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College To Adopt Semester Plan

Foods Board Outgrowth Of Strike

Upward of \$10.00 worth of damage and a series of conferences at "the summit" resulted from an abortive student strike over "conditions in the dining hall" here Thursday, December 8.

As a result of the "grievance" conferences, a new dining hall committee was formed to eat periodically in the dining hall without prior notice and to pass on its findings and recommendations to dining hall officials.

The committee was appointed by President Elder.

Students reporting Thurs. for the evening meal decided to accept their plates but to let the food go untouched in protest over "food preparation, cleanliness, and attitude of dining hall personnel." As the demonstration continued, however, a number of students started breaking glasses and upsetting other dining hall equipment.

Arriving on the scene shortly after the demonstration began, Dean G. T. Kyle advised the students to "use other available channels" for expression of grievances. As a result, strike leaders discontinued the demonstration and held a series of meetings with an administrative committee.

The new dining hall committee will consist of six students, three of them native North Carolinians, and one each from the North, West and South, and four faculty and staff members. Both faculty and student groups will include food specialists.

Publications Hail Return Of Funds

BY WALTER DAVIS

Student publication officials began to breathe a little easier last week when President Alfonso Elder announced at a dinner party in his home that the State Budget Bureau is restoring \$1,200 of the \$1,800 originally deducted from the student activity fund.

Student Government officials and Echo staffers were guests of honor at the dinner.

Earlier in the year Mr. William Jones, business manager of the college, informed the Student Government that the Budget Committee had tapped the student activity fund for \$1,800 because of an expected decline in enrollment. This loss of funds created financial problems for the Campus Echo and the Eagle, North Carolina College student publications.

Both publications depend primarily on the funds received from the student activity budget, supplemented by advertising fees and subscriptions.

Now that two-thirds of the amount taken by the Budget Committee has been returned, the students of the college will not have to suffer the reduction in output that student publication felt would be necessary as a result of the large reduction in funds, officials said.



—Typical of the hundreds of co-eds making "Santa selections" for family, friends and beaux this past week is Retha Hughes, above, Fayetteville

Beginning with the September 1956 term, NCC will officially change from the quarter system to the semester system.

Although the change had been talked and "hanging fire" for more than a year now, it was made official last week by Dean G. T. Kyle in an announcement from his office. The Dean further stated in an interview with **CAMPUS ECHO** reporters that details are now being worked out by the faculty and the college's Executive Committee.

In connection with the change, Assistant Graduate Dean R. K. Barksdale last week released a report of the Committee on the Semester System dealing with the number of credit hours being recommended for graduation and the distribution of those hours among the core, major fields, minor fields, and in education and electives.

The report is to be reviewed by the faculty before it goes back to the Executive Committee for final action.

As now constituted, the plan calls for 124 semester hours credit for the A. B. degree, 56 of the hours to be earned in the core curriculum, 30 in a major field, 20 in a minor field, and 18 divided between education and electives.

The reports recommends the core hours to be distributed as follows: English, 13; Science or mathematics, 10; language, 6; art, 9; music, 2; hygiene, 2; physical education, 4; social science, 9; and dramatic art, 2.

Dean Kyle told reporters that he expected little difficulty in changing from the quarter to the semester system and said that the hour adjustments can be easily made. It is expected that such adjustments can be made without causing any students to be delayed in his graduation plans.

Senior Co-eds Give Needy Kids Early Christmas At Gala Party

Santa came early for 25 underprivileged boys and girls yesterday in the Senior Women's Dormitory.

The children, ranging in age from 4 to 6, were guests of the senior women who showered them with toys, some of them bought and others made by the sponsoring group.

Obviously enjoying the early Christmas, the youngsters sang carols, played games, and examined their toys with shining eyes.

Following the festivities, the kids were served hot chocolate and cookies. Mrs. Hortense McClinton, a social worker from Durham rounded up the needy children.

The Senior Hall Welfare Committee sponsored the Christmas

party. Geraldine Gatewood is chairman of the welfare committee, and Retha Hughes is president of the dormitory council.

Durham Lass In Raleigh Concert

Participating in Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's seventh annual musical concert, "Stars of Tomorrow," earlier this month in the Crosby - Garfield School Auditorium in Raleigh, was North Carolina College senior Lenoris Witherspoon.

Lenoris is a music major at NCC and a soloist with the college choir. Her voice coach is Mrs. C. Ruth Edwards of the NCC Music Department.

The young soprano, a native of Durham, and a graduate of Merrick-Moore High School in Durham County, sang "R'cit. and Aria-Deh vieni non tardar" by Mozart; Rachmaninoff's "In the Silence of the Night"; "Love is a Bauble" composed by Richard Leveridge; and "O don fatale—from "Don Carlos" by Verdi.

Accompanying Lenoris was Mr. Benjamin Gray, a member of the NCC Music Department.

Others participating in the concert were Barbara Graham, soprano, Virginia State College, and Mack Statham, pianist, Hampton Institute.

Each of the contestants received an honorarium of \$15. for his contribution to the concert.

According to the Phi Lambda



LENORIS WITHERSPOON

Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, the program is sponsored as an endeavor to introduce to the community outstanding talent found in some of our colleges, to give the public a greater appreciation for the type of training which the various music department give, and to encourage these promising collegiate artists.

This is the fifth year NCC has had a representative in the concert.

NCC Prof's Art Cracks Color Bar

By G. H. HUDSON

"Cybele," an original sculpture by Art Professor Edward N. Wilson, is now being exhibited in the 18th North Carolina Artists' Annual Exhibition in the Union Building at State College, Raleigh.

"Cybele" is an ancient Greek word meaning "the nourishing mother of man, giver of the arts of life and founder and upholder of cities and nations."



"CYBELE"

Mr. Wilson says that "Cybele" represents his conception of the universal woman and that although the facial features are taken from the three ethnic groups, the anatomy is "understandably universal." The NCC art professor's work was made possible by a Carnegie Fellowship Grant.

According to the officials of the state gallery, Wilson is the first Negro ever to have work accepted in the North Carolina Exhibits. Out of 250 entries, this work, along with six other sculptures and 29 paintings, were selected for exhibition.

Wilson comes from Baltimore, Maryland, and was graduated from Douglass High there. At the University of Iowa, he majored in art, specialized in sculpture, and graduated from the university's undergraduate and graduate schools, receiving A. B. and A. M. degrees.

Wilson came here in 1951 and 1952 began working on "Cybele." He has also a bust of Carolyn Pride, former NCC student and employee at A. and T. College, for the inaugural of A. and T.'s new Art Gallery.

Currently, Wilson is working on the first of a series of murals in the Fine Arts Building, depicting some phase of the development of the Negro.

Irate Durham Man Wrecks Caple's Car

Durham man, Jack Mitchell, was arrested last Friday and charged with malicious damage to an automobile which belongs to an NCC student, Frederick Caple.

Some time Thursday night Mitchell rammed his truck into the side of Caple's 1954 Oldsmobile, which was parked near Chidley Hall, broke out the window glass, punctured the tires, disconnected wires leading to the motor and damaged the dash board. The damage done is estimated in excess of \$1500.

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