

Alumnus Directs College Choir

By Dianne Harper

Mr. Charles Gilchrist of Laurinburg, North Carolina is the new North Carolina College choir director. He assumed his post on September 10. He attended undergraduate school at NCC where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree. After graduation, he attended the School of Music at Indiana University where he was awarded the M.M. degree.

Upon invitation by the NCC Music Department, and because of his love for his alma mater, Mr. Gilchrist returned to NCC as a dedicated and loyal Eagle.

Having worked in high school for a number of years, he anticipated a great adjustment on his part with students at the college level; but after working with the students for a few weeks, he found that they were "wonderful people" and that they made the transition very smoothly.

Mr. Gilchrist, who is married to Iris Worley Gilchrist and the father of a son Aaron Charles Gilchrist, resides at 1222 Lakeland Street. His favorite pastimes include reading and watching television.

When asked his impression of North Carolina College, he stated that the new regulations here have established a sense of self-direction in the student and that the students seemed now to be more mature individuals than they were when he was here.

Plans for the choir this year include a concert in Mt. Airy, North Carolina; a concert for the Afro-American Week at Duke University; a tentative tour along the Eastern Coast; with concerts in Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, New Jersey, and Michigan.

His aims for the choir are to expose the members as well, as our college community, to quality choral music. He does not merely strive for a good group but for a good singing group.

Racial Showdown Is Inevitable

By Michael Garrett

It is an unquestionable reality that a showdown of the racial problem in America is in the making. The revolution which Americans are now involved in will inevitably end with a whisper or a bang. The real questions that face us as concerned persons are these: When will this showdown take place? Will it be triggered by blacks or whites? Who will be on top once the showdown is over?

This showdown is due to occur when the racial communication that is now weakening comes to an end. The dwindling communication was made clear this year by the Republican Party at its national convention. For example, there was a time when all political groups were quick to take some type of position on civil rights. This year's Republican national convention evaded the civil rights plank and instead stood on something called a commitment on "law and order." To blacks this is an implication that the whites

have been looking for a way out. Now they have one and they plan to use it. Although it is highly feasible to insure voters of physical security with all of the "law and order stuff," it is also pathetic that a political party so cunningly failed to make clear its position on the nation's most grave problem.

Blacks have no choice but to instigate the racial showdown, for blacks and only blacks have the inborn will to be free at any cost. Ann Fairbairn in her book, *Five Smooth Stones* stated that suppression carries with it the seed of its own destruction. In the racial situation, blacks carry in their hearts the desire to end suppression with something that suppression denied them—respect. At this point, it is very remote that the racial showdown will be initiated by whites, since they have little to gain in the rebirth of our nation as a truly united body. It is for this reason that revolution sounds so bitter to whites, yet so sweet to blacks. It is also for this reason that the cry for revolution has spread like a pestilence over America.

The most complex episode of any showdown is its aftermath, for this episode reveals who won the showdown and shows if in reality the showdown was necessary. The necessity of a termination to the racial problem is quite evident. Thus, the only question left is who would survive such a battle of the races? The answer is not as obvious as it may appear from either points of view. The white side presumes a victory due to their population majority and to their possession of most of the artillery. The black side assures itself of a victory in its belief that it's time whites got the "slow fry in hell" that they are entitled to and that no matter what, justice will be served.

By no fortuitous occurrences will the racial problem go on and on. Biblical and logical reasoning assures that no problem is permanent. The problem of whether or not one man will stand above another in America will be terminated. It is unfortunate though that the termination of history's most democratic government may occur with the termination of history's most uncivilized problem. There remains only one hope—that black people will survive after all white doctrines have caused this nation's downfall. This hope lies solely on the philosophies of Black Power.

-Freshman-

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Clyburn, Mike Garrett, and Jesse Parker, Jr.

Miss Matthews is from Richmond, Virginia. Her major is Sociology, her minor Mathematics. Her ambition at the present is undecided.

Miss Williams is from Deep Run, N. C. Her major is Mathematics and her minor is Biology. Her ambition is to become a mathematician.

Clyburn is from Winston-Salem, N. C. His major is Sociology and his minor is Political Science. His ambition is to become a social worker for the government.

Garrett is from Greenville, N. C. His major is Business Administration. His minor is undecided at the present. His ambition is to become a realtor.

Parker is from Murfreesboro, N. C. His major is Biology and his minor is undecided at the present. His ambition is to become a medical technician.

"Miss Freshman" for 1968-69 is Miss Tawana Belinda Nivens, a Charlotte native. Miss Nivens is a graduate of North Mecklenburg High School. She plans to major in Sociology; her minors are Music and Psychology. Miss Nivens' ambition is to be a psychiatric social worker.

While in high school Miss Nivens participated in various activities. She was a homecoming attendant at her high school for 1967-68; a member of the International Relations Club, the National Fraternity of Student Musicians, the Red Cross, the Westminster Fellowship Church, and the Mecklenburg High School Band.

She was a junior model for "Bobbie Brooks Fashion" for two years. She was unable to become a permanent model, however, because of her relatively short height, which is five feet, three inches, without shoes.

In the area of music, she has played the piccolo for two years, the piano for eight, and the flute for eight. She has also done creative dancing.



Resources-Use Conference Principals: Mr. Wallace Blackwell, Dr. Theodore Speigner, Mr. James Hannaham, Mr. Alfred Whitesides.

Resource-Use Confab Held At NCC

The twenty-second annual meeting of the North Carolina Resource-Use Education Conference convened at North Carolina College at Durham, Nov. 4. The one-day conference featured general sessions, Resource-Use workshops, and symposiums.

The first general session featured a student symposium conducted by juniors and seniors from participating high schools throughout the State. The topic of the symposium was: "Shall It Be Separatism or Integration for Black People of America?"

Professor F. A. Freeman, Principal, Jordan Sellars High School, Burlington, North Carolina, was the presiding officer. Greetings were extended by Alfred Whitesides, president of the North Carolina College Student Government Association. Music for the first general session was furnished by the Jordan Sellars High School Choir of Burlington under the direction of Mrs. Gwendolyn G. Harrelson.

The guest speaker for the second general session was James H. Hannaham, a top ranking Negro Oceanographer, Office of Oceanography, United States Navy Department, Washington, D. C. Greetings were extended to delegates and their friends by Dr. Albert N. Whiting, President of North Carolina College, and Dr. C. Elwood Boulware, Durham City Councilman. Invocation was given by Dr. Lawrence

A. Miller, Pastor, St. Mark A. M. E. Zion Church, Durham, North Carolina. Music was furnished by Jones High School Choir, Trenton, North Carolina, under the direction of Robert T. Simmons.

Ten special interest workshops focused on the improvement of instruction in several academic subjects. Among the ten workshops listed, several appealed to in-teachers particularly: science, geography, mathematics, reading, guidance, human relations, mental health, social studies, and the College Geography Seminar.

The conference sponsored a desegregation workshop during the afternoon session. Dr. David Gerard, Acting Chief, Office, Education Branch, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C., was the consultant.

The "High School Day" was sponsored again this year on November 14th. All junior and senior high school students were invited to attend the twenty-second annual meeting of The North Carolina Resource-Use Education Conference. Seniors from participating high schools of the Conference were invited as guests.

The Conference sponsored a materials exhibition center for elementary and high school teachers, students, and parents. Several publishing companies had representatives on hand to display modern teaching aids and materials for innovations in teaching.

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