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Business Chain And Students Plan Festive Homecoming Day

Jim Crow Rules Roost At UNC

Does the University of North Carolina still practice racial segregation despite the Supreme Court's decision outlawing it?

"Yes," says **The Daily Tar Heel**. UNC's only two resident Negro students occupy private rooms in Steele Dormitory while white students, elsewhere in the same dormitory, live three in a room. In addition, there are two other rooms, which are unoccupied, in the section where the Negroes live. The story quotes Housing Officer James E. Wadsworth as saying that white students have requested permission to move into the uncrowded dormitory area, but that he had directions "to reserve the rooms for Negroes only."

The two Negro students, James Slade and Romalius Murphy, were quoted as saying that they weren't worried by the Jim Crow set-up at UNC. Slade is a medical student, and Murphy is a law student.

The **Daily Tar Heel** ran front page feature stories on segregation on October 6 and 7. The first story, written by Ruth Dalton, traced the history of integration in higher education and concludes, "I suggest that the greatest positive consequence (of integration) may be that the South will be rid of a hated symbol of second class citizenship." The Oct. 7 article, which was based on UNC student opinion, concludes that "integration will work."

Founder's Day Speaker Named

Dr. H. U. Richard, president of Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Ga., will deliver the Founder's Day address in Duke Auditorium at 11 A.M., Wednesday, November 4.

The Founder's Day service is held annually in honor of the late Dr. James E. Shepard, founder and first president of NCC. Dr. Shepard died Oct. 6, 1947.

Dr. Alfonso Elder, President of NCC, will preside at the ceremonies. Among platform guests will be Dr. M. M. Fisher, pastor of the White Rock Baptist Church, and Dr. C. E. McLester, president of the Durham Interdenominational Ministers Alliance. Alumni, students, and trustees will participate in the program. Dr. Fisher assisted by Dr. McLester will officiate at grave-side rites at Beechwood Cemetery following the service in Duke Auditorium.

The NCC Choir, under the direction of Mr. Samuel W. Hill, will furnish the music.



JANIE SYKES

Janie Sykes Is Landslide Winner In Delayed Contest; Reigns Today

Beautiful sophomore Janie Sykes reigns today as "Miss North Carolina College Homecoming," having defeated her two opponents by an overwhelming margin in the election held last Wednesday, October 13. Janie polled 501 votes in the election which saw her become a *cause celebre*.

Some 845 students, believed to be the largest student vote in

Homecoming Queen history, turned out to the polls to culminate a chain of much publicized pre-election events. Originally scheduled for Friday, Oct. 8, the election was postponed when confusion arose following Dean Louise M. Latham's refusal to "O.K." Miss Sykes' candidacy.

Dean Latham's reservations were apparently based upon an incident which occurred last year in the Canteen when the co-ed was struck by a male student. The student was disciplined and is no longer at NCC.

The Dean's refusal set off a campaign involving 450 sophomores last Friday morning.

The "campaign" was followed by an appeal by the sophomores to the Student Welfare Committee, which ruled that the Lettermen's Club, the group which originally nominated Miss Sykes, should have final jurisdiction. The Club then renominated the comely co-ed unanimously and urged her election.

Losing candidates Janice Jones a junior, and Elaine Gregory, a senior, received 200 votes and 144 votes respectively. Thus, Sykes received a better than 300 vote margin over her nearest opponent.

The 1954 Queen comes from Columbia, North Carolina. She is an honor student majoring in Spanish, and a member of the Pyramid Club of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She will be crowned in half-time ceremonies at the Homecoming game today.

Band Will Show Its Wares Today

Eight lovely majorettes and mascots will "strut their stuff" in leading NCC's band before today's homecoming crowd.

The entire band organization, bolstered by 40 freshmen newcomers, has been going through practice drills daily in preparation for today's performance. Veteran Bandmaster, Wesley Howard, told **Echo** reporters that band members have been showing "unusual talent and enthusiasm" and give promise of "an outstanding exhibition" today.

Main events today are centered around the football game, which pits NCC against Maryland State, and the band's pregame and half time performances.

Majorettes and mascots included Lila Glenn, Hampden; Barbara McLinden, Washington; Valerie Wilson, Raleigh; Doris Williams, Kinston; Alice Henderson, Fayetteville; De-

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A mammoth parade, headed by lovely Janie Sykes, Miss Homecoming of 1954, and a gridiron battle between the undefeated "Eagles" and Maryland State College "Hawks" are the features in today's round of Homecoming events.

Alumni started arriving last night for the festivities. An overflow crowd is expected to attend the game at O'Kelly Field which has seating accommodations for 8,000. Johnny Wooten, Greenville senior, Student Government Publicity Officer, estimates that some 30,000 spectators may witness the parade.

According to the Homecoming committee, forty of NCC's student organizations are expected to participate in the day's program. Nathaniel B. White, president of the Durham Business and Professional Chain, and the entire executive board of the Chain have been working with the committee in the overall program for almost a month.

The parade, which contains floats entered by members of the Durham Business and Professional Chain and North Carolina College student organizations, is slated to begin at Durham Athletic Park at 12:00 noon.

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NCC Is Host To College Confab

The 29th North Carolina Negro College Conference will be held at NCC on November 17, according to Mrs. Frances Eagleson, chairman of the arrangement committee.

The theme of the one day session will be "Problems of securing jobs for Negroes in the various areas of employment, especially in this region."

Mr. Mayes Behrman of the American Friends Service committee will be the principal speaker at the conclave which will attract approximately one hundred delegates from Negro Colleges throughout the state.

Dr. Alvin Rose, a member of NCC's Sociology Department will be chairman of a "Bull Session" that will discuss Mr. Behrman's address.

Dr. James A. Boyer, Dean, St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, is president of the conference. Other officers are Dr. J. H. Douglass, Fayetteville State Teachers College, Fayetteville, vice-president; Dr. G. S. Davis, Elizabeth City State Teachers, secretary; Dr. Foster P. Payne, Dean, Shaw University, Raleigh, treasurer; and Mrs. E. G. Harris, Livingstone College, Salisbury, assistant secretary.



Leading the victory cheers for today are Cheerleaders, first row, left to right, Dorothy Butler, Audrey Flamer, Jean Bunche, Joyce McNeil; second row, Thelma Weaver, Mary Kershaw, Gwendolyn Williams; third row, Calvin Brown, Jerry Henderson, and Grady Bell.