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Durham Welcomes NCC Alumni

Thespians Mum On Duke Rumpus

"Mum" is the official word of NCC Thespians concerning the integration controversy at Duke University in which the NCC theatre group is directly involved.

Campus Echo reporters sought in vain a statement from Thespian president Barbara Lumpkin, Durham junior, last week when the heated issue broke in the Duke University Chronicle.

Barbara first said she needed to counsel with Miss Mary Bohanon, Thespian adviser, after which she declined comment, saying that the group would have nothing to say on the integration issue at Duke University.

The steps in the attempt at having integrated play audiences at Duke went like this:

1) The Executive Council of the Duke Players "wishing to repay several friendly gestures of the North Carolina College Dramatic Department" voted to invite NCC Thespians to attend their dramatic productions at Duke.

2) Their proposal was taken to the Duke administration who turned down the proposal on grounds that "we cannot invite anyone to come to our shows and performances without providing adequate facilities (restroom and seating) for them."

3) The Chronicle then published a front page story in which was revealed the attitude and reaction of the administration toward having integrated play audiences. The Chronicle also ran an editorial which condemned the administration for continuing to be guided by an "unwritten policy" of segregation.

According to the Chronicle, "It is time for the Board of Trustees to state a policy. We request, therefore, a guest editorial from them; we will reserve this lead editorial space in the issue two weeks (Oct. 28) from tonight for their reply."

Carmel Marr Speaks During U.N. Week

The annual United Nations Week was observed here 12:30 last Monday when the Forum Committee presented Mrs. Carmel Marr of the UN staff in an assembly address at B. N. Duke Duke Auditorium.

Mrs. Marr, a graduate of Columbia University Law School, 1948, has been on the UN staff since September, 1953.

In addition to receiving several awards and citations from various organizations, she has been the author of many monologues, performed for charity since 1939 at churches, auditoriums, and other meeting places.

Rating Group Checks College

North Carolina College was host to representatives from the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools on Oct. 17, 18, and 19.

Representing the Association were Dr. Preston Valien, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Kenneth G. Kuenher, Coker College, Hartsville, S. C.; and Dr. Richard M. Reser, Oglethorpe University, Oglethorpe, Georgia.

The purpose of the visiting representatives was to evaluate the college.

North Carolina College, founded in 1910, was given "B" rating in 1931, by the Southern Association. In 1937, NCC became an "A" rated institution. The visit recently concluded was the first since the college received its "A" rating.

The Southern Association consists of colleges and high schools, white and Negro, throughout the South. The purpose of the Association is to evaluate and rate the member institutions.

Local Lass Will Reign As Queen

Octavia Tedder, a senior Durhamite reigns today as "Miss Homecoming 1955."

Miss Tedder was chosen by the Lettermen's Club, along with two other candidates, Marlene Enoch, junior from Burlington, N. C., and Garlinda Carroll, sophomore from Enfield, N. C. to run in a campus-wide election for queen of the Homecoming festivities today.

"Miss Homecoming of 1955" and her attendant's hold several things in common. All three are commercial education majors and education minors and are looking forward to secretarial positions after graduations. They are also members of the Commercial Club.

Miss Tedder is a former member of North Carolina College Band and Miss Enoch is a member of the Ivy Leaf Club, pledge

Club to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.



OCTAVIA TEDDER



CAPT. MATT BOONE

Sneed Is President Of Co-eds' Govt.

Kitty Sneed, a senior music major of Durham, was elected president of the Women's Assembly for the current school year. Her election was confirmed during the second meeting of the Women's Assembly last week.

Upon accepting the presidency, Miss Sneed said, "I shall strive to carry out efficiently the responsibilities of this office. It is my belief that the combined efforts of this entire group will help us to attain the principles of womanhood as stated in our creed."

The newly-elected members of the Women's Assembly's steering committee are: senior at-large, Carolyn Black; freshman on-campus representative, Ruth Royster; and freshman off-campus representative, Sarah Bell.

Capital City Ready For Students' Meet

The 19th Annual North Carolina State Student Legislative Assembly, will convene at 4 p. m. in the capitol building in Raleigh Nov. 17-19. This assembly is attended by representatives from twenty-five colleges and universities in the State of North Carolina.

Bills concerning various state and local problems are presented for discussion by the junior senators and representatives in their respective houses.

Last year, North Carolina College sent five representatives to the NCSSLA. The representatives were Beatrice Cogdell, Peggy Hinton, Shirley Cannon, Lucille Reynolds, and Robert Perry.

The delegates for this year from North Carolina College have not been selected as yet. However, Robert Perry and Beatrice Cogdell, delegates to the Interim Council, the governing body of this assembly, indicated that plans are well underway to have NCC adequately represented at this conference.

It's Homecoming Day for several thousand alumni who are expected to return to Durham today for their annual visit to Alma Mater.

High point of the activity will be the football game between the NCC Eagles and the Bears of Shaw University. Game time is 2 p. m.

In honor of the occasion, the college, together with the Dur-



CAPT. ROSS HINES

Evans Taps Prof. For City Board

An NCC professor, Dr. Lincoln J. Harrison, Commerce Department chairman, has been appointed to the City Bond Advisory Committee by Mayor E. J. Evans.

Dr. Harrison is one of four Negroes appointed to the important finance committee. Others include J. H. Wheeler, president of Mechanics and Farmers Bank; Mr. W. J. Walker, manager of the Southern Fidelity Mutual Insurance Company; and Mr. J. S. Stewart, executive secretary of the Mutual Building and Savings Association.

The 40 member advisory committee will work with the City Council in determining what the city's bond needs are for various civic improvements and in deciding upon the amount of each bond issue to satisfy these needs.

Wright Is Founders Day Speaker

Dr. Stephen J. Wright, president of Bluefield State College, Bluefield, West Virginia, will deliver the annual Founder's Day address in Duke Auditorium at 11 a. m. on Thursday, November 3.

A graduate of Hampton Institute and Howard University with a Ph.D. degree from New York University, Dr. Wright formerly served as a high school teacher, principal, and prior to going to Bluefield, as dean of faculty at Hampton Institute.

NCC's Founder's Day commemorates the life and work of the late Dr. James E. Shepard, the college's founder and first president.

One of the features of the Founder's Day rites will be the

ham Business and Professional Chain, and the Durham populace at large have joined forces in an effort to make the occasion a memorable one. The Chain begins its annual celebration of Trade Week today in conjunction with the NCC Homecoming activities.

For the first time in recent years, the college has provided a central office for alumni. It is to be located in the Men's Gymnasium on the first floor.

The local campus has been a buzz with activity for over a month now since Homecoming Architects Alfred Fisher, Durham, and Clara Wertz, Charlotte, started mapping plans for the celebration.

In addition to the game and parade, which will throw the spotlight on "Miss Homecoming," beautiful Octavia Tedder, Durham senior, numerous other functions designed to appeal to alumni and students have been planned.

Activities began last Wednesday at 12 p.m. with the men of Chidley Hall's exuberant pep rally in B. N. Duke Auditorium. There were a TV show over WTVD featuring Homecoming principals Thursday at 3 p. m., registration for alumni in room 105 of the Men's Gym on Friday at 2, an alumni get-together at the Algonquin Tennis Club from 9 to midnight on Friday, and other campus activities including a 12:30 p. m. pep rally among students in B. N. Duke, a movie Friday night at 8:15 sponsored by the Athletic Committee in the Auditorium, followed by a bon fire Friday night at quarter to ten.

Today's schedule began with breakfast at 8:30 to 10:30 in the college's cafeteria and a coffee hour from 9:30 to 12:30 for former residents of Senior Hall.

Floats will be assembled at the Durham Athletic Park at 10 a. m., and the parade, which will lead fans to O'Kelly Field, scene of the grid clash, will begin at 11:30. There will be Homecoming Dance for alumni, students, and faculty members in the Women's Gym tonight from 8-12, and the annual Alumni Homecoming Dance at the W. D. Hill Recreation Center beginning at midnight.

The parade, which will feature (Continued on Page Ten)