Representatives from twenty-seven other colleges comprised the consortium for placement officers in attendance. The two-day session was designed to enable each college to discover what is being done in placement that will be of benefit to black colleges and their students in the area of career counseling and placement.

Structured by College Placement Services, Inc., under Title III, Consortium for Placement, the sessions included lectures and addresses on topics ranging from: "New Careers and Curriculum Change;" and "Vocational Information;" to "Graduate School Programs For Black Student." The team of lecturers and consultants included such noted educators and counselors as: Dr. Robert Colver, Duke University; Dr. Cleveland Dennard, President, Washington Technical Institute; Dr. Paul Smith, North Carolina College at Durham; Dr. Richard C. Robey, Columbia University; and Dr. Harold Stahmer, I. S.S.P.

This was the second conference on college placement that Lawson has attended. Prior to the Atlanta meeting, he represented Elizabeth City State College at the Region II Consortium Meeting of College Placement Officers, at North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro. As a result of those two meetings, the college is now making every effort to assist him in establishing and maintaining effective placement services for its graduates. In so doing, and in order to meet requirements, the Placement Office at Elizabeth City State College has been relocated in the Galley (Publications Building) and will include two counseling rooms, a private office, and a career library.



Faculty Art Exhibit

The Art Department at Elizabeth City State College came up with a unique "first" in Elizabeth City when materials were set up at Holiday Inn of America, Friday, January 10th., for the College - Community Art Exhibition Program. Previously the pattern had been visits by the public to the college campus to view works of art on exhibit by the department. Now the first of two College-Community exhibitions will change that pattern and continue to strengthen the relationship between the two.

The exhibition at Holiday Inn, then followed by exhibits at Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, and Winn Dixie Store, from January 13th. to the 22nd., will feature art works by the faculty of the Elizabeth City State College Art Department.

Dr. Vincent J. deGregorio, chairman of the department, emphasized, "that the above exhibiton program would never have been realized, relative to scheduling and development, had it not been for the cooperative spirit and neighborly interest of the managerial staffs of the aforementioned facilities of Elizabeth City." The managers of the firms that are cooperating with the college in this project are: Mr. J. Stanley Peel, Assistant Vice-President, Wachovia Bank and Trust Company; Mr. Mitchell Grubb, Holiday Inn of America; and Mr. Simon Pender, Winn Dixie Store.

Dr. deGregorio undoubtedly heads the list of exhibitors in this first College - Community art exhibition program. A native of New York, and a



Two employees of Wachovia Bank admire paintings.