

REFLECTIONS

ELEY IS ELECTED TO STATE OFFICE AT CONFERENCE

Lemuel Eley, a Junior Social Science major at Elizabeth City State University recently won the 1972-73 State presidency of the Student North Carolina Association of Education at a conference held in Greensboro, N.C.

The Student North Carolina Association of Educators is the State organization for Student educators, formerly Student National Education Association, the organization includes membership from practically every North Carolina University.

Backed by the P. W. Moore Chapter, Mr. Eley campaigned for the State office and won it. The conference was held on Saturday, April 7, 1972.

Mr. Eley will act as

president over all the SNCAE chapters in North Carolina. A very capable individual, Lemuel has been listed as an Outstanding Student Leader in America, 1971-72, he is president of Gamma Rho Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Superintendent of University Sunday School and Business Manager of the Compass. He is President of the Junior Class and vice-president of University Center. He is also listed as a member of Who's Who Among Greek Fraternities and Sororities of America.

The State meeting was held in conjunction with the North Carolina Association of Educators meeting April 6-8, 1972.

The total membership

of the organization is 1870. Mr. Eley is the first black president of the newly merged organization. Student North Carolina Association of Educators is in its second year since the merger of the white and black student education associations.

Mrs. Ruth Jones, a graduate of Elizabeth City State University, is the out-going president of North Carolina Association of Educators. Larry Alston, a Senior Social Science major is the out-going state Vice-President and Pedro Holley, the cluster leader for eastern North Carolina.

Mrs. Shirley Chisholm addressed the delegations Friday evening at the Greensboro Coliseum.

Student Of The Month Is Editor

The Compass Staff is pleased to announce Robert Earle Ward, Editor of the Compass as student of the Month.

Robert is a very hard working, liberal minded student leader at the University. Aside from being editor of the Compass, he is also president of the International Elizabeth City State University Choir, of which he served as vice president last year, he is president of United Campus Religious Fellowship; President of Delta Rho chapter of Alpha Phi Gamma National Honorary Journalism Fraternity, Inc. He is also Historian for the Senior Class.

He is a member of the Student North Carolina Association of Educators, the Publications Committee, the Advisory Council, the Social Science Club. He is a member of the Kappa Delta Chap-

ter of Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society in Education and Alpha Kappa chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society.

He was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and universities in 1971 and repeated the honor in 1972.

Robert has been admitted to State University of New York at Binghamton with a \$4500 Graduate Scholarship for Doctoral Study. He has also been admitted to New York University with the Martin Luther King Fellowship, The University of Arizona and Cornell University. Robert will attend SUNY-Binghamton in the fall of 1972.

He is a candidate for the Bachelor of Science degree in Social Science (cum laude). He is an honor student and a student of integrity and trust.

SGA Performs Traditional African Ceremonies For Miss ECSU

Student Government Association and the Junior Class performed the Coronation Ball this year in traditional African. Following the pattern set by SGA president Eddie Davis, the ceremony was very colorful and beautiful and so was the coronation ball itself.

One of the highlights of the ceremony was the ceremony of the stools. This ceremony is a basic carryover from last year. The ceremony of the seven stools is symbolic to the out-going and in-coming queens. The

queen passes from stool to stool making a sacred commitment at each stool. The ritual is conducted with low lighting in strictly African decoration and design. Darryl Morris, outgoing president of the Student Government Association and the nomination committee continued the tradition and therefore kept the student body and the candidates in suspicion for two weeks. The announcement of the new queen was therefore exciting and rewarding. The out-going Miss ECSU

Miss Carol Ann Hawkins, a Senior Business Major crowned the new queen, both sisters very beautifully donned in African print.

The traditional African attire was used for the coronation. Sisters and Brothers wore Dashikis and sandals. The color and beauty added to the momentous and memorable event.

The presentation of the new queen and runner ups, the presentation of gifts to the queen and other activities added to the symbolism of the blackness

of the evening and made for a proper setting.

All the activities took place in Williams Hall Gymnasium. After the African ceremonies, the Moments provided music. Sisters and brothers danced to the lively music, the funky sounds of the dynamic Moments until late, late in the night.

And so in the wee hours of the morning we came to ourselves and realized that the whole event meant another step toward becoming that which we really are - an African people.

The tribal dances, poetry and all the characteristics of the ceremony was performed with dignity.

DR. FINNEY

The National Historical Society has extended an invitation for membership to Dr. Ernest A. Finney, Director of Summer School and Student Teaching. This invitation has been accepted and thus this adds to the growing list of local, state, national and international organizations and professional associations to which the honoree has been extended an invitation for membership. Dr. Finney is a member of the Department of Education Faculty of Elizabeth City State University and presently is serving as Acting Chairman of the Department of Education and Director of Summer School.

Retiring Educator Is Honored

The Kappa Delta Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society in Education and the Alpha Kappa Chapter of Alpha Kappa

Mu Honor Society honored Dr. Ernest A. Finney, Director of Summer School and Acting Chairman of the Department of Education on April 25, 1972. Dr. Finney will retire from the teaching profession at the end of the summer school sessions. He is a member and serves as advisor to both organizations.

The organizations honored and presented Dr. Finney with gifts at the Vicki Villa Restaurant on Highway 17 bypass.

Dr. Finney was also honored by the members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fra-

ternity the same evening in the University Center. At this time the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha made presentations to Dr. Finney expressing their appreciation for his interest in the undergraduate and graduate chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha.

Dr. Finney was again honored on Friday night April 28th at 6:30 p.m. by the faculty, staff and administration of the institution in Moore Hall. At this time Dr. Finney received more gifts, words of gratitude and appreciation from all phases of the University.

Dr. Finney is formerly Director of Student Teaching at ECSU. He received his educational training at South Carolina State College, Mor-

ris College, Claflin College and Cornell University. Dr. Finney has given many hours of service to the students and the University. His dedication to education reflects the integrity and quality of the Department of Education and the Summer School.

Dr. Finney will retire to his South Carolina home and enjoy life with his wife and daughter. The Compass staff wishes you - long life, good health, peace of mind and the ability and strength to keep taking good pictures. May God bless you for all your hard work at this great institution. We will never forget all the good times together.

The Staff

The Graduating Class,
The Faculty and
Administrations, The
Board of Trustees
Invites You To The
81st Commencement
Sunday, May 7, 1972
10:30 Class Night
Program Thursday
Night, May 4, 1972
8 p.m.