



Shirley Chisholm

Chisholm: catalyst for change

"My mission in society until the day I die is to be a catalyst for change. I'm not finished yet."

Those words—coming, as they do, from Shirley Chisholm—can be taken not only as a promise but as a prophecy. Stirring things up has been a specialty of Ms. Chisholm and there is no sign that she is about to quit.

Although her history-making political career seems to be behind her, she is still very much on the national scene.

Born in Brooklyn, in 1924, she spent most of her early childhood in Barbados in the West Indies and carries the lilt of the island speaking style yet today.

After four years in the New York State Assembly, in 1968, she became the first black woman elected to the United State Congress.

She quickly established herself as a force to be reckoned within the House. She was assigned to the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Forestry and Rural Villages. The subcommittee certainly didn't deal with the matters of importance to her constituents— all urban dwellers—many of whom lived in Bedford-Stuyvesant.

So, despite being admonished by the Speaker of the House to "be a good soldier," Chisholm made the unprecedented move of placing an amendment before the House to remove her name from the committee assignment.

She was successful and won instead a seat on the Veteran's Affairs Committee from where she could help some of her constituents.

"Politicians respect me for my intelligence," she told a reporter when she first moved to Washington. "But they don't like me for my independent spirit. On certain issues, they are somewhat afraid of my mouth."

In 1972, she became the first black to campaign seriously for the Democratic Party nomination as its candidate for president.

"I got tired," she explained of "voting for the lesser of two evils."

In 1977, the Congresswoman made history again when she became the first black to sit on the powerful House Rules Committee.

In Congress, Chisholm worked for daycare for children of working mothers, increased federal financing for education, minimum wages for domestics, funding for black colleges and a wide variety of legislation benefiting minorities, including blacks, Hispanics and Indians.

In 1982, she announced that she would not seek re-election—saying she wanted to have a less hectic life. But it hasn't worked out that way.

A teacher and educational administrator for 16 years before she entered politics, she received

offers from 30 universities when she retired. Chisholm chose to teach at Mt. Holyoke College in Massachusetts, largely because it was flexible, allowing her to take semesters off now and then.

Today, in addition to performing her duties at Mt. Holyoke, giving guest lectures at other universities across the country and maintaining a hectic speaking schedule, she is president of the new National Black Women's Political Congress. The organization seeks to encourage more blacks to participate in politics.

She has written two books: Her biography, "Unbought and Unbossed" and one about her campaign for the presidency, "The Good Fight." Now she is at work on the third, "The Illusion of Inconclusion."

She describes it as "an account of my political experience and how I thought I was included only to find I had to start over again several times."

Shirley Chisholm is one of 13 people selected for "Gallery of Greats: 20th Century Black Political Firsts," a collection of oil portraits commissioned by Miller Brewing Company. The collection, which honors all blacks who have served in public office, is on a national tour of art galleries in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, Cleveland, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, and Denver, as well as several universities.

Visiting Fast Food Lane

by Minor Wiggins

In Elizabeth City one encounters what we call Fast Food Lane, a group of fast food restaurants that will appeal to the biggest critic's hunger. I thought it would be fun to taste a little bit here and there, then report my findings. Here's the latest burger news.

McDonald's is one place I will never forget. It's the place where I picked the wrong time to visit. It was a Sunday, around 4:30 p.m., and when I pulled up the drive-in was packed and the lines inside were extremely long.

When I finally got a chance, I ordered their fabulous McDLT. It supposedly separates the hot from cold, the greatest discovery since the cup. In my opinion, the guy who made this discovery was too lazy to fix burgers, so he

thought of the McDLT. When I pay money for a burger, I want it to be hot and already fixed. Any way it was very good, but I do have a question. How do we stop all the stuff from falling out of the bun when we bite into it?

Later that night, I crashed Burger King, you know the place we call, "Home of the Whopper." I ordered a whopper with no onions and pickles, hoping that all the stuff would not slide out now. The tomatoes slid out on my second bite, but it was delicious just the same. Monday, I cruised into Hardee's where "It's all there." I ordered that famous "Big Deluxe Combo" and to my surprise it was tasty. The service was quick and friendly.

Next on my "hit list" in order were: Wendy's, Sonic, and the Little Mint. Wendy's provided

me with it's Bacon Cheeseburger which was a hard decision, because you get charged with this, and charged for that, I mean 5¢ for lettuce, 10¢ for tomatoes, etc. So I ordered the burger plain and got the rest of the toppings from home.

I encountered the Sonic Burger next and it suited my needs. The service was good, and they even passed out mints to kill the onion smell. Last on my list was the least known Little Mint, which served me a Double Cheeseburger, which was fair, and the service was okay too.

So there you have a glimpse of several fast food joints in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. On an overall rating, they were about a 7.5 on a scale of 1 to 10.

Operations test cadets' skills

During a Field Training Exercise held on April 10-13 at Ft. Bragg, NC, Cadet Lieutenant Reynolds, assisted by Cadet Lieutenant Peele taught basic rifle marksmanship to prospective Advanced Camp Cadets from St. Augustine's College, Elizabeth City State University and Shaw University.

Besides basic rifle marksmanship, cadet leadership skills were evaluated in tactical operations. A mission was given to selected cadets and their leadership skills were immediately

put into action. Each cadet was eventually given the position of squad leader and team leader. Squads had to cross danger areas, eliminate known enemy positions, react to direct and indirect fire, establish a hasty defense and react to various other situations.

At the end of each tactical exercise, cadets were evaluated by the MS IV's (Senior Cadets) and the Cadre on the leadership dimensions of decisiveness, technical competence, oral communication skill, followership,

judgement, planning and organizing, initiative, influence, problem analysis, delegation, sensitivity, administrative control and physical stamina. The field training exercise was comprehensive and met several training objectives. The MS III's (Junior Cadets) learned basic rifle marksmanship and tactics while the MS IV's learned how to properly prepare tactics lanes, conduct training classes and perform staff duties.

Business club prepares students

The Phi Beta Lambda Business Club is an organization designed for all business majors. It aims to assist students in creating a positive business-type atmosphere on campus.

One of the club's goals is to prepare students for entering the job market. Students learn the correct way to speak and dress for success in the business world. Parliamentary procedure and overall development are also explained and demonstrated for club members.

Beginning as one of the smallest organizations on campus with only five members last fall, the club has grown to one of the larg-

est groups with 42 members now. It has contributed to the ECSU family by working on many projects: sponsoring bake sales and raffles, issuing credit card applications, holding programs on Apartheid, and representing the business department at various career functions. Several projects were not business oriented but members felt the need to discuss and work on them.

According to club president Curtis Jackson, "We feel that there are a lot of issues that should be brought up on campus, but we have found a lack of participation. The business club uses motivation and determination to

keep its operation running smoothly.

Jackson attributes the club's success to the membership's dedication and hard work. Mrs. Emma Sutton, Mr. John Carson, Mrs. Vera Storey, Attorney Harold Barnes and Dr. E. Oriaku have assisted the club according to Jackson.

Cadets seek Airborne Wings

Airborne, lead the way! Do you think you have what it takes to step up to the door of an aircraft, look down at the drop zone, jump 1,000 feet and land safely, ready to fight? It takes a special kind of person to volunteer for this type of training. We at ECSU have Cadets who are willing to take this challenge.

Airborne Training will be conducted at Fort Benning, Ga. and Fort Bragg, N.C. Upon successful completion of Airborne Training, these Cadets will receive the "Badge of Courage," their Airborne Wings, to be worn proudly on the ROTC uniforms and qualify to wear the maroon beret on the ECSU campus. The Airborne

list includes: Teodoro Anderson, Edward Deans, Rodney Haggins, Mechelle Hale, Leon Hall, JoAnn Joyner, Dallas Peele, William Pone, Alvin Smith, Frank Smith, Frederick Spencer and Cornelius Warren.

Inquiring reporter

by Deborah Carr

Do you believe in abortion?

Name: Pamela Watford

Answer: "No, I do not believe in abortion for any reason, because I feel it is murder. It is taking the life of an innocent child."

Name: Jacqueline Keys

Answer: "No, because I feel it is wrong and it is taking the life of another human being."

Name: Dianna Lassiter

Answer: "No, I do not believe in abortion for any reason. I think that it is wrong and I do not like it."

Name: Lavette Washington

Answer: "Yes, I believe in abortion in the case of rape. If I

were raped by an unknown person I would have an abortion because I do not know anything about him. He could be the carrier of a disease that could affect my child's health."

Name: Patrice Johnson

Answer: "No, I do not believe in abortion. I feel if a female is willing to have intercourse with a guy, she is also capable of facing the consequences that may occur."

Name: Darlene Simmons:

Answer: "Yes, I believe in abortion. Some women may have medical reasons why they cannot carry a child. Some may not be able to afford a child at the time they become pregnant."



Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Mr. Shawn Smith and Dr. Yvonne King presented a modern day version of Romeo and Juliet during the 1986 Scholarcade program.

photo by Kathi Lindsey

Services Club Organized

A new club has been organized at Elizabeth City State University to assist Special Services students. The organization's purpose is to promote the intellectual, cultural and social development of present and former Special Services students. The club will also provide service to the campus and the community.

The club is called the Special Services Club until the membership selects a permanent title. Special emphasis will be given to the enhancement of the self and public image of each member and image of the university.

The organization meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, from August to May, at the Educational Psychology Building, in room 106. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee consists of Tony Ferabee, Mario Skinner, Clinton Williams, Tina Corda, Susan Mahaffey (ex-officio) and Maxina Baskerville (ex-officio).