



DEBUTANTE BALL TIME — Branch YWCA. Pictured above are the leading Debutantes and Queen. From left to right are Miss Joan Crawford, Queen, escorted by her father, Marvin Crawford; Miss Wanda Lennon escorted by Marvin Mickens; Miss Carolyn Tyson escorted by James Royster; Miss Barbara Brown, runner up to the Queen, escorted by Milton Mayo; and Miss Sandra McClain escorted by James Deberry.



STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICERS installed at Durham Business College — New Officers installed are: President at center Nelson Graves, Staunton, Virginia; Vice President left of center Kenneth Thomas, Alabama; Secretary, right of center Shirley Waller, Norlina; Nathaniel Roberson, Eastover, S. C.; Jeanette Edwards, Valdosta, Ga.; James Farmer, Augusta, Ga.; Robert Floyd, Clover, S. C.; Hampton Brown, Fredericksburg, Va.

Covington Pushes Negro Employment in Movie

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif.—One of the most exciting fronts of what will be recorded in history as the 'Negro Revolution' is taking place in, of all places, Hollywood. Pertinent advances, admittedly long overdue, are being made both before the cameras and behind the scenes in the movie and television studios.

Along with the Bill Cosbys, Carol Coles and Sidney Poitiers have come a growing multitude of vital, though less dramatic, backstage jobs for Negroes—as motion picture publicists, set designers, accountants, laborers, and many more.

As would be suspected, the

movie industry hasn't simply thrown its arms open and instigated new hiring practices and training programs entirely on its own. They've been encouraged by the Urban League, the NAACP, Poverty Program affiliates, the California State Employment Bureau and other groups.

However, though many dedicated people have pushed steadily for the hiring breakthroughs currently taking place, the efforts of one enthusiastic, brilliantly successful young man stand shoulder above the rest: Floyd Covington, Employment Interviewer for the Los Angeles chapter of the Urban

League.

Covington went to work for the League in September of '64 and didn't waste any time contacting prospective employers. Already he's seen the employment of Negroes by major studios jump from a mere handful to several hundred.

"To say we've come a long way," says Covington, "would be an understatement. And in my estimation, the studios who have done the most, listing them in order of their cooperation and the numbers of minority group people they've taken on, are Universal Studios, DeLu and M-G-M.

"Despite what's been done, however, we certainly can't afford to relax our efforts. In fact, we still have a hellava way to go before the proper ratio in employment is reached. For even though we're winning the studios' cooperation, there are still some tough unions to crack. But there's a wave of change sweeping the whole country and Hollywood, too is caught up in it. Negroes aren't settling for the domestic and other menial positions in Cinema City anymore. They want to become cameramen, directors, set designers, etc., and the walls of indifference and resistance, though they aren't exactly cascading down, are certainly being chipped away."

St. Paul Senior Choir Observes 31st Year

The Greater St. Paul Baptist Church Senior Choir celebrated its 31st Anniversary Sunday evening, April 24, with a large number of choruses and Choirs attending.

Featured on the program were the Mount Zoar Male Chorus, the Masonic Male Chorus, the Union Baptist Male Chorus, the Gospel Jewels of Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church and the Greater Saint Paul Gospel Chorus.

A continuation of the cele-

Ford Furnishes Over 5 Million In Grants

NEW YORK—Grants to improve the performance of government, attract more talent to public service, and advance understanding of government were announced this week by the Ford Foundation.

At the same time, the Foundation published a report on the results of ten years of experience in these fields.

New grants, totaling \$4,546,000 are:

- \$690,000 to improve the performance of state legislature through briefings and other services for newly elected members;
- \$1,545,000 to the American Political Science Association to enable faculty members and graduate students to serve internships with Congressmen, state legislators, governors, mayors, and other administrative officials;
- \$222,000 to the Council of State Governments for a four-year training program to strengthen the managerial and economic decision-making competence of state budget officers;
- \$750,000 for journalism fellowships and awards in coverage of local and state government and politics;
- \$1,092,000 to the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University, for establishment of an Urban Journalism Center providing advanced study for practical journalists;
- \$99,000 for an appraisal of government manpower programs, by the W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research;
- \$148,000 for research by New York University on the effect of taxes and public expenditures on patterns of industrial and residential location.

bration will be held next Sunday at 3 p.m. The service will climax the celebration of the anniversary. The Reverend J. W. Barnes of the Terrell Creek Baptist Church will render service.

A&T Alumni Organizes Mid-East Branch

GREENVILLE—The Mid-East Region of the A. and T. College General Alumni Association, comprising chapters of the organization in Virginia and North Carolina, was formally organized at a meeting held here on Saturday, April 16.

Eighty-odd delegates, representing 18 chapters, in the two states, participated in the meet, conducted at the Holiday Inn of Greenville.

In the keynote address, Howard C. Barnhill, Charlotte, health educator and president of the national alumni group, described the region plan as, "an effective means to communicate and coordinate the ambitious plans for expansion and development of the A. and T. alumni movement."

Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, president of the college, delivered the main address at the concluding dinner session on Saturday evening. He called upon support of the alumni in the college's aim to prepare American citizens for America's needs.

Other speakers appearing at the afternoon session, included: Dr. F. A. Williams, director of Planning and Development, and Ellis F. Corbett, alumni executive secretary, both of the college staff.

Other speakers at the dinner session were: Dr. J. E. Clement, a member of the Greenville city council, and Dr. John M. Howell, chairman of the Department of Political Science, East Carolina College, both of Greenville.

Elected as officers of the new organization were: John W. Maye, Greenville, president; George S. Greene, Newport News, Va., vice president; Mrs. Doretha Branch, LaGrange, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Helen Griggs, Norfolk, Va., recording secretary; French I. Davis, Wilmington, treasurer, and Nathaniel G. Perry, Thomasville, parliamentarian.

NCC Students To Work In Latin America

Five NCC students will journey to Latin America this summer to participate in community development programs. Minnie Roberson, Walter Brame, and Cressie Thigpen will be stationed in El Salvador while Bruce Bergin and Rufus Goldston will stay in Nicaragua. These students will be accompanied by participating students from Duke University and the University of North Carolina.

Sophomores Minnie Roberson from Durham, Walter Brame from Henderson, and Cressie Thigpen from Fayetteville will work in the country of El Salvador in cooperation with the Peace Corps headed by Henry Elkins, director of the NCC United Campus Christian Ministry, their team will serve on the mobile health units, the primary education teams, and the agricultural education units of the Peace Corps.

At the same time, Rufus Goldston from Siler City will resume the work started in Pearl Lagoon, a village on the East Coast of Nicaragua. Last year NCC students Murphy Reynolds and Irma Tucker



VISIT LEGAL HEADQUARTERS—Among top officers of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. who recently visited the New York offices of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund are these three ladies. In front are Mrs. Ray N. Moore of Durham, editor, and Mrs. Margaret E. Simms of St. Louis, Mo., president. Standing is Mrs. Aurelia T. James of Chattanooga, Tenn., program director.

SCEF Joins Demand for End to Viet Nam War

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Another civil-rights organization has joined in the demand for an end to the war in Vietnam.

The board of directors of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) took this action at their annual meeting, just concluded in Knoxville, Tenn.

The text of the board's resolution was released at SCEF headquarters in Louisville by the Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, president of the organization.

Shuttlesworth is also secretary of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), which voiced opposition to the war at a meeting in Miami, Fla., recently.

SCEF is a Southwide organization devoted to ending segregation and discrimination. Its special role is to involve Southern whites in the civil-rights movement.

The SCEF board said: "We believe that the civil-right movement in the United States cannot remain indifferent to the human tragedy being in-

flicted upon a people of color in Southeast Asia.

"We are opposed to the resort to violence today in many varied parts of the world. As citizens of the United States, we feel especially our responsibility to condemn the use of U.S. resources by the U.S. Government in the strategic bombing, the napalming, the gassing, the defoliation—in short, the wholesale destruction of people and property in Vietnam.

"We believe there is a close relationship between the use of violence and repression in Viet-

nam and the use of violence and repression in our own country, and particularly in the South, to maintain things as they are.

"We join the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and their groups in condemning as an improper means of solving social problems. As the SCLC says: 'Mass murder can never lead to a constructive and creative government or to the creation of a democratic society in Vietnam.'"

The officers were given a comprehensive orientation on the work of the Legal Defense Fund, which is the legal arm of the entire civil rights movement. (Bagwell Photo)

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