

Cheek To Star As Hamlet Thursday Nite

Students Attend Baptist Meet

Baptist students at North Carolina College were represented at the annual Baptist Student Union Convention held recently in Winston-Salem by four delegates. The delegates were Mable Poston, Shelby; Bettye Leach, Pittsboro; Lawrence Hampton, Leaksville; and Mary Moore, Statesville.

Delegates made reports to the local Student Union in their bi-monthly meeting last week. Included were reports on resolutions made at the convention as well as a report of the group's apology to a leading Baptist clergyman whose scheduled appearance at the convention was cancelled at the last minute.

Branch Here

The NCC Branch is one of the forty student Baptist groups active in North Carolina colleges and universities. All are members of the Baptist Student Union.

The B.S. U. at Shaw University in Raleigh leads all Negro colleges in membership with 750 members. There are 42 members of the local organization. There are 800 Baptist students on the North Carolina College campus.

The Baptist group is a free-will organization which offers spiritual and social contact and enlightenment. Among their programs for the year is the annual spring retreat in Nashville, Tennessee. The retreat this year will be held at Ridgecrest, N. C., and will be open to Baptist students throughout the world.

Officers

Officers of the local organization are Mary Moore, president; Paula Bennett, secretary; Lawrence Hampton, first vice-president; Jeraldine Garewood, second vice-president; James Thurman, third vice-president; Annie Saunders, treasurer; Roberta Jones, musical director; Clara Wertz, assistant musical director; Thelma Melvin, publicity director; Marian Winslow and Jewel Cherry publicity committee.

Student Of The Month

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PATSY BREWINGTON

The Echo staff names Miss Patsy Dolores Brewington the outstanding student of this issue and of the month.

Patsy, an English major and senior, has been chosen on the bases of scholarship, personality and outstanding contributions to campus life.

Since coming to North Carolina College three years ago, Patsy has lived up to splendid record which she set in high school. She attended the Sampson Training School where she

was an honor student and active in numerous campus activities. She was a member of the Glee Club and the dramatics group. She also served on the yearbook staff and was secretary of her class during her sophomore and junior years. She was graduated as valedictorian.

Since entering NCC, Patsy has continued to make high academic averages and has been active in numerous campus affairs. She is a member of the Alpha Kappa Mu Honorary Society of which she is director of publicity for the local branch. She is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Dormitory House Councils of McLean and Rush Halls, the Intercollegiate Council, and the French Club. On the basis of her splendid record during three years of campus and dormitory life, she was chosen this year to act as one of the senior counselors for freshmen women.

Patsy's hobbies are stamp collecting, photography, reading, and listening to music. She is also an avid movie fan and loves to watch basketball—when NCC is winning, that is.

We are proud to salute Patsy Dolores Brewington—Student of the Month.

Honor Society Holds Initiation

Initiation and installation of officers for the Phi Alpha Theta National Historical Honorary Society were held in the Faculty Lounge of the Shepard Memorial Library, Nov. 19. Dr. Fletcher Green, head of the history department at the University of North Carolina, installed the officers. Seven graduate students from UNC assisted in the initiation ceremonies.

Officers installed were: president, Chester Gregory, graduate student, LaGrange; vice-president, Katie Nixon, senior, Wilmington; secretary, Lelia Davenport, senior, Leaksville; and treasurer, Bennie Streeter, sen-

ior, Greenville.

Membership in Phi Alpha Theta is open to all juniors, seniors or graduate students majoring in history. Members must have maintained and accumulative "B" average and a 2.5 average in the major field.

Faculty members of Phi Alpha Theta are: Dr. Helen Edmonds, Dr. T. R. Speigner, Dr. J. H. Taylor, Mr. Rubin Weston, and Mr. C. Jones, advisor.

The chapter has received from several parts of the country congratulatory letters for being the first Negro college to become affiliated with the twenty-two-year old organization.

A senior, Robert Cheek, will play the title role in Shakespeare's "Hamlet," which is to be staged by the college dramatics group in the B. N. Duke Auditorium next Thursday night, December 3.

Speaking Choir Gives Program

The choral speaking group, under the direction of Miss Mary L. Bohanon, was featured at the verper services, Nov. 22, in conjunction with the Thanksgiving celebration. This group was led by Barbara Lumpkin, Vera Williams, freshmen; David Reid, sophomore, and Jacqueline Barnes, senior. Robert Holland assisted at the organ. Scripture and prayer were given by Ivan Dixon.

Members of the choral speaking group are Barbara Lumpkin, Mary Andrews, Elsie Hodge, Hattie Wright, Susie Morgan, James L. Potts, Valerie Powe, Willia Robinson, Irvin Stroud, Shirley Williams, Clarice Stith, Janie A. Sykes, Vera Williams, Shirley James, David Reid and Jacqueline Barnes.

Lamp Club Elects 4 New Officers

Members of the Lampodas Club met November 17 to select officers and make a few plans for the year.

Their officers are president, James Thurman; vice-president, Thomas Hardy; secretary, Ernest Ward, and treasurer, Ivan Dixon.

The Lamps plan to give a tea on Palm Sunday and to present two shows in B. N. Duke Auditorium later this year. Their project for the year is to get for the club a lamp, which is their symbol.

This will be the first production for the drama group this year. According to Miss Mary L. Bohanon, directress, the play has been in rehearsal since shortly after the beginning of school.

Cheek is well-known on the local stage for his outstanding performances in past productions of "The Philadelphia Story" and "Othello." He is a native of New York City where he attended high school and began his career as an actor.

Opposite Cheek in the role of Ophelia will be Myrtle Peele, a sophomore. Miss Peele, who comes from Rich Square, North Carolina, is noted for her memorable performance in "See How They Run" last year.

Another senior, Ivan Dixon, will play the role of Claudius, King of Denmark. Ivan is a veteran with the local troupe having appeared in every major production of the group for the past four years.

Others in the cast include Arthur Wright, Durham, as Polonius; Lorenzo Battle, Rocky Mount, as Horatio; Joseph Thompson, Greensboro, as Laertes; Leon Nelson, Charlotte, as Rosencrantz; Sherman Perry, Philadelphia, as Guildenstern and Osric; Herman Smith, Fayetteville, a priest; Alfonso Jacobs, Burgaw, as Mercurius; Rudolph Smith, Fayetteville, as Francisco; Robert Holland, Apex, Faye Jamison, Durham, and Joel Wanzer, Pittsburg, players; Rudolph Reid, High Point, a clown; Julian Wright, Durham, as Fortinbras; Jacqueline Barnes, Sanford, as Gertrude; and Arthur Wright, Durham, the Ghost. Wanzer will also play Berando.

Stanley Ferber will be in charge of the sets. Assisting in the production are Archie Vann, lighting effects; Savannah Mitchell, Carolyn Jerry and Rudolph Smith, stage group. Costumes will be furnished by Van Horne of Philadelphia.

Dr. James E. Shepard Paid High Tribute By New York Minister

"Dr. James E. Shepard was too large to be completely housed by denomination; he was too tender of heart to fail in recognition of divine wonder; and he was too far advanced beyond the age in which he lived to submit to the pettiness of those who lived just for today."

Thus spoke Dr. Charles E. Stewart in honor of the founder of North Carolina College at Durham in special Founder's Day services held here recently. The noted minister from Albany, New York called Dr. Shepard one of North Carolina's leading pioneers, "one who helped to make Durham the outstanding southern city it is today."

Others Speak

Others participating on the Founder's Day program were President Alfonso Elder, who presented the speaker; Elliott B. Palmer, student government president, who spoke on behalf of the students; James T. Taylor, alumni association president, who spoke for NCC graduates; the Rev. Fred Hunter, Rector of St. Titus Episcopal Church; the Rev. E. T. Browne, pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church; and Dr. Miles M. Fisher, pastor of White Rock Baptist Church.

Truth And Service

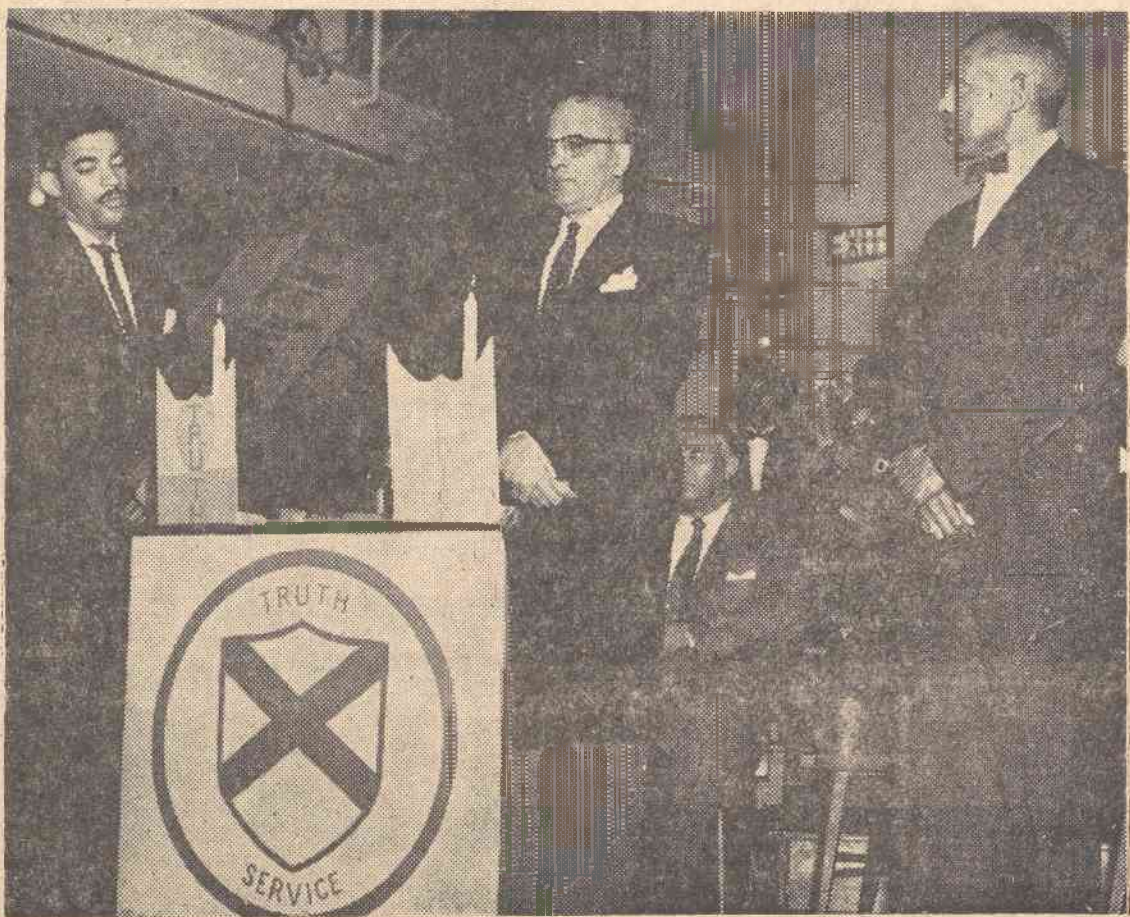
Palmer, Taylor and President Elder participated in the traditional truth and service ceremonies which rededicated the college, alumni, and staff to con-

tinued service and pursuit of truth. Palmer and Taylor also laid a wreath on Dr. Shepard's tomb in Beechwood Cemetery in special ceremonies following the campus program.

In his address, Dr. Stewart called attention to the hardships Dr. Shepard endured in the founding of North Carolina College. "Now look at this college," he said. "No matter what anyone says, no matter who sticks out his chest as a participant, how proud Durham may be, all must submit to the proposition that Dr. Shepard started it, built it, caused it to grow to large proportions."

Integration

The speaker then linked North Carolina College with "the new awakening which is seeping through the world today on all continents and all nations except one." "This is bringing in a system of integration by which men and women will not be received according to pigmentation, but by merits as to intelligence and character. The day is close at hand when the schools of learning everywhere will lock arms as comrades in an intellectual fellowship searching for truth. The dangers of the destruction of modern civilization now facing this world call us to either come under the banner of truth or die under the onslaught of an encroaching despotism."



Three of the participants in North Carolina College's sixth Annual Founder's Day Convocation are shown here after a symbolic ceremony in Durham recently. President Alfonso Elder, center, presided at the rites that witnessed the presentation of the college's symbols of truth and service to Elliott B. Palmer, left, student leader, and James T. Taylor, right, president of the national NCC Alumni Association. Dr. Charles E. Stewart, pastor of Israel A. M. E. Church of Albany, New York, delivered the Founder's Day address.