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Role of Black Colleges



(FSU Photo By Charles Mooney)

Benjamin Ruffin, Special Assistant for Minority Affairs to Governor Jim Hunt, emphasizes a point as he speaks to students at Fayetteville State University.

Mr. Benjamin Ruffin, Special Assistant for Minority Affairs to Governor Jim Hunt, was the guest speaker on a program sponsored by the Political Science Club at Fayetteville State University during the past week. The visit was part of the continuing celebration of Black History Month.

Speaking on the topic, "Role of Black Colleges", Mr. Ruffin stated how important it is that historically Black institutions remain a viable force in the higher education arena. The impact of these institutions can be seen when one recognizes that over 50 percent of all Black graduates come from these schools. He further states that local communities and local institutions must become more supportive of each other. This is especially

important during this time of a money crunch when historically Black institutions are on the decline.

He suggested that Blacks be more supportive of Black base organizations such as the NAACP. He recalled the earlier years when Black professionals were not only businessmen but were leaders in organizations that were concerned with the problems of the Black masses. He indicated that we should take advantage of our Black professionals—utilize their services.

The role of the colleges and universities is two-fold; first to teach the students, secondly to teach them in a way that they can and want to teach other.

After reading from a prepared speech for a few minutes, Mr. Ruffin closed his notes and spoke from the "gut". He indicated that students should become more involved in campus and community activities. He reflected on his college days at NCCU, when students were required to attend assemblies and Vesper services causing a closeness between students, faculty, and administrators; maybe we should return to those days.

He felt as though students should take a more active role in the political process by voting. Out of 800,000 Blacks in North Carolina, only 500,000 are registered and only 200,000 of those voted in the last election.

In closing, Mr. Ruffin stated that the Black community needs to return to a time when there was a feeling of "family" in the Black community.

Live and Learn

By BEVERLY EDGE

The new Residence Hall on the campus of Fayetteville State University held their third Live and Learn Program on January 26. The program entitled "Culture From Around The World" was open to all the students of the University. The program began promptly at 8 p.m. in the main lounge of the Hall. Ms. Denise Foxx presided at the affair. Mr. James Jenkins a senior music major sang a selection entitled *Dank Ser Dir Heer* which translates to mean "Praise be unto thee on, God". The song is written by a famous German artist named Handel. Following Mr. Jenkins was Mr. Billy Hopkins a student at FSU who gave the audience on insight on the third largest country in the nation which is China. Proceeding was Dr. Goke Ademiluyi, instructor of Geography at FSU highlighted on his native land, Nigeria. He mentioned aspects such as climate which averages 70-85 degrees annually. Nigeria is the second largest exporter of oil in the country and is the largest country in the world with a population of approximately eight million. Dr. Ademiluyi spoke briefly on two cultures of Nigeria which were western and traditional. There are over 200 languages in the country of Nigeria.

Also on Africa, Mrs. Campbell, dormitory supervisor of Joyner Hall shared her portion of Africa with the audience. She presented a variety of African valuables. These included clothing, handbags, jewelry and other arts of the culture. Leaving Africa we will now move to India.

Dr. Nathaniel, Instructor here at FSU briefly elaborated on his native country, the second most populous country of the world, India. He demonstrated the type of greeting used by his people. India, being quite different from our own country has only three seasons. There is winter, summer, and fall. There is no spring. The population of India is 672 million. It covers 1.2 million square miles which is approximately three times larger than the United States. Rain is quite plentiful in India. Four hundred inches of rainfall annually is plentiful in our own country but normal in India. Dr. Nathaniel included in his presentation the 500 dialects of 17 languages with Hindu being the National language. The tropical climate and the political set up were also aspects of his presentation. Dr. Nathaniel was dressed beautifully in an Indian attire. Well, we've been to China and from China to Nigeria. After spending time in Nigeria we sailed to India and now we are boarding the plane for Hawaii.

Mrs. Linda Gladden, a student, shared highlights of the most visited state by tourists, the United States melting pot, the 50th state of the union of the United States, Hawaii.

Upon returning to the campus of FSU, back to the Residence Hall, we hear the voice of James Jenkins singing *AHI-TROPPO E DURO-MONTEVERDE* which is Italian for speaking of death and rising up. The

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New program proposed

Ever tried to answer the five W's of New Writing? Sounds easy? Putting together a news story requires a few basic skills and a lot more practice.

If all goes well, in the Fall of 1981, students at Fayetteville State University will have an opportunity to learn the basic ideas of Reporting and News Writing and Journalism Law.

These are some of the ideas of William "Wat" Hopkins, new faculty member at FSU this semester. Wat is presently teaching English Composition and Broadcast Journalism but his goal is to help institute a Journalism minor at FSU.

Wat's interest in the print media began early. He entered Western Carolina where he earned the B.A. degree in English and professional writing. While still a student, Wat found time to work part-time for a local paper.

After receiving his M.A. in journalism from UNC-CH, Wat went to work for the *Seneca Journal* in Seneca, South Carolina. Three years later, Wat was an associate editor. At that point, he decided to move to a daily paper. Having heard of the fine reputation of the *Fayetteville Times*, he made ap-

plications and was hired as a staff writer.

While at the *Times* Wat's beat covered courts and education. He also wrote a weekly religious column. After working for the *Times* for four years, Mr. Hopkins decided that he would try his hand at teaching.

Since arriving at FSU in January Wat has been enthusiastically pursuing this goal of a journalism minor. Actually the area would be mass media with a focus in journalism. University Administration has already given a tentative nod of approval for the program.

There are three steps to be followed before the proposal can be approved. It must first be scrutinized by the Division of Humanities and Fine Arts Academic Committee, secondly by the University's Academic Affairs Committee and finally it must be approved by the University Senate. If it is approved FSU will be the only school in this part of the state to offer a journalism minor.

For students wishing to minor in journalism, there will be 18 hours of required work.

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H.L. Cook is coming out

By ANGELIA YEOMAN

The H.L. Cook Dining Hall here on campus is going through some very nice changes. It is being renovated to update cafeteria services and to give the Dining Hall a streamline look. Players Construction Company is responsible for the beautiful change in our eating facility and all work is expected to be completed by April.

Some of the major renovations will include an open line service, new wall paneling, new air conditioners, and new restroom facilities for both male and female students. These restroom facilities will also meet the state requirements for handicapped people says Mr. Hall. Other changes will include bamboo-shoot draperies, a new dressing room and lounge for female employees, modern tea and lemonade dispensers and new soda machines.

"We are in the process of turning H.L. Cook Dining Hall into one of the best in the state," says Mr. Hall, "the food service director. We are bringing our facilities up to date so that we may be able to meet the needs of each and every student.

Breakfast and dinner hours have been changed for the convenience of the students. Breakfast will now be

served from 7 to 9 a.m. and dinner will be served from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Cereal and soup will be available for those students who wish to have a light meal due to diets or colds. The dining hall is also prepared to serve special meals to students with special dietary needs.

Mr. Hall has had the experience of working at many different schools and dining halls. These include Grambling State University, Virginia State, Livingston College and Johnson C. Smith University, but he says the students here at FSU are the best he has ever worked with and that he is striving to develop for us the dining hall we deserve. Mr. Hall has also had the opportunity to compare other North Carolina dining facilities with our own here at FSU. Some of those compared were North Carolina Central University, A&T State University, Winston-Salem State University, and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. We came out on top by a long shot says Mr. Hall. The students at North Carolina Central are served breakfast meat only three days a week and those at A&T State can't always

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