

# "Purlie Victorious"

"Purlie Victorious," a play written by Ossie Davis, was presented at Elizabeth City State University Moore Hall Auditorium as part of the Lyceum Series, Monday, December 3, at 8:00 p.m.

We laughed with the antics of Hubert Edwards portraying the witty "Purlie." He was determined to get \$500 in inheritance for Big Bethel Church where he was to preach the word.

Purlie was assisted by Lutibelle Gussie Mae Jenkins, played by Dorothy Goffigan. She came to a small town in Georgia to act as Purlie's dead aunts' daughter; the rightful heir to the money.

Missy Judson, played by Jule Beale Williams, was the lady behind the scenes. Gitlow Judson, played by Ernest L. Stepney, was the hard-working Uncle Tom type.

We met Charlie Cotchipee, played by Quint Lange, as the son of a true Rebel. He was liberated in his ideas of "the deep South." Idella Landy, the old maid of the Cotchipee house, was portrayed by Nadine Wilson.

Ol' Cap'n Cotchipee, portrayed by C.A. Terry, "blew the roof off when he walked on stage." He just about owned the town and he had all sorts of ideas.

Richard D. Springle Jr. and Thom Grubbs did a good job as Sheriff and Deputy.

Purlie finally got Old Bethel thanks to Charlie Cotchipee. The Old Cap'n just "dropped dead standing up."

All the actors from the Chrysler Museum Actor's theatre did an excellent job. Some of the actors, who are students, have already been awarded grants to Drama Theatres.

Mr. Al Dinkins, director of the play, is a retired instructor at Norfolk State who volunteers his services, delightfully.

The most important part of the play was the "MESSAGE." The production notes stated:

"Purlie Victorious was selected as one of the plays for this season because it is good drama, good theatre and its message is dynamic and revealing. It is a drama dealing with life as it is found at certain levels, with certain relationships developed in the path of 'changing time.'

The play has a mixed cast and deals with the problem of two worlds. Written by the renowned actor-playwright Ossie Davis, Purlie Victorious is not a 'black play' or a 'white play' but, rather, a play dealing with human beings - black and white. It reveals the white man, on a certain level of his existence, and the reactions of the black man as they meet at the crossroads of human adjustment."



Hubert Edwards-Purlie  
Dorothy Goffigan-Lutie Belle  
Actors in the play Purlie Victorious.

## Health Manpower Program

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successful. Visiting twelve high schools in Carteret, Craven, Pamlico and Pitt Counties, Winborne got a chance to explain to guidance counselors North Carolina's efforts to recruit and counsel minority and disadvantaged students for health careers.

"Many of them were not fully aware of the statistical data which pinpoint the severe shortages of medical, dental, nursing, public health, pharmacy and allied health personnel in North Carolina," Winborne noted.

Seeking the concern and involvement of these high school counselors with the state's efforts to expand its health-care services through the recruitment and training of minority students for health careers, Winborne gave a detailed breakdown of undergraduate programs that are available for interested students at the state's senior, junior, public and private institutions.

Particularly familiar to him were those programs at ECSU, which prepares, one for advanced studies in medicine,

## UCRF

The Annual United Christian Religious Fellowship Thanksgiving Vesper was held November 24. The Vesper is held each year under the auspices of UCRF to give thanks, improve University Community relationships and to provide food for needy families in the community.

The highlights of the program were the speaker and the food baskets. The speaker was ECSU's own Chancellor, Dr. Marion D. Thorpe. He spoke on the many reasons why man should be thankful. He emphasized why the students, faculty, staff and community should be thankful for ECSU.

The food baskets were given by campus organizations: dormitories, sororities, fraternities, fellowships, departments, educational organizations, offices and the University Choir.

Reverend R. L. Newby, Acting University Minister, stated that UCRF was able to supply 33 families with food. UCRF extends thanks to all people who made this program possible.

dentistry, pharmacy and medical technology.

"Because of the critical problem in our state, I informed each counselor that there are nineteen special sources of financial assistance available for any interested minority student who wishes to pursue training in one of the many allied health professions," Winborne added.

While working closely with Dr. E. Lavonia Allison, Director of the state's Health Manpower Development Program, and Dr. Jimmy R. Jenkins, Chairman of the nine-member ECSU Health Manpower Advisory Committee, Winborne is highly optimistic over the program's potential. ECSU is one of three regional centers in North Carolina. In addition, it is a member of the Health Science Consortium, which is designed

## SNEA

The E.C.S.U., P.W. Moore Chapter of S.N.E.A. has approximately 140 members. That statistic alone should give you a hint of how important this organization is. For those who are not familiar with the organization, the students of the North Carolina Association of Educators are believers and movers in education. We believe in the value of education, of all educational institutions and that we as future educators must be the best. We are dedicated to the pursuit of professionalism and the refinement of the skills involved in the teaching profession. Further, we are a part of a national body with bargaining power in all matters related to the betterment of education. These are but a few of the many advantages of being a member of the

International Week Observed

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dance for all students on Friday.

Mr. Charles L. Foster, Program Director of the University Center, indicated that this was a very successful International week. He extends thanks to the staff assistants, Mrs. Ruth M. Carr and Mrs. Gertrude Pierce, and the students officers for their very hard work in planning the elaborate week of activities.

## Seniors Visited Ohio State University

November 2, 1974, several of Elizabeth City State University's senior candidates for graduate school, visited the campus of Ohio State University. They were: Ms. Regina Ford, Ms. Charlene Harris, Ms. Brenda Moore, Ms. Barbara White and Mr. Jerome Spruill led by Mr. William A. Pierce, Director of Career

to strengthen the implementation and demonstration of a collaborative program of course and health careers.

Winborne, a native of Como, N.C., and an alumnus of ECSU, is married to the former Miss Mary Arrington, of Rocky Mount, N.C. He is the father of one child, Jason B. Winborne, 15-months.

association - there are many more important ones.

The P.W. Moore Chapter of S.N.E.A. is one of the institutions in Cluster No. 1. The other organizations in cluster No. 1 are as follows: Atlantic Christian College, Chowan College, East Carolina University, and Wesleyan College. Of all of the colleges and universities in North Carolina, the P.W. Moore Chapter had the distinction of being recognized at the S.N.E.A. State Convention (April, 1974, Charlotte, NC) as the largest chapter in the state. Incidentally, the chapter has held on to

## 25th Anniversary

Mr. Rochell Vann represented the Social Science department of Elizabeth City State University during the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Negro Educational Review held at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia on October 17, 1974. The conference theme was "A Quarter Century of the Black Experience in the United States of America: Its Human Advances and Human Tragedies".

Two scholarly presentations were made at this conference. The first one was made by Robert L. Gill, professor of History and Government at Morgan State College, Baltimore, Maryland. His subject was "The Impact of the United

Counseling and Placement. Ohio State University was holding its annual Graduate School Visitation Program. Fifty-five Black Colleges and Universities were invited to visit the University campus November 2-5.

The graduate program was concerned with increasing the member of potential minority students through a series of specially designed program activities. The program addressed itself to the matter of enhancing opportunities for minority men and women to enter graduate school programs. The conference program comprised of registration, general sessions and meeting with former ECSU graduates and other minority students.

that honor for several years. Let it be understood that membership is not by any means our only accomplishment, S.N.E.A. is constantly involved in progressive educational activities."

"I believe that all students who are concerned with and about education, now and in the future should familiarize themselves with our organization." We invite you to attend any of our meetings. Education is what E.C.S.U. is about, S.N.E.A. helps you take it a step further.

The officers of the P.W. Moore Chapter of S.N.E.A. for the 1974-75

States Supreme Court Decision on the Lives of Black People, 1950-74."

The second presentation was made by Ernest Spaight, Assistant Chancellor for Student Services and Special Programs, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He spoke on the following subject: "Significant Trends and Developments in the Black Family in the United States, 1950-74".

Following the two presentations, there was a question and answer period. Mr. Vann reports that the conference was very beneficial to all as the participants were involved in the lively discussion that followed the presentation.

There was also individual contact meeting with Department and their staff members pertaining to each ECSU student area of interest.

One of the most inspiring persons they met was Mr. Troy Simmons, President of the Black Graduate and Professional Student Caucus, who spoke to them about the "Plight of Black Students." The ECSU students also talked with Mr. David Williams, a former band director of ECSU, now the Director of Student Teaching at Ohio State University.

The students regarded the visit as being very informative and beneficial. A couple of the seniors indicated an interest in pursuing graduate work at OSU.

## ISE Conference

The In-Service to Education Conference was held in Washington, D.C. on November 8th, 9th, and 10th.

The conference opened with a film entitled *Color Us Black*. The film was centered around the unrest at Howard University, during the 60's.

On Friday and Saturday the participants representing the various disciplines met in sessions according to their discipline. The purpose of these sessions were to evaluate the work that had been done in the disciplines on the various campuses.

A general session was held on Saturday morning at which time the Vice President of ISE gave a brief history of the organization. He also discussed the work of ISE as it related to the past as well as the projection of the future.

The following persons from Elizabeth City State University participated in the conference: Mr. Rochell Vann; Dr. S.S. Sacdev; Mr. Eugene O'Neal; Mr. Henry Crank; Dr. Andrew Roberts; Miss Georgia A. Stallings; Mrs. Naomi A. Morgan; Mrs. Enid Smith; and Dr. Louis V. Nadeau. Mr. James H. Townes was a participant in the conference as he gave a demonstration on Friday.