



SMITH GETS CHECK—James R. McKee (center) presents a check of \$12,500 on behalf of The 100 Club to Dr. Rufus P. Perry, president of Johnson C. Smith University for the Centennial Campaign. Dr. Emery L. Rann (right) is president of the Club. The Club has pledged \$25,000 to the Campaign.



READY FOR OPENING OF A. AND T. MEMORIAL UNION—Members of the Advisor Board of the new A. and T. College Memorial Student Union, are now shaping plans for the opening soon of the million-dollar facility. Seated at the table, from left to right, members of the Board: Clarence Page, Raeford, cultural affairs; Roy C. White, Elizabeth City, president, Student Government; Miss Jean Tatum, Clarendon, learning for living; Miss Velma Watts, Winston-Salem, personnel; Dennis Fairley, Chapel Hill, publicity; James Rhodes, Council, quiet games; Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, president of the College; Dr. Jesse Marshall, dean of Student Affairs; Harvey A. Alexander, business manager; Clayton A. Hudson, Henderson, rules and regulations; George C. Thompson, Mebane, games and tournaments; Isaiah Oglesby, Granite Quarry, Budget Committee, and James Smith, social affairs. Standing at rear are professional staff members: Albert E. Smith, director; Mrs. Rubye Reid, secretary; Ellwood Edwards, games supervisor, and Roger N. McKee, associate director.

NAACP Aids 3 Suspended SCS Students

COLUMBIA, S.C. — NAACP National Office and South Carolina State NAACP Conference attorneys joined in filing a complaint, Friday, March 10, in Federal District Court here charging that three students at South Carolina State College were suspended without proper hearing.

The NAACP complaint alleges that the failure to provide the students with a full list of charges against them, an opportunity to confront their accusers and to present evidence on their own behalf denied the due process of law in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. The Association's attorneys ask for a temporary restraining order setting aside the suspensions and a permanent injunction prohibiting future hearings from being conducted under the aegis of the college.

The three — Joseph Hammonds, president of the NAACP state youth conference, Benjamin Bryant, Jr., and John Stromans — were suspended for engaging in on-campus protests concerning limitations of academic freedom and the quality of education they were receiving.

At that time, the college discipline committee, consisting of five faculty members, gave them two hours notice to leave the campus, and the Dean of Students informed them that they were "indefinitely suspended from the college effective Feb. 24, 1967 until August 1, 1970."

Dean H.N. Vincent further stated that "On or after that date (August 1, 1970) you may reapply for readmission, but readmission shall depend on the unanimous approval of the discipline committee in full session of the assembly."

After the 1500-member student body initiated further protests, and began a boycott of classes March 2, which is continuing, and is reportedly 90 per cent effective, the discipline committee changed the termination date of the suspension to August 1, 1967.

Since then Rev. I. DeQuincey Newman, NAACP state field director, has held numerous conferences with both the students and the Rev. J. Herbert Nelson, president of the State Conference of NAACP Branches; and Dr. C.H. Thomas, Jr., a professor of South Carolina College and also president of the Orangeburg NAACP Branch.

NAACP General Counsel Robert L. Carter, Assistant Counsel Lewis M. Steel, and NAACP South Carolina State Conference Attorney Matthew J. Perry are representing the students involved in the suspension.

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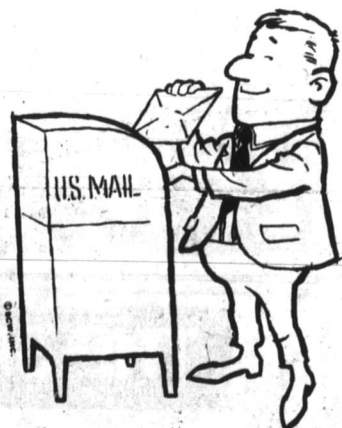
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By Mary Whitman

"I can't write anywhere except on the dining room table," says children's book writer Virginia Novinger. "The only system that ever worked for me was writing in that room with children and dogs milling around."

Once she tried working at a new desk with a typewriter that rose at a finger-touch. Not a line came. The setup was moved to the bedroom. The same thing happened.

"Now that the children are grown it is quieter," says this Illinois author, who began doing children's books when her eldest son was in kindergarten. Animals and children are two of her many interests. Youngsters like volumes of short stories about pets. So Virginia recently wrote a story about a Chihuahua, named Pepe, for a book of dog stories, called *Here, Boy!* The book, for a 9-to-12-year-old audience, is part of a new Tween-Age series launched by Whitman Publishing Company of Racine, Wisconsin, nation's largest producer of children's books. A cat heroine she created leads off another book in the series, called *That's Our Cleo*.

The Novinger home never housed a menagerie. But whatever appeals to children appeals to a children's author, so a range of subject matter finds its way into her work. She writes magazine and newspaper articles as well, and does volunteer work for a hospital.

A racoon of rare traveling ability will appear soon in a book she is doing for younger readers. The only clue the author will give: her hero will set a new high in animal spirits.