

Glad To Have You Frosh

The time has now arrived for you to forget the things you did last summer." Vacation is over now for you in every sense of the word. You have now emerged from the "crazy" stage or the adolescent period and are now standing on the threshold of manhood. You must put away all childish things because when you entered this campus' gates you automatically divorced yourself from all semblances of an adolescent and accepted the challenge and the accompanying responsibility of a college student. You must gird yourself for the inevitable hurdles and the difficulties you will have to face. You must prepare yourself to meet the challenge you have accepted.

Like all Freshmen you have developed an outstanding and singular personality during your high school days. You have the type of personality that sticks out and you have subsequently rarely enjoyed taking a back seat in any affair. Since that is the case you may find it a bit hard at first to weather the well-meaning pranks and the embarrassing predicaments you may find yourself in on your first encounter with some of the upperclassmen who would have you realize that you are a Freshman. It may be hard at first for you to understand that you have descended (in a manner of speaking descended, but you have actually ascended) from the important individual that you were in your high school days when nothing important could go on without your presence to just another Freshman at North Carolina College. All of this you must get over quickly unless you develop a complex which could impair your ability to do your best work.

After you have recuperated from the orientations, encounters with the upperclassmen, and the routine of registration, which it is imperative that you do over the weekend, you must be ready to begin three quarters of hard work. Things are happening thick and fast in the outside world and there is little time for waiting around for you to get yourself adjusted. Too, you cannot afford to take the "I'll play my first years and settle down later" attitude. In order to get the entitled benefits of your college education you must begin to work hard the first day you start to class and not let up until you have earned that coveted "sheepskin."

North Carolina College and the Campus Echo welcome you heartedly and hope that you will be able to make a laudible contribution to the college and to the world community.

New Students Inherit Great Tradition

Thirty seven years ago, 130 students stood on the threshold of knowledge, when the National Religious Training School and Chautauqua opened its doors. Only a few frame structures dotted the hilly campus. Several faithful teachers heartily welcomed the students to this institution. This marked the beginning of what eventually came to be the North Carolina College at Durham, which today is one of the four Negro College members in the American Association of Colleges and Universities.

Dr. James E. Shepard, founder and first President of this institution, must have realized the need for well trained leaders, and the role the college must play in training youth for service. With this philosophy, Dr. Shepard established the first and only state-supported Liberal Arts College for Negroes in America. His passionate devotion and keen interest helped to build this great institution which hundreds of students now have as the ideal place to continue their education. Perseverance and faith in God enabled Dr. Shepard to press forward in the dark days of the school's beginning when financial difficulties and hardships tried to block his path. He saw the school auctioned. He saw fire destroy several buildings, but he knew someday this institution would be the Mecca of educational opportunities. The indomitable spirit that enabled Dr. Shepard to press forward provides a challenging lesson for new students.

As new students of North Carolina College, you no doubt are mindful of what will be expected of you. Campus life is four-fold: intellectual, cultural, religious and social. Certain standards regarding scholarship must be maintained. As a new student, you will find that hard work and study will be necessary to achieve this goal. Various concerts and recitals are presented for the interest and entertainment of the students. An important part of the religious side of campus life is the Vesper Hour held each Sunday afternoon. At these services students have the opportunity to listen to noted speakers who bring challenging messages. The social life needs no comments. Usually college students take care of that. What about you?

The light of culture, intellect and good citizenship burns bright and is ever held high under the leadership of our President, Dr. Alfonso Elder. It is yours to follow him and his corps of teachers who will be your instructors, counselors and friends. They, too, inherit the tradition of a glorious past. As you walk the sloping hills and the verdant green, may you ever be mindful of the tradition you and other students now inherit.

R. NATHANIEL NILES

KEEPING UP . . .

With Louise Jackson

Welcome Freshmen! "Keeping Up" greets you with encouragement for the school year. First "Keeping Up" is a column designed to be a medium for students on various issues of campus or outside life. Your scribe wishes to help present the "lighter" side of college events in a more interesting vein.

After walking over the campus, you have probably found many points of interest, and to fully learn to love your school it will be necessary to find out all you can about its campus and about it. All around you will find the bonds of joviality and friendliness which bind us all into a common brotherhood of understanding and fellowship as students.

One of the main elements you'll have to contend with is homesickness. You'll miss the drug store or the "joint" where the gang used to hangout, and if this is your first trip away from home you'll miss mom and dad so very much, but gradually you'll even slip out of the habit of continually longing for home. Time, then is the essential element to your rate of progress here at school. However you must not while away a whole quarter trying to get in the "swing of things." Lost time at school is not easily made up.

And finally, freshmen usually bear the brunt of many practical jokes and blunt remarks by upperclassmen. This practice of molesting freshmen is however, outmoded and surely you'll hear nothing more than a few blunt but well meaning remarks.

Overall you will like the air of familiarity among students and you must make your place secure in the "student brotherhood of North Carolina College.

The Quizzer

By Louise Jackson

The Quizzer is the organ of expressed opinion of the students of North Carolina College. In this column each month, we choose a question of local or national interest and conduct interviews with various students from different classes to observe the student reactions to current happenings.

Ye Olde Quizzer was unable to contact the students for this issue but will be on hand next month with a question and answers on some current event.

So watch for the Quizzer!!

Greetings From Senior Class

It is a happy privilege of the members of the Senior Class to welcome the Freshman Class of 1948 to the campus of North Carolina College at Durham. We hope that here you may find ample opportunities for the development of your various talents, capacities, personalities, to the fullest degree possible; that you may live richer lives through your contact with an institution of higher learning; and that you may make life-long friends as a result of your stay here.

We, the members of the senior class, stand ready at all

This Should Be Best Year For N. C. C.

As this school year begins we want to extend greetings and a most hearty welcome to the Freshmen and all other new comers to our college community. We are sure that the old students join us in assuring you that you will enjoy your college life here. We think of North Carolina College as one of the finest institutions in the nation for the youth to continue their education.

We would like to extend best wishes to the new Student Council for a most successful year. It is up to you to prove your ability and your necessity to the student body. It is also up to you to make the Democratic student government a tremendous success or a disastrous failure!

To our college mates old and new, it is up to us to give the Student Council our complete physical and moral support. We can do this by attending all of their meetings and assemblies and by taking active parts in those meetings and assemblies. If we do these things the Student Council will be the success we all have hoped for.

We want to assure our readers that we, the staff of the Campus Echo expects this year's Echo to be the best paper ever published on our campus. We are sure that with your cooperation the entire staff has promised that it will be the best year yet for the Echo.

Let us all make this the best year of our school career in every field, scholastic, social, and in the field of sports. It can be our most successful year if we each do our very best. At least that's the way it seems to me.

Juniors Extend Welcome

On behalf of the members of the Class of '50, I wish to welcome you to North Carolina College. It has been traditional for the Junior Class to orientate the freshman class to the modes of college life. This year being no exception, we hope that freshman week will be most helpful in your attempt to bridge the gap between high school and college.

We invite you to study with us, laugh with us, cry with us, and work with us.

There will be times when each one of us will be disheartened and discouraged. Sometimes we will disagree violently. However, this is where our strength as a body will be envolved. Our institution is not designed to bring about uniformity of opinion: if it was, we might well abandon hope. The essential characteristic of true intellectual free-

dom is that under its shelter many different schools of thought and belief can develop unmolested and unobstructed.

You are here at a time when this institution is undergoing a change in philosophy. We might well say that we are in the transitional period of North Carolina College, where, student initiative is stimulated to the utmost. A great deal of faith and trust has been placed in our hands. The decisions we make in the next few years will determine whether we will continue to hold this place in the College's program.

Self-discipline, devotion to duty, scholastic achievement and wholehearted cooperation on the part of all will keep us in the roles we now occupy. Whether we thrust back into the positions of obscurity that we occupied during the pre-transitional period will depend on us.

Herer in lies our challenge. I am sure we can meet this challenge and not betray the trust that has been placed in us.

William Randolph Johnson, President, Class of 1950.

times to make you welcome and to lend any assistance possible in helping you become adjusted to your new environment. We (Please turn to Page Three)



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