



Campus Echo editor, Theodore Gilliam, is seen here at work as he prepares the first edition of the prize winning newspaper.

PRESIDENT EXTENDS WELCOME

To our returning students, I am happy to say welcome back home. It is my hope that this will be our best year. And, why not? Every new year means that one more year has been added to our experience, and we should profit by our experiences.

To each new student, I wish to extend special greetings. In order that you may know what you will discover in time, I wish to say to you that the people here at North Carolina College are friendly people. The North Carolina College is a friendly institution. If you should be interested in testing the validity of this statement, I would suggest that you try a simple experiment. To carry out this experiment, you have to do only one thing and that is to be friendly yourself. If you do this, you will notice at once how friendly other people are. "The best way to make friends is to be friendly."

The second thing that I wish to say at this time to our new students is that the President of the College, the faculty, and the advanced students sincerely hope that you will enjoy your experiences as college students. We really mean this. It is our hope that you will enjoy associating with your new friends, that you will enjoy the social life of the campus, and that you will have a real good time participating in the many extra class activities which are provided.

Now if there is a question in your mind as to why old and serious people like the President are interested in these weighty affairs, I will give you a learned answer. It is this. We know that people in adult life do most of their work through organizations. If they are in business, they work with other persons in their business organizations; if they are teachers, they are members of a faculty; if they are in industry, they work in labor organizations. In addition, religious as well as political activities are carried on through organizations. Modern life is characterized by group activity. This being true, we want each student to develop the skills, the knowledge, and the attitudes which will enable him to participate intelligently and cooperatively in group affairs.

The third thing which I wish to say, which is in no way in conflict with what I have already said, is that learning is, or should be, the most important thing that goes on at North Carolina College, and for that matter at any other institution of higher education. This principle is implicit in the previous statement that extra class activities have great value as learning experiences.

Finally, may I say that there is something special about a college which distinguishes it from other types of institutions. This special feature is centered in the hope that each student while in college will develop what may be called an intellectual interest - an interest in some special area of learning that is worthy of a life's devotion. Exploratory courses and subject majors and minors are provided with the hope that each student will find for himself this personal interest which is challenging in the sense that it will continuously require his best intellectual effort and which is creative in the sense that there is always more to be learned and discovered. Having such an interest is the mark of a truly educated man.

President Alfonso Elder

SG Protests

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DMA)."

On Monday the SG representatives, including faculty members Drs. G. T. Kyle, Rose B. Browne, and C. A. Ray, were given audience by an Advisory Committee of the DMA. The committee expressed the DMA's wish to alleviate the grievances of the NCC students; however, the committee could not express the official feelings of the DMA executives. Spearhead in bringing the Merchants and the SG representatives together was Warren Carr, chairman of the Durham Committee on Human Relations. Plans were made to hold further negotiations in order to reach a solution for the problem.

Dudley called an assembly of all students for 6 p.m. of Monday night. The administration was not invited; however Dean Kyle and other faculty members sat in on the meeting. Present, too, were various citizens of the community, along with local photographers and newsmen.

At the meeting it was revealed that, according to the DMA, the welcoming program had started as part of the Duke administration's orientation for its freshmen. In order to create favorable relations between Duke students and Durham, the DMA had been invited by the Duke administration to participate.

Dr. George T. Kyle, NCC dean, when called upon by Dudley to answer a student's question of why NCC had not been included in the annual welcome for college students, stated that "the administration at Duke handles much of the work done by the Student Government of this institution..." Neither the Student Government of NCC nor the administration had invited the DMA, as the Duke administration had, to welcome their students to Durham.

Mr. Dudley then put before the student body the question of what form the protest should take. He announced to the assembly that the student leaders had contemplated the idea of a boycott. The SG president asked for opinions. The feeling of the more than 500 freshmen and upperclassmen were strongly in favor of a boycott. Dudley said the SG had prepared placards, signs and equipment for a full scale picket. The decision, he emphasized, as to what action should be taken lay in the hands of the student body.

The speakers from the floor were strongly in favor of a boycott. A lone petitioner, Thomas Lee Cameron, a Durham freshman, who spoke against a boycott as being ineffective and radical drew boos and cries of "Sit down!" from the assembly. Senior Willie West, one of the student leaders, voiced the opinion that a boycott should be ruled out as unfavorable until results of negotiation deemed it necessary. He received the applause of the freshman dominat-



The two students above are part of the Student Government delegation which met with the DMA in the first meeting to discuss the welcoming of NCC students to Durham. Here they are on the stage in B. N. Duke auditorium as the student body was told of the meeting. They are Samuel Russell, Gastonia, law student, and Ben S. Page.

ed assembly.

SG president Jerome Dudley, in charge of the assembly, put the issue to a vote, saying "All in favor of negotiation and while negotiation is going on patronizing member stores of the Durham Merchants Association, stand." The majority of the students stood.

The tide was turned when Robert Kornegay, vice president of the SG, asked, "Is it necessary to write for an invitation to a party, or to be welcomed?" Again came a wave of protest from the audience. On subsequent votes, which were recast because of nebulous wording, it was decided that a committee would continue negotiations with the DMA and while negotiations were in session students of NCC would boycott.

Tuesday, the student president said that students were being "left pretty much on their own about patronizing local stores."

A joint faculty-student committee was formed Tuesday to meet with the DMA. The committee, headed by George T. Kyle, Dean of the Undergraduate School, includes NCC president, Dr. A. Elder; faculty members, Rose B. Browne, J. H. Morrow, C. A. Ray, and E. W. Phillips; and Student Government representatives, Jerome Dudley, Robert Kornegay, Benjamin S. Page, Clarence McPhail, Willie West, Earle Chavis, and Peggy Moore.

The protest received the support of the Durham Business and Professional Chain, who gave an official welcome Wednesday, September 17, and the One O'clock Luncheon Club, composed of 50 prominent business men, who passed the following resolution: "The One O'clock Luncheon Club wishes to join the students of North Carolina College in their expression of resentment of the treatment accorded them by the Merchants Association of Durham in the failure of that group to include North Carolina College students

in their regular welcoming activities. The One O'clock Luncheon Club offers full endorsement of and wholehearted support to the efforts of North Carolina College students to gain their due recognition." The resolution was signed by the club's president, E. C. Turner.

The faculty-student committee met with the Advisory Committee of the DMA again on Tuesday. Another meeting of the student body was called for 6 p.m. Tuesday. Many of the upperclassmen had arrived for registration. Because of long queues for dinner and slow service in the dining hall, many students were delayed in attending the meeting.

At the meeting the students were urged by Dudley to call off the boycott until further developments from the negotiations which appeared to offer some promise of future success. The appeal to the students' emotions, however, for boycotting or mass parading was kept warm through innuendo.

The woman called to the stand was handsome but no longer young. The judge gallantly instructed, "Let the witness state her age, after which she may be sworn in."

(THE READER'S DIGEST)

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