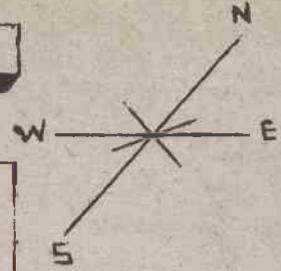




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During Fine Arts Festival...

City Unveils Bicentennial Sculpture

As part of the Bicentennial Fine Arts Festival at Elizabeth City State University, the bronze sculpture (left) was presented as a gift of Pasquotank County from the students of ECSU. The work ; entitled Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness was placed on the lawn of the Pasquotank County Court House.

The sculpture was designed and the work on it supervised by Dr. Vincent J. deGregorio, Chairman of the ECSU Art Department. The work was done by two ECSU art students Wilbur Davis and Rebecca Spivey, and Dr. deGregorio.

At the unveiling of the sculpture (right) are (left to right): Wilbur Davis, Dr. deGregorio, and Rebecca Spivey.

The presentation of the sculpture was only part of the many activities of the ECSU Bicentennial Fine Arts Festival.



Former Chapel Hill Mayor Speaks To Students

By James Finch

Howard Nathaniel Lee, former Mayor of Chapel Hill, spoke to a Moore Hall audience on Thursday evening, February 12. Using this opportunity to address the Bicentennial issue and

celebrate Black History Week, Mr. Lee stated "I have come here to challenge you in 1976". Addressing his challenge to the 18 to 21 year-old-age-group, he asks them to face the responsibility of today.

In answering the question, "What do Blacks have to celebrate in the Bicentennial?" he recalled Crispus Attucks, Salem Poor and other Negroes who made valuable contributions to the American Revolution and others throughout America's history. Although these Blacks have not been given their rightful recognition in the history of our country, we can be proud of their numerous achievements.

There is no other race of people that have faced so much abuse, therefore, we can celebrate the fact that we are here. "Personally I don't believe the Bicentennial should be a celebration for any group," stated Lee, "The Bicentennial is a time for us to stop and pause". Lee said

he wanted to look back at their past, learn from it and face the responsibility of today.

One of the greatest concerns Lee spoke of was the unconcern of people today in the government. Answering the complaint that our system of government won't work, Lee compares government to an automobile. Automobiles don't kill or have accidents, it is the people that drive them that kill and have accidents. If our system doesn't work it isn't the system's fault but the fault of our representatives--mayors, governors, Lt. governors, congressmen, etc. On election day too many people are not going to the polls and yet people are always complaining. The 18 to 21 year olds have the worst voting record in the history of North Carolina and America. "I challenge you in 1976," proclaimed Lee, "This is the week that we should remember the past."

Another area that Lee

spoke on was education. Schools are where we learn about the system. With education, enslavement would never occur again. There is a decline in the number of Blacks graduating from high school going on to higher education.

The state of North Carolina was at one time a leading state in prominence. "The State of North Carolina has become like a scrapped rocket," remarked Lee. It has gone down in almost every area. Time is running out, North Carolina must rise. Politicians are too tied to interest groups to benefit the people.

Mr. Lee announced that the rumor that he is running for Lieutenant Governor is not a rumor. Lee is convinced he can win. He was twice elected Mayor of Chapel Hill by 50 per cent and then 64 per cent majority vote while everyone was telling him that his getting elected was impossible.

Bloodmobile To Visit ECSU Campus, Tuesday

Tuesday, March 30, 1976, the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be on our campus from 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. in William's Hall Gymnasium.

Elizabeth City State University will join the more than 300 colleges and universities that have participated in the Red Cross Blood Program. Over 80,000 units of student blood have been collected annually.

During that day, publicity and recruiting committees made of students, faculty and staff will be engaged in advertising the project on the campus and recruiting donors for this worthy cause.

Otis Strong and William Bolden, seniors, are the student chairmen. Assisting in this program will be Mrs. Georgia Smith, Mrs. Addie Griffin, the Health and Physical Education Department, and the Physical Education Majors Club.