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## Report Focuses On Law School

### Trustees Meet Student Body

On January 15, the Board of Trustees of North Carolina College met with the student body of North Carolina College. The purpose of the meeting was "to strengthen the line of communication between the students and the Board."

Dr. Albert Whiting, explained to the student body the process of appointing Board members and their tenure. The Board is appointed by the General Assembly for eight years and is required to meet twice yearly. The Board is composed of an executive committee and standing committees.

The student body was permitted to ask the Board questions on policy and certain existing situations at the college. It was learned that the duties of the Board were to support the president, give him overall supervision, approve the budget and make general policies. It was also pointed out that the members of the Board operate within the limits of a set of by-laws and the charter of the institution.

A question was raised on the recent proposals of the General Board play in regard to the

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On Thursday, November 26, 1969, the Board of Higher Education released its report entitled **Planning for Higher Education in North Carolina**. Two recommendations in this report focus particularly and specifically on North Carolina College. The first proposes that the North Carolina College Law School be phased out by 1974.

This recommendation is to be carried through only if the University of North Carolina is able to demonstrate, through special efforts, that it can enroll substantial numbers of Negro students. In the event that the University fails to accomplish this, then it is recommended that the State has no alternative but to provide the Law School at North Carolina College with the necessary support to make it equivalent to the Law School at the University of North Carolina.

The official position of the College to this proposal is that it is categorically opposed to the phasing out of the Law School because:

1. The University's record of integration in the Law School, at both student and faculty levels, does not inspire confidence that it will "enroll substantial numbers of Negro students" even through "special efforts."

2. American predominantly white universities, generally

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## NCC TO AID IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SOUL CITY



NCC's relationship to Soul City is explained. From left, Mr. Leslie Roberts, Attorney Floyd McKissick, Dr. A. N. Whiting, and Attorney T. T. Clayton.

In a news conference held on NCC's campus February 4, Floyd B. McKissick, an NCC graduate and an instrumental planner in Soul City, announced NCC's involvement in the experimental city. President Albert Whiting pledged the support of NCC in the planning of the city.

President Whiting announced that the college, including its entire faculty and body of graduate students, was prepared to assist in the planning and development of Soul City, North Carolina.

Dr. Whiting said, "Because of a strong commitment to community service — particularly among the disadvantaged—NCC is pleased to have an opportunity to work with one of its alumni in the planning and development of a new community. The prospect of involvement in an experiment of this nature and scale is exciting because it will not only provide scientists and professionals a laboratory for applying the latest in interdisciplinary knowledge, but will also offer a situation in which the good derived from services rendered can be evaluated and conceptualized as models for institutional service in other situations."

McKissick also announced at the conference the establishment of the Soul City Foundation. McKissick said in making the announcement, "Steps are being taken to incorporate the Soul City Foundation as a non-profit, tax exempt corporation in the State of North Carolina."

He also stated that he was pleased that President Whiting had agreed to serve as a director of this foundation. The Soul City Foundation will be concerned first with the establishment of a sound educational system for the children of Soul City and with the formation of education and training programs for the adults of Soul City.

McKissick said that the Foundation will also be interested in programs to assist the rural and urban poor throughout the State of North Carolina and other parts of the nation and not limited to the population of the new city.

McKissick said that eventually, "the Soul City Foundation also intends to develop programs in public health and preventive medicine, in building alternatives programs in public health and preventive medicine, in building alternatives to the welfare system and, in studying various plans and approaches for ending the cycles of racism and poverty which have entrapped so many millions of persons, both black and white."

## SOUL CITY TO BE ESTABLISHED

Attorney Floyd McKissick of Durham and former national director of the Congress of Racial Equality has announced plans for a Soul City, a town for Negroes in North Carolina's Black Belt. The date for beginning construction has not been set. The project which is a part of McKissick's concept of black capitalism as a solution to Negro poverty will be established in Warren County.

The men who will help in the creation of the city were named on January 18 by Attorney McKissick.

A black architectural firm out of New York, Ifill, Johnson, and Honchard, has been chosen to design the city. Planning and development of the black community will be guided by Dr. Albert N. Whiting of North Carolina College, Prof. John A. Parker of the Department of City and Regional Planning at UNC; and Attorney T. T. Clayton who will direct legal services and planning.

Soul City will be designed to provide jobs, housing, and training opportunities for rural and urban black people. McKissick said in speaking of Soul City, "Black people will own, control, and develop this city. Soul City will also give an economic boost to the surroundings. It will produce new jobs and new opportunities throughout Warren County and the surrounding countryside."

North Carolina was chosen for the project because McKissick was a native of the state and because "the real outward migration of Negroes has been in North Carolina." Soul City will serve as a pilot for a dozen or more similar projects.

## NCC-Duke Participate In Institute

A training program to give prospective students from minority groups an early footing in their studies for a law degree will be brought to the campuses of North Carolina College and Duke University here.

A four-week institute will be conducted for 40 students—probably all Negroes — from

throughout the Southeast. The program will be sponsored by the Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) which was formed by the American Bar Association and the Association of American Law Schools.

Announcement of the summer program was made by Dean

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## Pittman Made Acting Dean

The Board of Trustees of North Carolina College approved the appointment of Dr. Joseph A. Pittman as Acting Dean of the Graduate School at the college.

Dr. Pittman will serve in the post during the absence of Dean Helen G. Edmonds, who is on leave of absence to do scholarly research.

Pittman, a native of Charleston, S. C., is a nationally recognized scholar in educational research and statistics and holds the doctor's degree in Directing Educational Research from Columbia University. He has most recently served as co-director of the college's self-study program.

Dr. Pittman is a member of the American Educational Research Association, American Statistical Association, the Psychometric Society, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. His biographical sketch is included in "American Men of Science."

Dr. Edmonds is a renowned historian. She has also long been involved in national and international affairs and was the first Negro woman to participate in the nomination of a Republican candidate for the Presidency when she seconded the nomination of Dwight D. Eisenhower for his second term.

She did postdoctoral work in Germany and in 1955 she lectured in German throughout Germany under the International Educational Exchange Service. She made a five-nation tour in 1957 for the same organization. In 1957 also she was President Eisenhower's personal representative to the dedication ceremonies of the Liberian Capitol Building.

She is the author of one of the books described by two outstanding North Carolina scholars as one of the 100 outstanding books about the state. Her book "The Negro and Fusion Politics in North Carolina," was published by the University of North Carolina Press in 1951.



Panelists discuss "The Negro in North Carolina's History." From left: Mr. Louis Austin, Dr. C. E. Boulware and Dr. Russell Adams.

## NEGRO HISTORY WEEK OBSERVED

Negro History Week was observed at NCC February 9-14. The theme for the week long observance was "Afro-Americans in Review."

The topic for discussion on Sunday, Feb. 9, was "The Nature and Uses of Afro-American History." The moderator for this discussion was Dr. Arnold Taylor. Dr. Earlie Thorpe, Dr. James Brewer, and Mr. James Coleman served as panelists.

Dr. Vincent Harding, chairman of the Department of History, Spelman College and Director of Martin Luther King Center was the speaker on Monday. He lectured on "Negro History and Culture."

"The Negro in North Carolina History" was Tuesday's topic. Dr. Russell Adams served as moderator and Mr. Louis Austin

and Dr. C. E. Boulware were the panelists.

On Wednesday, William Styron's *The Confessions of Nat Turner* was the subject of the discussion. Ronald Miller moderated and Mrs. Barbara Benevie, Dr. Arnold Taylor, James Coleman and Emma King were the panelists.

"Teaching Afro-American History in the Public Schools" was discussed on Thursday. Wilbert Myatt was the moderator. The panel consisted of Dr. James Brewer and Dr. Arnold Taylor. Mrs. J. Stevens spoke on "Rare Historical Books in the James E. Shepard Library Treasure Room."

The week observance was sponsored by the Department of History and the Cultural Reading Program Committee.