

SCHOLARCADE— “And you thought they only serviced us”



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If you missed the event that occurred Sunday, February 1, 1981 at 6:00 pm in Moore Hall Auditorium, you missed a portion of Elizabeth City State University's history. If you attended the event, congratulate yourself because you witnessed a Faculty-Administration-Staff wonder: the first annual "Scholarcade."

In the fall of 1980, an idea was presented to the Academic Administrative Council which introduced the concept of a talent show with the administration, faculty, and staff as the participants. The purpose of the show would be to raise funds needed to provide scholarships and academically related enrichment experiences for students.

Dr. Jimmy Jenkins, Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the originator of the

idea said that it was a "hot one" on his mind. After it was presented to the council, they became very excited--the idea had ignited!

The name "Scholarcade," a product of the words "scholarship" and "cavalcade," was coined for the show.

On opening night nervousness pursued, but with a Chorus Line that dazzled the opening of the show with its top hat routine, and mistress of ceremonies, Dorothy Smith along with master of ceremonies, Dr. Harry Ghee delighting the audience with witty lines, the Scholarcade was a big hit.

Models glided across the stage in disco, African, and Pakistani attire. Dr. King's "I Have A Dream" and James Weldon Johnson's "Creation" echoed in the air. Solos that ranged from religious to pop to Taiwanese folk songs were greatly en-

joyed with our own Dr. Jenkins singing "One In A Million."

The Modern Languages Department rendered a dramatic performance entitled "Revolt In The Roman Empire" which made the audience roar with laughter. The Music Department accompanied a majority of the acts and a piano solo was beautifully performed by Dr. Rachel Gragson.

Ringed with patriotism was a poem called "The Hostages" written and recited by Reverend James Ellis who wore a yellow ribbon draped around his body in honor of their return.

A great deal of work, planning, and rehearsing was put into the Scholarcade and as a result, it is to become an annual event.

— and we only thought that they could teach or administrate...

Did you catch the flu?

By Tamara Wright

According to Mrs. Margaret Brooks, Registered Nurse at the University Health Center, over 300 ECSU faculty members and students were stricken with

the flu during the month of January of this year, suffering from any combination of ailments such as fever, headache, sore throat,

nausia, aching joints, depression, fatigue, vomiting, diarrhea, running nose, and watery eyes.

The first signs of the epidemic began just after the Christmas break and lasted

for almost the entire month of January as a constant rate. Approximately ten cases were referred to Albermarle Hospital for further treatment, and in only one case, pneumonia was diagnosed.

The strain of the flu prevalent on campus was not confirmed due to lack of time and facilities needed to isolate the bacteria contracted from anyone suffering with the flu, according to Mrs. Brooks.

Antibiotics, aspirin for headache and fever, increased fluid intake and proper rest were prescribed for the flu sufferers.

Brooks says that the epidemic is "hopefully over," but another illness seems to be afflicting many

students. Gastroenteritis, which is the inflammation of the stomach and intestines, symptomized by diarrhea and vomiting, seems to be quickly taking over.

A bulletin was made available in the infirmary for students having colds and flu-like symptoms. Despite warnings posted in the bulletin, many flu sufferers remained in their rooms, or walked around campus and attended classes without any medical treatment, according to one dorm counselor. This may have been the cause of the quick spread of the flu since so many were coughing, sneezing, and having chills while in class or elsewhere.



A Closer Look

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Everyday at 4:00 pm, a familiar sound can be heard in Williams Hall. An harmonious sound that is familiar, but words that are, sometimes, rather foreign, enhances the air. If I were to sneak-a-peak in the choir room, just out of curiosity, one would recognize the source of such a sound: The Elizabeth City State University Choir---the Governor's choice.

Step into the note-filled room and experience something completely different from anything you have ever known. Like a chorus of the fairy-world, the notes dance upon particles of air producing rich, pure spirituals, hymns, pastorals and variations of classical.

As if strings were invisibly attached from the voices of the students to the tips of his fingers, the conductor of the choir, Billy C. Hines, skillfully directs. Hines is a graduate of Stillman College and received his MA from Columbia University. He has been directing the Elizabeth City State University Choir for five years. When asked if he enjoys direction and working with the choir, the response was: "Indeed!"

With fingers that dance across the keyboard, the accompanist, Ms. Vendetta Sutton aids the choir in keeping "in tune." She is a graduate of Elizabeth City State University and uses her abilities to the utmost to insure instrumental back-up.

The choir never tires of its on-going job of accompanying speakers, rendering music

for memorial services, providing songs for the enjoyment of high school students and assuring music at many prestigious events. Recently, the choir was asked to sing at the Inauguration of North Carolina's governor, Jim Hunt, an invitation that any choir would have been honored to receive. Showing its dependability, the choir shorted its Christmas vacation to return to perfect a performance requested by the Governor.

Some of the members of the choir who were asked if they had been annoyed because of the cut in vacation replied: "No, it meant a lot to the choir to receive such an honorable invitation."---Raynell Vesselles. "No I was quite excited!"---Cynthia Artis. "It was an enjoyable occasion."---Pricilla Williams.

Paulette Woodard, a student who attends Elizabeth City State University, spoke of the choir as being very nice. She says, "I'm very proud of them!" Another student, Phyllis Carlton, states that the choir is "very good."

In the past the Elizabeth City State University Choir has graced such states as Georgia, South Carolina, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and Pennsylvania with their many performances. This year their annual spring tour is north-bound. Their repertoire will consist of classical, spiritual, and secular arrangements.

The Elizabeth City State University--- the name that means quality.