

Blacks And The Bicentennial

By James Finch

The Bicentennial spirit is spreading across America. July 4, 1976 will be the two-hundredth year since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Industry, the news media, various organizations and individuals are making all out efforts to extoll the achievements of the last 200 years.

But some Blacks think that Negroes should have their own day of independence. The date of the Emancipation Proclamation or the date of the Declaration of Sentiments written in Philadelphia by the Negro "Founding Fathers"—Peter Williams, Robert Purvis, Abraham Shadd, George Vashon and James McCrummell. Some Blacks are saying that there is no need to celebrate the Bicentennial, since it did not liberate them and that even today they are still in bondage.

Although the Declaration of Independence did not free Negroes, there are reasons to participate in the celebration. The reasons are: Cripus Attucks, Peter Salem, Salem Poor, Prince Whipple, Oliver Cromwell and other Negroes who shed blood for this country. David Walker, Black Abolitionist, wrote "America is more our Country than it is the whites—we have enriched it with our "blood and tears".

Blacks should celebrate because many Negroes fought valiantly to free this country. This is the Black man's country just as much as it is the white man's country. The Revolutionary War freed America even though the Black man's freedom came much later.

ECSU Named Bicentennial University

By Rascoe Pender

Elizabeth City State University was designated a bicentennial university in September. ECSU has already begun to organize activities specified by its insertion as a bicentennial university.

The purpose of the university being given this distinction is very simple. By becoming a bicentennial institution, ECSU can become a part of the nation's celebration of its 200th birthday and its independence from Great

Britain.

ECSU is the main center for the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Community for organizing activities to commemorate our nation's 200th birthday. Elizabeth City State University's Fine Art Festival will launch the bicentennial campaign for the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Community.

Students of ECSU are encouraged to participate in the Bicentennial festivities, since all activities will be accumulated from student fees.

Sunday School Attendance Urged

By Lake Liverman

The world today is in a state of confusion and uncertainty. "We are faced with serious and real problems", Lake Liverman, Superintendent of the ECSU Sunday School said. Our young people are turning to drugs as a way of escaping.

Our Sunday School is really growing this year. I feel the basic reason, being we are showing the students we are serious about our Sunday School and we believe our Sunday School can be very influential in solving problems, not only on campus, but in the community as well, he said.

We are putting our trust in God and we believe he will make matters better. Our doors are opened to you every Sunday morning at 9:00 A. M. We will be waiting for you, he concluded.

Pre-Alumni Assoc. Begun On Campus

By Anne Delrow

Hello and welcome to Vikingland. The Pre-Alumni Association is "What's Happening" on campus.

It is a non profitable organization that prepares ECSU graduates to become involved with ECSU's Alumni Association functions. Anyone can belong to the Pre-Alumni Association that is enrolled at the University.

The 1975-76 officers are—

President:
Tyrone Williams

Vice President:
Larry Jones

Secretary:
Joan Blair

Treasurer:
Sheila Sutton

Reporter:
Anne Delrow

At the present time, the Pre-Alumni Association is concerned with increasing its membership. If anyone wishes to join, please contact any officer.

Individualized Teaching Details Discussed

During the District 15 meeting of the North Carolina Association of Educators, (SCAE), Dr. Jimmy R. Jenkins, Assistant Academic Dean, at Elizabeth City State University gave a presentation on "Individualized Instruction in Secondary Schools."

Dr. Gerald H. Krockover assisted Dr. Jenkins in

New Honor Society Organized

By James Finch

On an unusually cold Friday evening in October a new honor society was installed on campus. The new honor society, Alpha Chi, is a National College Honor Scholarship Society. Installing the society was Dr. Susan H. Logan of Appalachian State University. She was the Alpha Chi National Council's representative. During the ceremony Dr. Logan presented Mr. Leonard Ballou with the charter and to Dean Holley the plaque. Alpha Chi's president, Melvin Norman gave a dedication speech. The ceremony ended with the singing of the Alpha Chi Hymn.

Alpha Chi is a coeducational, general honor society. Annually the chapter will admit to active membership those junior and senior students of good character who rank at least in the upper tenth of their class.

The North Carolina Iota Chapter (Chapter number 146) of Alpha Chi began on the Elizabeth City State University campus, May 9,

1975, in Ridley Hall.

Twelve students representing the Senior and Junior classes were initiated and installed as Charter Members. Officers were also elected. The Chapter has begun its first year of operations with optimism that it will compliment the highest ideals of this University.

Those charter members are:

Lavetta Marie Branche (Vice-President), Charlene Ophelia Harris, Gloria Gene Weaver Giddings, Alma Faye Jenkins, Shirley Beatrice Forbes Jones (Delegate), Melvin Norman (President), Zelma Ruth Peele, Sandra Brown Sauls, Lawrence Spells (Treasurer), Yvonne Staton Walton (Secretary), and Linda Faye Woodard.

The sponsor and co-sponsors were: Leonard Ross Ballou, Benjamin Franklin Speller, Jr., and Thomas Edward Carter.

Alpha Chi itself was founded Febraury 22, 1922 at Southwestern University,

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University Center Plans Told

by Denise Cherry

The Ridley Center is in A-C-T-I-O-N this year. Among the various award-winning card, chess, pool and table tennis tournaments, we also have the annual International week in planning.

International Week will be celebrated on our campus during November 10-14. Monday, November 10th we will kick the week off with a Carnival-bazarra in the back room of the Center.

Tuesday, there will be an Internation coffee and tea hour from 10:30 to 12:30 P. M. with the guest Gospel Singers, Revelation." Wednesday, we plan an International Dinner. Thursday we will end the week with the exotic International costume nightclub dance from 7:20 to 10:30 P.M. Each person attending the dance will wear a costume of the country they plan to represent. Pictures

will be taken in this event and the best pictures will be posted on the wall in the Center along with the other International Week festivity memories.

Presently, we hold a poetry Rappo session at 3:30 P. M. every Sunday. Yes, the University Center is doing it up and its all for you Vikings, cause we care.

The University Center officers are:

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Denise M. Cherry

Vice President
Sharron Gallop

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Jackie Billups

Assistant Secretary
Gary Rodgers

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