

NCC Tops UF Drive Goal

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SHIRLEY JAMES, ECHO editor, and Horace G. Dawson, editorial advisor, are shown as they boarded a plane last week at Raleigh-Durham Airport. They were bound for Detroit, Michigan where they attended the Associated Collegiate Press Conference held November 17-19.

Students Offer Bill In Assembly

A bill to amend the laws of North Carolina with respect to postmortem medico-legal examinations, Chapter 973, article 30, of the 1955 session laws of North Carolina, was put forth by the 1955 North Carolina College delegation to the 19th Annual State Student Legislative Assembly, which met in Raleigh Nov. 17-19.

Representing North Carolina College at the Student Assembly were: Peggy Hinton, senior Gastonia; Gwendolyn McCalum, junior, Mocksville; Henry Fair, junior, Washington; Robert Perry, junior, Durham; Beatrice Cogdell, senior, Washington; Alfred Richardson, sophomore, Schenectady, N. Y.; Clifford Koontz, junior, Lexington; and Shirley Cannon, senior, Asheville.

The bill was presented in both houses of the legislature. It was presented by Robert Perry in the House of Representa-

tives and in the Senate by Henry Fair. At Echo press time the results of the bill were not known.

The Student Legislative Assembly, which was originated to stimulate interest in the legislative procedures of the State of North Carolina, conducted all its sessions of the mock government program in the Senate and Assembly Chambers of the State Building. More than 25 colleges and universities through the state were represented.

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DR. B. F. SMITH

Smith Is Officer In Bi-Race Group

Dr. Benjamin F. Smith, librarian of the James E. Shepard Memorial Library here, has been named one of the directors of the College and University Section of the Integrated North Carolina Library Association.

The North Carolina Library Association, which began to admit qualified Negroes in 1954, held its first integrated session at the Sheraton Hotel in High Point several weeks ago.

Most of the Negroes admitted were formerly affiliated with the North Carolina Negro Library Association, which dissolved at its last session in Charlotte, on November 4 and 5.

Thespians Slate T. S. Eliot Drama

The Thespians, North Carolina College drama group, will present T. S. Eliot's *Murder in the Cathedral* on December 16, in B. N. Duke Auditorium, according to an announcement from Miss Mary Bohanon, Thespian director and head of the Dramatic Arts Department. This will be the group's first production of the season.

Miss Bohanon went on to say that Theodore Gilliam, Florida freshman, in the leading role, will portray Thomas a'Becket. He will be supported by an able cast and a chorus composed of Beatrice Smith, Lillian Midgette, Shirley McIver, Helen Reed, Barbara Lumpkin, and Zelfhia Gray. Shirley Williams is in charge of costumes for the production.

Having selected their officers for the year, the thespians are preparing for a full season. Officers for the year are: president, Barbara Lumpkin, Durham junior; vice president, Lawrence Hampton; recording secretary, Elias Thompson; business manager, Clara Harri-son; parliamentarian, Helen Reed; and master and mistress of probation are Harry Moore and Zelfhia Gray respectively.

Working with the Thespians for the first time are recent probates Lillian Midgette, Joseph Bunting, Gerald Simmons, Drewlyn Richardson, Theodore Gilliam, Shirley McIver, Dollis Moore, Leonders Horton, Edward Chapman, Marion Brown, Beatrice Smith, Annetta Benton, Lautha Gray, James Hooler, Anthony Pitt, George Denton, Mabel Boone and Jeanne Britt.

Probation for new members was held early in the quarter.

Elder Leads 'Fair Share' Campaign

Failing to reach its \$376,000 goal, the Durham United Fund had to extend its city-wide drive for six days (until Friday, November 18.)

However, the extension had nothing to do with shortcomings

of NCC students, faculty, and staff, who exceeded their assigned quota of \$4,000 by contributing and pledging \$4,524.94 in the mammoth drive.

Led by NCC President Alfonso Elder, the drive on campus reached a climax on November 6, when Shirley James, substituting for Dr. Elder, told a city-wide T-V audience, "NCC has gone over the top in the United Fund Drive because everyone at the college was anxious to do his fair share."

Dr. Hollis Edens, President of Duke University, headed the drive in Durham this year. He was moderator on the program to which Shirley made the NCC report. Dr. Elder had appeared on two previous progress report programs on October 31 and November 2.

The campus drive was spearheaded among faculty and staff members by Dr. C. A. Ray and his staff in the News Bureau through a team of 'captains' in buildings and academic departments. Shirley James and Valeria Powe headed the campaign among students and student organizations.

Dr. Elder and Dr. Ray called for "one hundred percent" participation on the parts of students, staff and faculty members and the two co-ed captains asked for the same showing among student organizations. Although NCC went over the top in total contributions, it was not immediately clear at press time as to whether there had been one hundred percent participation.

Student organizations were asked to contribute 10c per member in line with a formula worked out by the student co-captains. Faculty and staff members were asked to contribute in proportion to their yearly incomes.

Students Survey City Businesses

Early in October, students from the Commerce Department began a survey of Negro businesses in the Durham area. The project was initiated by the 1955 Summer School Class in business statistics, which prepared the form on which the data is being recorded.

The survey is being conducted by twenty-one students who are currently enrolled in the class in business organization and management. Members of the class expect to spend the equivalent of two class hours in their visits to the local businesses. Although the first day was restricted to the businesses on Fayetteville and Pettigrew Streets, plans include visits to businesses in other areas at a later date.

The survey is in keeping with the trend of progressive college business departments and schools of business to have available directories of local businesses. Through these directories, college personnel are able to contact businessmen from time to time and to form closer relationships with business, thereby encouraging cooperative programs between business and education from which both businessmen and educators benefit.

Best Resource Is American Way, Prexy Tells Group

Addressing the Resource Use Education Conference held in Raeford at Upchurch High School earlier this month, President Alfonso Elder told his audience that "our greatest resource is the American Way of Life." This conference, consisting of some 450 teachers, was concerned with more effective methods of teaching.

Dr. Elder told this group that because the American Way of Life, with its emphasis on Democracy, is the one characteristic peculiar to America and not generally found in other countries, it is our duty to preserve and perpetuate this way of life. He added that educators have a good opportunity to help in the maintaining of the American way of life.

Dr. Elder went on to say "First, there should be a respect for the individual's right to be heard. Even though the individual may be wrong, he has the right to be heard just because he is a human being. Second, there should be a respect for the individual's right to be any

place where other human beings are for the simple reason that he, too, is a human being. Third, there should be respect for property or the possessions of others. Fourth, there should be a respect for law."

"By instilling such respects in students, educators can," Dr. Elder said, "aid in perpetuating the American Way of Life."

The Resource Conference included members from Hoke, Roberson, and Scotland Coun-

ties. Dr. T. R. Speigner, RUE director, was general coordinator.

Coaches Receive National Posts

Three North Carolina College coaches have been named to official posts with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, announced Talmadge L. Hill, district 29 chairman, Morgan State College, Baltimore, Maryland.

Herman H. Riddick, head football coach, has been appointed chairman of the football activities committee. Leroy T. Walker, head track coach, and Floyd H. Brown, head basketball coach, have both been named to the basketball activities committee.

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics is an interracial organization consisting of colleges and universities throughout the United States. The purpose of the Association is to integrate and improve athletics on the college level.

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