

'THE AMEN CORNER' PRESENTED

By Alma Maxwell

"The Amen Corner," by James Baldwin was presented in the B. N. Duke Auditorium on November 5, by the Actors of America, Inc.

The store front gospel-singing church and the juxtaposition of jivey talk and religious sanctimony may not have been familiar to all, but beneath these events and much more universal in theme was the deep conflicts of the three central characters.

At the beginning of the play, we are introduced to Sister Margaret, a woman who has rejected her husband and dominated her now 18-year-old son in order to answer what she believes to be the call of the Lord. In her dreary little storefront church, she begs her followers to walk in the way of the Lord. Sister Margaret is happy working for the Lord because she believes that her only son is going to follow in her footsteps.

It is not long before we see that her son, David, does not feel the same as his mother does. David is torn by the desire to join some of his friends in a jazz band and the desire to live up to his mother's expectations. Just as David begins to rebel against his mother's wishes, Luke, his estranged father, a jazz trombonist appears, dying of tuberculosis. It is here that the secrets of Margaret's life begin to unfold. David learns that his father did not desert them, but that his mother walked out on his father when she interpreted the death of her baby as a sign from God.

In the remainder of the play, we see Sister Margaret painfully lose everything. Her church rejects her, her son tells her that he cannot stand lying to her anymore and leaves to live his own life, and Luke dies. Looking back at her mistakes and trying

to make amends for what she has done, Margaret cries, "A woman's life is nothing but one long fight with a man."

This scene in which Sister Margaret faces the harsh truth of her life is a remarkable one. Daisy Williams, who portrays Sister Margaret, has appeared so assured of herself for two acts, but now, in the last scene, she explodes into agonized tears. At the end of the play, Margaret is left disillusioned realizing that religion has served her simply as a hiding place from the realities of her life.

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emeritus of North Carolina College, was also held. Dr. William H. Friday, president of the University of North Carolina, and Attorney Clyde Shreve paid tributes to Dr. Elder. They honored him as a man of wisdom and hard work. During his presidency, Dr. Elder strengthened the quality of North Carolina College's scholarship, faculty, and graduate program and established numerous educational faculties. "We are grateful for his good life and work." A special tribute to Dr. Elder from Mary Tren Seamans, an alumna of N. C. College, was read by Dr. Helen G. Edmonds, Dean of the Graduate School.

In the traditional truth and service ceremony were forged the inseparable links—administration, alumni, and student body. President Albert N. Whiting said that "We remember our founder Dr. James E. Shepard by his services and by the students who leave these walls. Our mission is the search for truth; our task is service."

As stated by Attorney Moses C. Burt, president of the National Alumni Association, "The alumni view this ceremony as a

New Organization Formed At NCC

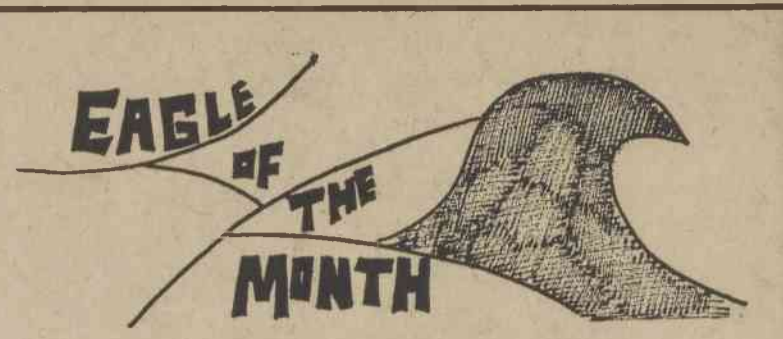
A new organization for students interested in International Relations has been formed on our campus. The new organization is called C.I.R.U.N.A. — Council on International Relations and United Nations Affairs. It is an organization resulting from the merger of the Collegiate Council for the United Nations (CCUN) and the Association of International Relations Clubs (AIRC).

C.I.R.U.N.A. is the national student organization devoted to the creation of knowledgeable and informed opinion from within and outside of the academic community on issues of international concern, and for the building of informed and intelligent public support of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the advancement of peace based on justice and freedom.

C.I.R.U.N.A. has approximately 600 affiliated clubs throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

rededication of themselves to the Alma Mater." The Student Government President Alfred Whitesides said that "The student body learns anew the spirit of Dr. Shepard. By observing the motto, 'truth and service,' our stay here becomes significant."

The college choir sang two selections, an anthem "Alleluia" by Randall Thompson and a spiritual "Sometimes I Feel" arranged by Shan Parker.



By A. D. Harper

The Campus Echo proudly salutes as Eagle of the Month of November, Mr. Robert W. Bowles, who for the past three years has served as director of the Intramural Program here. He began directing the program while working on his Master's Degree. Before he assumed this duty, only two activities—basketball and softball—were offered. Now through strenuous



ROBERT BOWLES

work, indefatigable energy, long hours, and fortitude, he has expanded the program to 17 different activities including several teams he initiated in basketball, volleyball, and softball. Mr. Bowles, a native of Lumberton, Mississippi is the oldest of four children, one sister and two brothers who reside with their uncle in Lumberton. During the early years of his life, he lived in Detroit, Michigan but he attended John Jefferson High School in Purvis, Mississippi. After graduation from high school he continued his

education at Alcorn A. and M. in Lorman, Mississippi, where he obtained his B.S. degree graduating magna cum laude. While attending Alcorn A. and M., he held the distinguished position as editor of the yearbook in 1966.

In the fall of 1966, Mr. Bowles came to North Carolina College as a graduate student. Dr. Edmonds recruited and influenced him and gave him a grant to do graduate work. It was then that he became the director of the Intramural Program here. Having done such an outstanding job as director, he was asked to remain here and to direct the program the following year. Thus, having been impressed with his offer and with the school, he decided to remain. Now he is both an instructor of physical education and director of the North Carolina College Intramural Program.

During his spare time, Mr. Bowles enjoys watching television, attending movies, and participating in sports.

Throughout the year he hopes that the Intramural Program will promote leisure education, enrich social competitions, develop group loyalties, and provide healthful exercises for the students. He is asking all Eagles to come out and participate in the intramural activities.

So how about it folks . . . let's give a cheer for Mr. Bowles, our outstanding and industrious Eagle of the Month!

NOTICES

Faculty and Staff Swimming
Recreational swimming for faculty and staff members and their families is held every Wednesday in the school's swimming pool from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. The lifeguards and director are extending an invitation to all to come by and take a dip.

Meeting Held
Campus Echo meetings are held every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in room 104-B of the Union.

Midweek Meditation
Mid-week meditation is held every Wednesday night from 7

p.m.-9 p.m. All students are invited to come by room 146 of the Alfonso Elder Student Union and join in the meditation.

Consumer Discount Cards
Consumer discount cards are available to members of the NCC student body. For more information see Elwood Calahan, attorney general, in the SGA office.

Christmas Sing
All young ladies interested in competing in the annual Christmas Sing should stop by the offices of their dormitory counselors for details.

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