

Dorm Men Hear Newton, Weston

Occupants of Chidley Hall hosted an informal political discussion Sunday, March 12, in the dormitory reception room. Guest speakers were Dr. Rubin L. Weston and Dr. Isham G. Newton of the NCC Social Sciences Division.

Mr. Weston spoke on the nation's unemployment problem, and the population explosion. Dr. Newton, in turn, explained the Congo situation, and racial discrimination versus national prestige.

On the economic situation, Mr. Weston reminded the students that opposing political factions often paint biased pictures of the nation's stability, particularly as related to unemployment. After listing some of the causes of unemployment, among them advanced industrial techniques, unfair employment practices and similar vested interests, Mr. Weston indicated that no real solution can be expected until each individual is assured of being hired according to his merit. The professor added, moreover, that unemployment is, in varying degrees, historically omnipresent.

The population explosion, together with its accompanying fright, is also greatly exaggerated, according to Mr. Weston. "Think of the 8 million-plus living in the few square miles that is New York City," he suggested, "and compare that with the mere 4 million-plus inhabiting the wide expanse that is the state of North Carolina." In the world community, Mr. Weston compared the populations of India and China with that of Australia, whose government urges Europeans to settle there. He added, however, that although Malthusian doctrines would thus seem ill-founded, there is still some merit in that economist's food supply versus population theory.

Mr. Weston waived the numerous questions until the conclusion of the address by Dr. Newton.

On the controversial situation in the Congo, the professor of Political Science expressed confidence in the recently proposed Congolese federation. Introducing a youthful America's attempt to govern via federation of states, Dr. Newton surmised that the Congolese would probably employ the system temporarily, pending the establishment of a republic similar to that of the United States.

He agreed with the students that the presence of Belgian nationals in the Congo is neither necessary nor beneficial to the Congolese.

On the question of America prestige being weakened by this country's racial discrimination practices, Dr. Newton stated that no threat or actual loss of prestige will force the Southern politicians to reconstruct themselves; consequently, such crimes as occurred in Little Rock and New Orleans will hardly prevent more Merriweather-type appointments. Instead, the nation's leaders seek to find methods of keeping the issue in the background during international confabs.

Following the speeches, the instructors entertained the students' questions and the hosts served refreshments.

Welfare Of Students Is Business Of Committee

The Student Welfare Committee was the focus recently in a speech to the Men's Assembly by Mr. D. G. Sampson, chairman of the committee and a member of the NCC Law School faculty. The assembly was the "most inspiring and informative held in many years," according to Dean of Men John L. Stewart.

The presentation covered general functions, the authority of the committee, and its organization. Mr. Sampson stated that many students have the wrong conception of the body. He clarified its functions in stating that it is not a policy-making body, but that it operates solely on delegated authority and is charged with the duty of promoting student welfare.

He established the bounds of interest in saying that the organization is concerned with all student interests and activities of a non-academic nature, activities not under the supervision and control of other service or administrative units of the college.

He gave an example of the

cafeteria which is under the control of the Dining Hall staff. He stated that the cafeteria is distinctly under the control of that staff, but that if a problem arises in that area, it may be brought by the staff to the committee.

The Welfare group then tries to iron out the problem in collaboration with the Dining Hall staff.

Mr. Sampson emphasized that such assistance by the committee "does not include telling any officer or employer of the department what he or she must do." The committee head commented that the group, when requested, may suggest solutions.

Mr. Sampson stated that the body is also concerned with activities and programs of most of the student organizations. He specified its rôle by stating, "It is not concerned with running or operating these organizations, but simply with seeing that they are set up properly and that they operate according to their rules and regulations and with a minimum of friction."

With emphasis the speaker stated that the committee cannot make these organizations function, as the matter of operation is left to the students themselves.

Mr. Sampson expressed the receptiveness of the body in his statement that the committee is not infallible and it welcomes the students' advice and criticism. He indicated that "the committee would be happy to entertain any individual or groups of individuals who claim a given rule, regulation, practice, or decision is unfair, unreasonable, or detrimental to student morale. He gave only one request: that the protest be made in a mature, decent, and intelligent manner.

In Mr. Sampson's closing remarks, he stated, "This school will never be any better than you (the students) are." He said further that students are the most important factor in the college and that their contributions to the school are largely determined by their attitudes

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Office Now Has Summer Job List

A directory listing summer jobs for college students is now available.

This Summer Employment Directory contains the names and addresses of more than one thousand organizations, in locations throughout the United States, that are now seeking student help for this summer.

Jobs are available in resorts, ranches, government, summer camps, hotels, business, industry, restaurants, state and national parks, amusement parks, hospitals, and other types of organizations. These employers represent literally thousands of summer jobs.

The names and addresses of employing officials, specific job openings, salary range, and information on how to write an effective letter of application are also given. Students wishing summer work make application to the employers listed in the directory. Employers are included in the directory at their own request, and they invite applications from college students.

The Summer Employment Directory is available, in most colleges, in the office of the official in charge of student placement, the library, or the Dean's office. Also, a considerable number of public libraries now have a copy of this directory.

Homemakers In Raleigh Meet

Over 1,500 members of North Carolina New Homemakers of America chapters met in Raleigh last week for their annual convention under the leadership of Mrs. Marie C. Moffitt.

Mrs. Moffitt, who is NHA State Adviser and chairman of the home economics department at North Carolina College, conducted a day-long program, which included demonstrations, awarding of certificates, electing state officers, and conferring honorary membership on outstanding home economists.

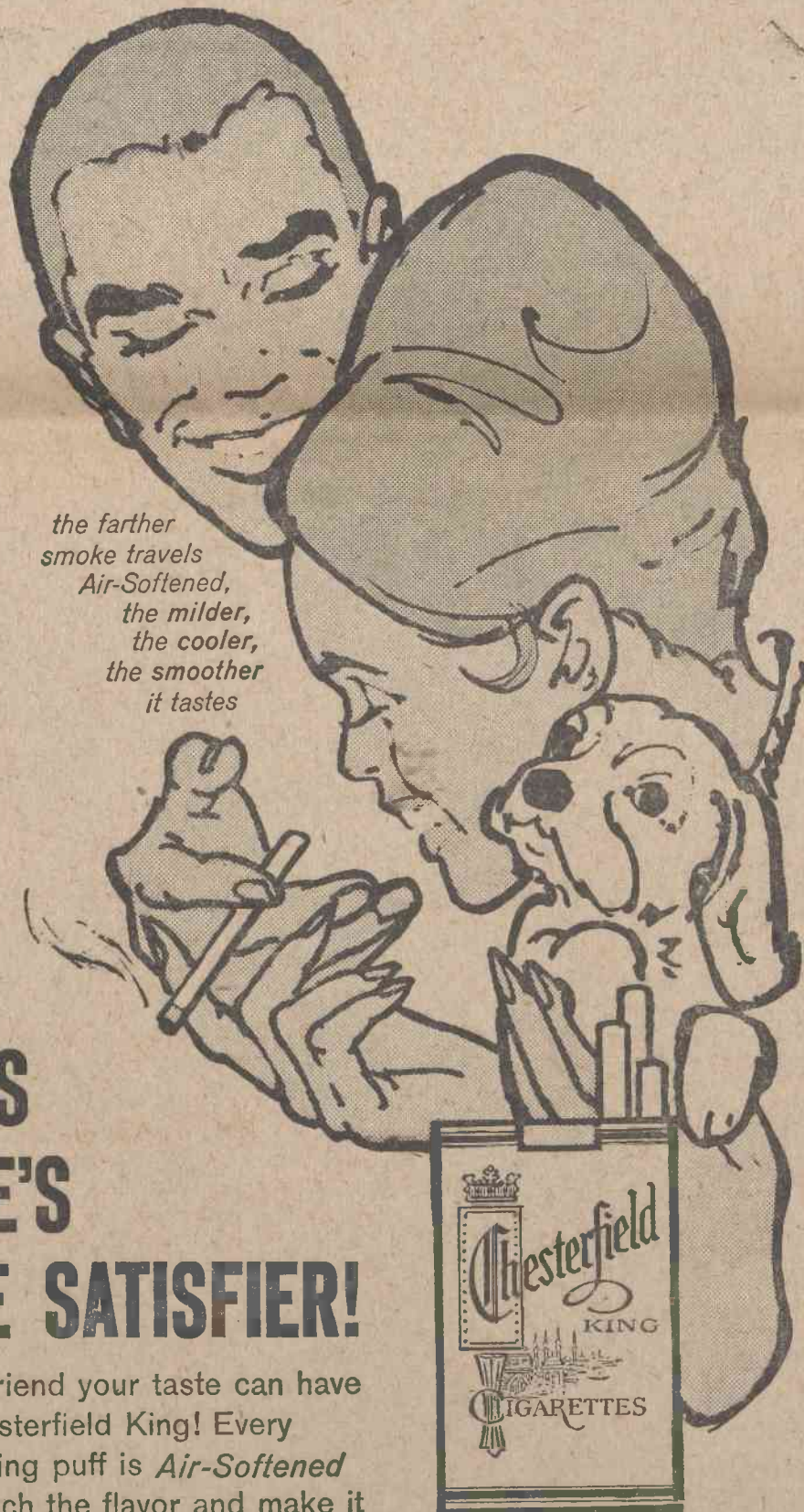
"Youth Fitness and Teenage Nutrition" was the conference theme and subject of the keynote address by Miss Mabel E. Evans, nutrition field representative of the American Institute of Baking.

The speaker stressed "spiritual, mental, social, and physical development." She also gave a series of lectures and demonstrations.

In special ceremonies, three outstanding home economists were awarded honorary state membership in NHA. These included Mrs. Brenda Jervay, formerly chairman of the home economics department at Shaw University; Mrs. Louise Street of Bennett College, and W. T. Johnson, supervisor of vocational agriculture at A&T College in Greensboro.

Norma Flemming, a student at Olive Hill High School of Morganton, won the right to campaign for the national office of secretary.

New State officers for the 1961-62 term include: Naomi Spence, Harnett High School, Dunn, president; Alice Lemon, Pamlico County High School, Bayboro, vice-president; Henrietta Gorham, P. S. Jones High School, Washington, secretary; Diana Neely, Lincoln High School, Bessemer City, treasurer; Mildred Foster, Davie County Training School, Mocksville, (continued on page 8)



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