

## SAYING: THANK YOU

This is the season of the year in which we reemphasize the need for being thankful. We are reminded, however, that gratitude is best expressed through deeds rather than through words. Yet, saying two words, Thank You, and saying them sincerely is to perform a significant deed of gratitude.

We say, "Thank You," to our Creator for the gift of life and the blessings of the day. We give these thanks joyfully because we know in spite of our problems and disappointments that we as individuals and as a group have not merited the advantages, the opportunities, and the other blessings which we have received.

Sometimes we forget, however, to say, "Thank You," to our friends and to the members of our family for their kindnesses to us. What, we may ask, are friends and relatives for except to be helpful? A much less severe attitude is: They know that I appreciate what they have done for me without my telling them. But, do they?

Sometimes people we know do things that contribute directly or indirectly to our success and welfare; yet, we may never seek an occasion to express our appreciation to them for their assistance to us. These contributions may be made by "old" and "young" persons alike. The "old" may purposefully develop some plan or program that benefits the "young." On the other hand, the "young" through their response to opportunities which have been provided may contribute directly to the success and prestige of the "old." In such instances, a person may reason as follows: If a person did not have me personally in mind when he did something that benefited me, then I am under no obligation to express my personal thanks to him.

We cannot go about saying "Thank You" here and there on every conceivable occasion. If we should do this, then we probably would be mistaken for a politician seeking public office.

An attitude which is good will dictate behavior which is good. There are no more meaningful words than the two words, Thank You, when they are sincerely spoken and when they spring from an intelligent appreciation for the way in which we or those for whom we have a concern have been benefited by the mercy of God and the acts of man.

President Alfonso Elder



Elder

## "Get Forward Look" Says Wesley In Founder's Day Address Here

Dr. Charles H. Wesley, president of Central State College, Wilberforce, Ohio, urged a Founder's Day audience at North Carolina College November 3 "to put the forward look in your system of values."

He spoke during 11th Founder's Day ceremonies in a program honoring the late Dr. James E. Shepard, NCC's founder and first president.

Lauding Dr. Shepard for "the forward look" that enabled him to "establish a great educational institution," Dr. Wesley said "Education is more than mere information. It should lead to an awakening of the inner self. It should make people dissatisfied with things as they are."

"Dr. Shepard had the forward look. He emphasized the importance of developing the mind."

"Moreover, he was a man of patient courage. Among his values which are useful to us today are his ideal of superior attainment and his faith that we can achieve best by our deeds."

The topic of the speaker's address was "The Challenge of A Worthy Past." He said NCC has a great past, which Dr. Shepard left. "One critic has said that life and civilization operate on challenge and response. Dr. Shepard has left the challenge. We await the response from you."

NCC president Alfonso Elder presided at the ceremony held in the B.N. Duke Auditorium. Afterwards, students, faculty, and alumni participated in traditional wreath-laying ceremonies at Dr. Shepard's grave in Beechwood Cemetery.

Jerome Dudley, student leader, and B. T. McMillon of the National Alumni Association participated in both rites.

A luncheon for Founder's Day principals in the Guest House and a meeting of the James E. Shepard Foundation in

the Administration Building were other features of the day.

NCC's 75 voice mixed chorus and the college's band furnished music for the occasion.

## The Razors Edge

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the "Truth Seekers". I also ask them to consider three more soul searching queries if ever they decide to dispatch another circular: Am I capable of judging and condemning the deeds of others? Am I willing to risk the consequences of my act, or shall I act in cowardice and lose the names of honor and dignity? Are there proper media through which I may express my grievances?

For the first time in the history of NCC, the Eagles have defeated Maryland State's football team. But the victory was not allowed to go untarnished. Some anonymous persons found it prudent to engage in a rock throwing festival in order to frighten or possibly anger the Hawks who were lodged in the men's gymnasium. Many are prone to say that the persons responsible for this action were not Eagles. However, it is hard to understand why a disinterested party would condescend to attack the Hawks. Perhaps, the magnanimous and intelligent Eagles do not deserve a football team. Their energy is spent in hazing the opposition team before the athletic contest takes place. Yet when they gather on O'Kelly field, all spirit vanishes. (And indeed, this spirit does not return in time for class periods.) The football team did its utmost in winning a much coveted athletic contest, but thanks to the rock throwing champions of NCC, the victory was a defeat. Hats off to the Maryland State Hawks who can still say with more truth than error, "The Eagles have never defeated the Hawks."

## SG Holds Second Year President's Conference

By Thomas Lee Cameron

The second annual Presidents' Conference, November 14-15, climaxed Student Government Week which was held November 9-15 here.

Julius Chambers, last year's SG president, initiated the conference.

The general theme this year was "Developing Leadership Through Student Government."

The conference officially began at 9:00 a.m. Friday, Nov. 14, with the registration of representatives of participating colleges. Following lunch and a Get Acquainted Hour, schedules, guides and leaflets were passed out, and group leaders for discussion of topics were selected.

The topic for the first session was "Developing Leadership Through Student Government." Patricia Dowd of North Carolina College, James Smith, Jr., president of the Student Council at Fayetteville State Teachers College, and Jerome Dudley were the group leaders.

"Developing Administrative Techniques" was discussed at the second session. The group leaders were: Fredericke Crowell, North Carolina College; Marian Sapp, NSA coordinator, Womens College of Duke University; Don Furtabo, president of the Student Body at the University of North Carolina.

The third session's topic was "The Student Government's Role as a Liaison Between the Student Body and the Administration." The group leaders were: Cary Booker, public relations officer for NCC's Student Government; George Goode, president of the Student Council at Shaw University; Barbara Brown of St. Augustine College.

Robert Kornegay, vice president of SG here; Ralph Turner, president of the SG of Johnson C. Smith University; and Robert Staton, business manager for the SG here discussed "Activities Sponsored by the Student Government."

Other representatives were: George Mass, Nathaniel McNair

## SENIOR OF THE MONTH

By Gerald Simmons

Zenobia Newton, the petite senior lass with the captivating smile, has been chosen as the senior of the month by virtue of personality and scholarship.



Zenobia Newton

Zenobia is a native of Wilmington, N. C. and a graduate of Williston Senior High School. During her college career here, Zenobia has been active in the following extra-curricular activities: The NCC Band, Student Government, Thespians Club, Junior and Senior Dormitory Councils, Commerce Club and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She has also served as an attendant to Miss NCC for the past two years and as maid of honor to Miss Gloriel Humphrey, another senior lass who was recently crowned Miss NCC.

Despite the fact that Zenobia has been an active participant in numerous extra-curricular activities, she has continuously made the honor roll for the past three years and has managed to maintain an over-all 2. average.

After graduating, Zenobia would like to work on a Master's degree in her major, Business Education. Zenobia's pastimes are reading poetry, listening to all kinds of music, playing the piano and clarinet for personal enjoyment, and social dancing.

When asked her thoughts concerning NCC students, she replied, "I think that we the students of NCC should wake up and think! We should try to reason things out for ourselves instead of blindly following the crowd all of the time."

Only in rare cases does one find an attractive co-ed with "brains" and a radiant personality. But Zenobia is one of those rare cases and for this reason has been chosen senior of the month.

of Shaw University; Nathan White, Anne Boulyer, Carnelle Brooks, Ada George, Maurice Ward, and Robert Mauldin of Durham Business College; Herbert McClain and Calvin Preston of Kittrell College; Theodore Padgett and La-Monte Mitchell of Johnson C. Smith University; Jones Smith, James Baton, Thomas Small, Helen Giles, and Harold Fields of Fayetteville State Teachers College; Mary Moody of Women's College of Duke; James Jones and Elworth Smith of A&T College; Jamesena Chalmers, Blanche Tobnko-Metzger, Gwendolyn Meckel, Catherine Lawson and Doris Leake of Bennett College.

SG president Jerome Dudley stated: "I think the conference was quite successful. Our advisors did a tremendous job of planning and gave very useful advice. We are particularly indebted to Dr. James C. Finney who served as consultant and resource person. We got many helpful suggestions from the conference which we feel will help us with our problems."

## Al Capp's Humor

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are right about conditions here. If I wrote for the N. Y. Times, I'd follow the trend of the editorials and have my characters standing on their heads.

Q: Is there a pitch in L'il Abner?

A: For this question, Al Capp went more into detail and described Stephens Street on which he lived in his hometown. According to him, Stephens Street was lower than the least desirable street in America. In fact, "it aspired to become a slum;" however, there he lived and noticed the people who later became models for some of his cartoon creations and dreamed of the day when he could escape Stephens Street. Now, after immense success and many reminiscences, he dreams of his return to Stephens Street.



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