

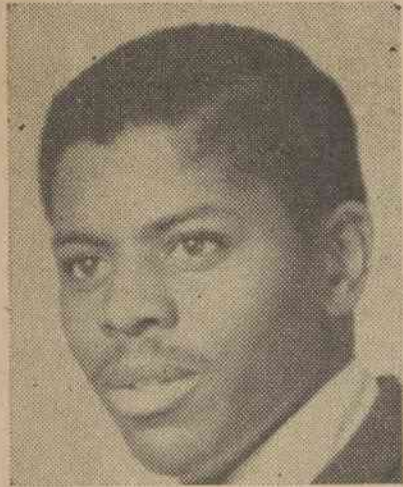
Thomas Discusses S. G. A. Outlook

By Samuel Thomas

Each new endeavor usually begins with much enthusiasm and not a little frustration and confusion. So it is with this administration.

Our enthusiasm is still high, but we are beset by petty, irritating and seemingly endless mazes of red tape and bureaucratic inertia. They impede, but they will not deter us from making our campaign promises and commitments a reality.

The work has begun in earnest; indeed, we have been work-



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ing diligently since September 6th to insure that this year will be a memorable one: memorable as the year that the needs and wishes of the student body were finally addressed by the administration. To this end, a full scale student-faculty-administration leadership conference has been scheduled for October 14-16. The participants will convene at Capahosic, Virginia to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of our school with an eye toward isolating weaknesses and recognizing our strengths among other things. The participants will search for ways to make student life at NCC freer and more meaningful within the context of our academic quest.

This will be the first such conference in the history of NCC, but you may be certain that it will not be the last.

Much is expected of this conference and it may do more to insure the growth and progress of NCC, in long range terms, than any other single effort.

The SGA is currently in the process of preparing a budget for the coming year. There will be more money to aid clubs and organizations in their attempts to sponsor intellectual and cultural affairs on our campus. Individuals who resent honor societies, etc. will be partially subsidized so that they will be able to attend educational conferences, seminars and conventions. N. C. C. has not been represented in the past, but we will be in the future.

The homecoming planning machinery has swung into high gear at long last, and shows some signs of producing a homecoming that will be unique.

Our homecoming steering committee had its first meeting Friday evening, September 23. This is strange considering that Homecoming is October 22. This gives us less than a month to plan homecoming, in addition to the multiplicity of other concerns that demand our attention. The chairman, Dean Stewart, is not to blame, because he is also quite busy. The fault lies in the way the committee is constituted. Hampton had their parade, dance, etc. planned before the spring semester ended. Their committee had already engaged a band (Jr. Walker and the All Stars) for their victory ball and in sub-

stance, laid a complete foundation for their homecoming. It was suggested by me before the meeting adjourned, that NCC establish such a committee so that future homecoming events will be properly and thoroughly planned in advanced.

The handling of homecoming is the typical air of "put it off to the last minute" that pervades such planning at NCC. It is difficult to lay blame or ascribe responsibility, but the situation needs correcting.

As you all know, by now the old cafeteria has been converted into a temporary Student Union Building. There is no denying that the building is neither elaborate nor that adequately equipped. The redeeming factor is that a start towards providing adequate recreational facilities for students has been made. Admittedly much remains to be done before we achieve the utopia of satisfactory recreational opportunities and facilities, but that remaining work will have to be done by an alert, concerned and aggressive student body.

Wurfel To Attend Oct. Conference

Dr. Violet E. Wurfel, chairman of the Political Science Department, will represent North Carolina College at the Foreign Affairs Scholars Program to be held in Washington, D. C. the weekend of October 7-9.

This conference is being sponsored by the Department of State, the agency for International Development and the United States Information Agency.

The purpose of this conference is to discuss the activities of the Foreign Affairs Scholars Program in relation to the continuing need for recruiting and helping to prepare interested and qualified students for the Foreign Service and for other areas of employment in the three agencies.

The first session is to be held Friday evening, October 7, with the final meeting being scheduled for Sunday morning, October 9.

First Fall Forum Treats Morality

The first fall forum was held on September 22, 1966 in the Student Union Building under the leadership of the Baptist Student Union and the Student Government Association. An all-male panel consisted of Winston Kennedy, Kenneth Addison, Bernard Thornton, and Walter Brame.

The forum discussion on "Wine," "Women," and "Horsepower" defined "wine" as all alcoholic beverages as opposed to just those drinks considered as "wine." "Women" symbolized sex involving both men and women; and "horsepower" reflected the desire to own a car and the effect possessing a car has on one's self-discipline.

The general agreement of the panel was that hard pressures justify drinking; and that one gains drinking maturity through personal experience. It was also stated that drinking relieves frustrations. There were no dissensions concerning the matter of drinking. If one were to infer from the conversations on alcohol how NCC students felt about drinking, one would conclude that everyone drinks for

the relief of frustrations.

Concerning "horsepower," the panel said very little. The only mention of horsepower was of it also as a relief of tensions.

Most of the forum time was taken discussing "women" or sex. Many were of the opinion that the social pressures of N. C. C. cause the "steady flow to hotels." Questions brought up and discussed were:

(1) Should there be a division of rules for classes of women? Common consent was that all women should be governed under the same set of rules regardless of their classifications. Someone raised the question, What about the inexperienced sheltered girls who come to N. C. C.? General opinion was to "let her swim or drown." Another question asked was, "What about birth control pills? Again there was common agreement. The consensus was that every woman should take it upon herself to learn about birth control. It seemed that no one thought about not engaging in sexual (See Forum Treats, Page 5)

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