

McGhee elected head of W.Va. State alumni

LTC (RET) Acie McGhee, Jr., a member of the class of 1954, was elected national president of the West Virginia State College National Alumni at their eighth national conference held April 21-24 at the Hyatt Hotel.

McGhee succeeded Dr. P. Ahmed Williams. Retired professor, Emeritus who ends a long and distinguished tenure as the second president of the association.

Williams was unanimously awarded the title "professor Emeritus."

McGhee, master of ceremonies at the banquet on Saturday night, is currently president of the triad chapter and national president of the Kimball High School National Alumni Association, announced that both he and Dr. Williams were graduates of Kimball High School, McDowell County, West Virginia. Tom Cabbell, first vice-president, is also a Kimball graduate.

Williams was presented with a certificate of appreciation by the Triad Chapter.

Former students of Williams'



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first school, Mrs. Louise McGhee and Mrs. Lillian B. Alexander, graduates of Excelsior High School, McDowell county and WVSC Alumni, witnessed the award along with Mrs. Beatrice Mitchell a Kimball graduate.

McGhee and Diana Williams-Cotton were local coordinators while Mrs. Ann B. Smith was national coordinator.

The theme of the conference was "Molded in the Past, Serving the Present, Developing the Future." Approximately 300 alumni, friends and guests enthusiastically pronounced the conference as the best in the history of the association and the first one held in a Southern City. The conferees participated in business sessions, workshops held by local merchants, shopping tours, awards luncheon and the Charles A. McLean banquet and dance. McLean was presented with a plaque for his overall support of the triad chapter, the national alumni association and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Mrs. Katherine McLean, wife of the honoree, accepted the award. Melvin W. Griffin, treasurer and charter member, received the 110 percent award. Mrs. Mary "Coon" Hairston was honored as the oldest living graduate and received a standing ovation from the audience. Mrs. Martha Spencer Atkins was honored as the co-author of the Alma Mater.

Dr. Hazo Carter, president of the College, gave the main address

at the Saturday night banquet. Dr. Carter announced that the college, which has the distinction in West Virginia of having the longest continuing accreditation of any four year public institution by the North Central Association - since 1927, was successfully evaluated by the association last month. The college, currently enjoying its second highest enrollment of 4,500, has launched a recruiting program for minority students since the enrollment is only 13 percent. Dr. Carter urged the alumni to be more vocal in promoting the college rather than taking its successes for granted.

Other graduates participating in the conference were: Reverend William R. Crawford, who conducted the first memorial service at the conference; Raymond Crowder, Life Member; Richard and Barbara Archia; Sabrina Mance; and Fionnie Anderson who renewed friendship with her roommate for the first time since graduating in 1949.

The next conference will be held in Philadelphia in April 1989.

Arts Council receives \$150,000 challenge grant from national arts group

The Arts Council, Inc. has announced that it has received a special challenge grant of \$150,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts. The Arts Council was eligible to compete for the NEA Local Programs grant as a result of receiving increased support from the City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County during its 1987 United Arts Fund Drive.

The grant will be used to initiate the previously announced Salary Assistance grant program, a new category of funding designed to help not-for-profit, cultural agencies establish new positions and obtain professional expertise.

The NEA Local Programs grant represents a first for The Arts Council, stated Joseph Kyle Walls, executive director. "It is the first time that The Arts Council has qualified for an NEA Local Pro-

grams grant because these grants are contingent upon obtaining increased grant monies from municipal and county governments."

"The awarding of the grant represents a real commitment to the arts and cultural life of this community on the part of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. The Arts Council is most grateful for this increased public support," he said.

The Arts Council is one of seven local arts agencies that received the NEA grant in national competition.

Walls noted that the designation of The Arts Council as the official local arts agency for Winston-Salem, Clemmons, Kernersville, Walkertown, and Forsyth County strengthened the council's eligibility for Federal funding. He

also stated that the designation represents a commitment by local governments to the development of a responsible cultural policy.

The Salary Assistance grant, for which the NEA Local Programs grant will be used, is a three-year commitment by The Arts Council to provide support on a declining scale.

In the fourth year, the member

organization will assume full financial responsibility for the position.

The maximum award will be \$18,000 in the first year, and will require matching funds from the recipient organizations.

Recipients of the first Salary Assistance grants will be announced after July 1.

Along the Garden Path Club meets

The Along the Garden Path Garden Club recently held its regular monthly meeting.

Louise Hamilton was the hostess for the meeting, which was held at the home of Carrie Mayfield. Ellsworth Banner, president, opened the meeting with a short devotion, the reading of the Collect and the singing of the club song in unison.

Emmaline Goodwin, the club's secretary, read her report and Savilla Wilson, treasurer, presented the treasurer's report.

Other reports given included a report on the meeting of the Garden Council. Roberta Cook reported that Edith Williams, interim president of the council, has announced that a Horticultural Show is scheduled for early June. The council also is planning to plant trees on the grounds of the Winston Lake Family YMCA.

Mrs Goodwin reported that the

North Carolina Federation of Flower and Garden Clubs convention will be held in Raleigh Aug. 7-8.

The club's project for the afternoon was a workshop on flower arrangements for special occasions. Mrs. Banner was the leader for the workshop. She offered tips on selecting a container to arrange flowers for the dinner table. She cautioned against making arrangements so tall that all of the the guests cannot be seen over the top of them.

Following the business portion of the meeting, Mrs. Hamilton served a dinner to club members.

Members attending included Ruby Dunlap, Ruth Glenn, Julia Johnson, Sharon Lindsay, Mrs. Bronnie Daniels, Verna Grier and Sinclair Crowder and Mable Allen.

Guests at the meeting were Dorothy Wright of Canton, Ohio, Leona McKnight and Gwen Ashley.

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