

Friends Of The University Chartered

A new community support group, the Friends of Johnson C. Smith University, was officially chartered and a board of directors selected at a dinner reception hosted by Smith President, Dr. Robert L. Albright, February 2nd.

The new organization is co-chaired by Mrs. Elizabeth Randolph, retired Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools area superintendent and Dr. Gerson Stroud, former West Charlotte High School principal. Its purpose is to serve as a liaison between Johnson C. Smith University and the community in ways which a) encourage the sharing of ideas and information, b) promote the development of the University and c) create opportunities for the University to serve the needs of the community at large.



Johnson C. Smith University president Dr. Robert L. Albright, center, is flanked by "Friends of JCSU" Co-chairpersons, Mrs. Elizabeth Randolph, left, and Dr. Gerson Stroud.

"We perceive an organization that will lead, support and participate in a wide variety of meaningful social, service, cultural, educational and religious events and programs," noted Dr. Albright in the President's Charge to the group. "We envision vehicles of continuing education which will contribute to the quality of life in the immediate community and attract the experts and involvement of the greater community. Johnson C. Smith University will definitely assume an active role in the development of The Biddleville-Five Points neighborhood in particular and the near West Side at Large," added Dr. Albright.

Preliminary planning includes a program of notable speakers, life enrichment seminars and other special events and continuing education opportunities currently unavailable.

"Friends of JCSU will be an open and visible organization without limitations of race, position and stature in the community, which will join in our quest for a new era of excellence," remarked Dr. Albright.

"I have been concerned about the lack of community outreach by Smith

in the last 40 years," noted Elizabeth Randolph. "I could not say no to the important endeavors that this group will try to achieve."

Dr. Stroud, a Charlotte native and graduate of JCSU, recalls the past 75 years when the Beatties Ford Road school was virtually a foreigner in Charlotte midst.

"Few graduates of Second ward High went to Smith," observed Dr. Stroud. "I went as a matter of economics. They let me put \$5 down and pay \$5 a month right up until I graduated with a good education and no balance due."

"J.C. Smith is much better known today, but there is still so much to do," continued Dr. Stroud. "The President has given this school a new direction. I look forward to helping JCSU fulfill its vital role in Charlotte. We have a mission with busy people to carry out the goals that we wish realized."

By-laws were adopted by those present. Officers and committee chairpersons were also announced as

follows: Mary Gill (secretary); Oscar Bidgood (treasurer); Frank McCain (membership committee); Juanita Reid (nominating committee); Vivian Nivens (public relations); Marie Grier (social committee) and Vivian Williams (special projects).

Memberships on a yearly basis or lifetime basis are available on an individual or couple-corporation basis. For more information, contact Dr. Gloria Duval, the JCSU Office of Development, at 704-378-1024 week-days between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Dixon Loves Life

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Patrice learned from her grandfather to "take each day as it comes." She noted Grandfather Stroud insists on family reunions.

"Every time the family gets together, my grandfather will say, 'How sweet it is!'" Patrice recalled.

Though our beauty hasn't decided which college she wants to attend, she's certain she wants to enter the field of medicine, and possibly become a physical therapist. Her sister, Monique, attends Harvard University.

Whatever Patrice strives for in life, she will always have as part of her goal, the intention to improve racial relations. "I

also want to help the people in need of food, clothing and shelter," she spoke on a more solemn note. When

Patrice was a volunteer for Operation Hotline, she realized her problems weren't as serious as many of those of her peers.

"Operation Hotline is a teen hotline, which allows teens seeking answers to talk to people about their concerns. I realize how fortunate I really am. I appreciate life more, and want to help people as much as possible," Patrice urged.

Our beauty has found happiness within herself and is willing to share it with the world.

Bridge Club

The winning pairs of the Metrolina Bridge Club are for the North-South are Sarah Wilson and Matilda Spears; Vietta Neal and Spencer Durante; Julian and Rose Pyles and Harry Bost and Emery Rann.

In the East-West games, winners were: Gerson Stroud and George Johnson; Sudie Goins and Samella Twitty; John Culliff and Charles Bost and Felicia and Johnny Williams.

The Metrolina Duplicate Bridge Club holds its games each Tuesday at the Greenville Community Center on Spring Street at 7:15 p.m.

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Daniels To Honor Malcom X

By Lori Grier
Post Staff Writer

During Black History Month, we salute Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mary McCleod Bethune, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman and other black contributors, but "not very much is put out about Malcom X," protested Ahmad Daniels.

Because of that a film about his life entitled "Malcom X, The Man In The Prospect," will be shown along with his albums, a discussion about his contributions and blacks extending their relationship with Third World people.

Although he was assassinated on February 21, 1965, the affair will be held February 19 from 4-6 p.m. at McCrory Branch YMCA, Beatties Ford Road. Ahmad Daniels, sponsor, extends a free invitation to the public to attend.

Daniels, 35, mentioned that Malcom X (born Malcom Little) talked about the necessity of blacks protecting and defending themselves by "any means necessary" and that he came during a time when the most radical things were happening, such as blacks integrating lunch counters, theaters and restrooms.

Malcom said that we have to look beyond the achieving of civil rights and aim for human rights. "His whole idea was if you get your human rights, your civil rights would come," he continued.

According to Daniels, Malcom X viewed non-violence in a totally different fashion from King and others. "Malcom took odds with the way King and other civil rights giants were going about getting freedom for blacks. He realized that with the killings of three black girls in a church in Birmingham, Alabama, Emmett Till, Medgar Evers and others, you couldn't speak non-violence to a person who didn't understand non-violence and that there was nothing wrong with blacks arming themselves against violence inflicted upon them time and time again."

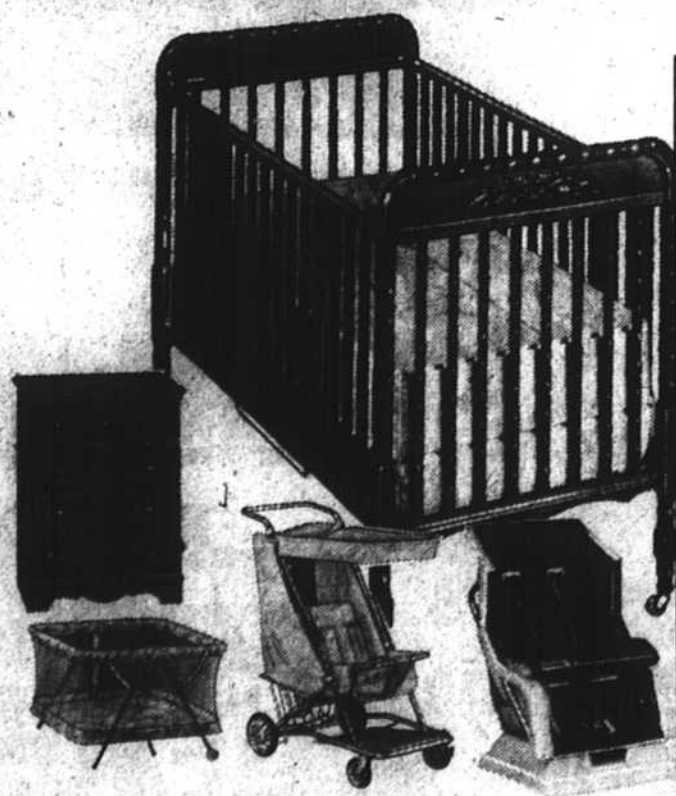
Malcom X spent six years in prison for burglary. During that time he became a Muslim and developed a fondness for knowledge, history and love of black people. Malcom attributes much of his knowledge to the late spiritual leader of the Nation of Islam, Elijah Muhammad. After his release from prison, he took the teachings of Muhammad to the brothers on the street and told them to take the needle out of their arms, he told the sisters that there was another way to make it in the world without being a prostitute. Muhammad appointed him national minister, and he organized mosques throughout America.

Daniels believes that Malcom X was killed for one reason. "He attempted to take the black problem to the United Nations and have them put America on trial for violating the human rights of 22 million African-Americans. America didn't want to be embarrassed by having her problems discussed openly in the United Nations. Malcom didn't hesitate to die for us, because he loved us all."

Ahmad Daniels honors Malcom X, because "He came at a time when black America was in need of a sense of pride."

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