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Alumni Show Special Interest In Activities And Growth Of School

Grads From All Sections of the Country Respond To Call of Register For The Manifestation of Old Time School Spirit.

MANY HAVE ACHIEVED SUCCESS

Some Have Accumulated Wealth While All Appear To Be Active And Gainfully Employed

During the present school year the A. and T. Alumni with the co-operation of the Register staff is attempting to renew the memories to one another and to the present student body the old time A. & T. spirit.

The staff has contacted several graduates concerning that "Old A. & T. Spirit" and the responses have been many. A large number of the graduates of several college generations back, some of whom were outstanding students while here in school express their views of the college spirit during their days with all the enthusiasm of youth.

It is clearly apparent that the members of the Alumni Association hold fond and pleasant memories of A. & T. College and the part it has taken in the formulation of their lives and character. Many of them engaged in activities of various nature while here in school including president of student council, the football gridiron, the basketball court, forensic combats, editor of the Register and several other outstanding extra-curricular activities.

The alumni members are located from Maine to California and in foreign countries. They are found in the metropolitan centers as well as the smallest country villages. However distant they may be, they have contributed to the columns of the Register, visited the institution from time to time and corresponded in several other ways in order to keep in touch with the progress of the school and to offer suggestions for improvement.

It is interesting to note that the alumni have representatives in several walks of life. They are engaged in activities from skilled workers to civil service and outstanding professions, including electricians, engineers, farmers, ministers, lawyers, doctors, newspaper editors, teachers, farm agents, supervisors, businessmen, manufacturers, and army officers.

Regardless of the activities in which the graduates are engaged, several of them express their desires to return to the college and share the benefits of the improved features and the courses that have been added since they left the walls of the institution.

Special Singing Group Created

A Tour and Radio Broadcast Made By Distinguished Organization

In response to a special request from the pastor of the Church of Wide Fellowship at Southern Pines, N. C., a special group of singers were called together by the president under the direction of Prof. H. Hamilton Williams to render a concert for Interracial Sunday, February 9. Due to extremely cold weather and heavy snows, the trip was postponed until the following Sunday. The group had rehearsed but a few days before its initial appearance in Chapel February 7. The students received their performance with a very hearty applause. The following Friday the Group sang again for Chapel.

Group Cordially Received At Southern Pines

After a rather uneventful trip in the College bus, the group arrived at the Church of Wide Fellowship where they were received by a representative of the Church. The concert was held during the usual Sunday evening Worship Hour. The pastor requested that in view of the fact that it was an hour of worship and that many of the songs that were to be sung would be really songs of prayer the audience refrain from applauding. Many listeners were very ardent in their praise after the services, however. The program consisted of Spirituals by the group, and selections by Mrs. Julia Y. Sessoms, soprano and Mr. Bernard L. Mason, violinist.

After the concert an offering was lifted for the benefit of a Student Loan Fund, which totaled close to sixty dollars. Since the school had no such fund at that time, President Bluford initiated The Wide Fellowship Student Loan Fund, under which name the proceeds were deposited. It was named in honor of the church that made the first effort towards its establishment. The president expressed hope that the fund may be developed to such an extent by contributions or by concerts such as this one was that it may become a very valuable asset to deserving students who may need financial aid.

The personnel of the group was: sopranos—Christine Brown, Pearl Garrett and Ella Edwards; altos—Louis Gunn, Lettie Jarborough, Helen Robinson and Margaret Pennington; tenors—James Scar-

lette, Carl Johnson, Howard Barnhill, Alvin McLendon, Arthur Banks, Enas Evans, and Prof. T. B. Jones; basses—Frank Wright, Burgoyne Barnhill, Llewellyn Harris, William Fisher and Wayland Wilson.

The Group was also heard over the air during the regular weekly broadcast from the college, March fourth.

Spring Quarter Opens; Increased Enrollment

With the opening of the spring quarter the enrollment was increased with several new students and a few of the old students who are returning after having been out for a quarter on account of illness and other misfortunes. The total enrollment for the college approaches closely the 600 mark.

Among the old students who have returned are: Hazel Holmes, Clinton, N. C.; Ruth Johnson, Greensboro, N. C.; Marian Leech, High Point, N. C.

Among the new students are: Mary L. Miller, Forest City, N. C.; Alice Melvin, Newton Grove, N. C.; Talmadge Mitchell, Greensboro, N. C.; Maude Miller, Greensboro, N. C.; Herbert N. Smith, Washington, D. C.; Bertena Huntley, Greensboro, N. C.; and Enose Russell.

Note: At the time of this writing the registration had not been completed. Several of the city school teachers have registered in special courses.

Ag. Seniors Conduct Evening Schools

The seniors of the agricultural department of the college are conducting evening schools in towns and communities of Guilford County. These communities are Florence and Jackson. The schools have already been organized and four or five classes taught.

The purpose of the evening schools are to improve the living conditions of the rural sections of the county. The patrons of the communities are showing a marked interest in the information being given them by the teacher trainees. These classes are conducted weekly and will continue for several weeks.

The work being done in these particular meetings is taking somewhat a practical slant as well as theoretical. Such work as spraying and pruning fruit trees, beautifying homes and surroundings,

EXTENDS GREETINGS



President F. D. Bluford

LITTLE THEATRE GUILD MAKING RAPID PROGRESS

Several Tours Planned. Many Already Completed. Special Course Offered.

The Little Theatre Guild of A. & T. College under the direction of Mr. J. Percy Bond with Miss Hattie Diffay assisting, has shown marked improvement over previous years.

This year the institution is offering a course in dramatics listed as English 200. The course is the first of several to be offered. The scope of the course is to give a clear knowledge of design construction, painting and experimental dramatics.

Stage craft is also a study outlined for the students at A. and T. Stage craft is a new course to be offered in Negro colleges. We are very proud of the new stage laboratory with equipment valued at \$5,000. In this laboratory students will present plays written and produced exclusively by students of the Theatre Guild. The laboratory has many cabinets, tables, chairs

and painted scenery which were built by members of the Guild.

and repaired and constructing poultry houses and equipment is being done.

The trainees are being assisted in this work by Prof. C. E. Dean, Professor of Agricultural Education; Mr. W. B. Harrison, local county agent and Miss Annie Murry, local home demonstration agent.

Negro History Week Observed In Big Way

Interesting Programs Were Presented By Various Organizations

Radio Broadcast Included

The National Negro History Week is said to have been observed at A. & T. College in a very big way. The Negro in history, both present and past, was portrayed by the various organizations of the campus as never before in programs of different natures.

The first program of the week was given on Monday noon by the Choral Club under the direction of Miss Ethyl B. Wise, head of the music department. The Negro was portrayed in song. Several spirituals were rendered.

The second program was presented on Monday night. It was broadcast over Station WBIG. This program consisted of musical selections and an address delivered by Prof. A. R. Brooks concerning the "Negro Slave Poet of Chapel Hill."

On Wednesday the debating society presented a play, "Negro History Week in a White University." The play was composed by J. L. Withers, president of the society. The scene was a faculty meeting of the University of Pennsylvania. The president received a petition from the Negro History Society asking that the Negro History Week be observed on the campus. Views of this petition both pro and con were discussed by the members of the faculty and it was finally voted that the Institution would observe Negro History Week with only one dissenting vote.

Dr. M. D. Jenkins, professor of economics and history, delivered an address on Friday relating "The Achievements of the Negro."

The observance was climaxed on Sunday with a Symposium by the Faculty Men's Club. The subject of the discussion was "Which Way Out."

The discussion was opened by Prof. T. B. Jones, who introduced certain educational objectives, namely, social respectability, economic independence, political influence and racial integrity as a "way out for the Negro."

He was followed by Prof. A. C. Bowling, who advanced his views on a change from the present racial prejudices that exist, while Dr. W. J. Knox, Jr., advocated the free use of the ballot.

Prof. L. A. Wise advanced two methods of solving the problem economically, since statistics show that the Negro is essentially a laborer. To develop skill in more than one field as a worker and form organizations to further improve the worker and open up new avenues of endeavor.

Prof. H. C. Taylor stated: "Human suffering does something to the soul of a man and it is for this reason that the Negro has made his greatest contribution in the field of art, where he has been able to express his feelings, characterized by the spiritual, "Nobody Knows the Trouble I See."

Prof. Harry J. Green spoke of the Negro's contribution in the field of science, theoretical and applied, advancing the theory that if at an early age each child who has tendencies along scientific lines were given the opportunity to develop that interest, the race would produce more scientists.

Dr. C. H. Mills, Sr., was very outspoken in his rebuttal of the theories propounded by the various instructors.

Prof. A. R. Brooks presided.

Statistics show that Negro females exceed Negro males by 25-647 in North Carolina. In the urban territory there are only 84.1 males per 100 females, while in the rural territory there are 98.7 males per 100 females.

A. & T. College Stages First Dual State Basketball Tournament

N. C. and Va. High School Teams Battle For High Honors. Addison High of Va. Wins Over Atkins Hi of N. C.

MONTGOMERY TAKES INDIVIDUAL HONORS

The first dual state basketball tournament was staged here Saturday, February 22. The rivalries in the tournament were composed of outstanding high school basketball teams of North Carolina and Virginia. The Addison High School quint of Roanoke, Va., 1935 champions of the Virginia State Inter-scholastic Tournament, won over the Atkins High of Winston-Salem, North Carolina by a close margin of 24-22.

The dual state tournament is to become an annual affair. Its purpose is to maintain a friendly rivalry between the high schools of North Carolina and Virginia and to develop better C. I. A. A. contestants. A larger number of

teams from both states is expected to enter next year.

The final game between Addison and Atkins was thrilling and exciting from the beginning to the end. The Atkins five outplayed the winners in the major portion of the game but the jinx seemed to have been on them at the needy time. Montgomery, Atkins forward, was rated as the most outstanding player of the tournament.

The scores for the various games played are as follows:

Brown Summit 16-Reidsville 22; Booker T. Washington of Rocky Mount 11-Siler City 9; Dudley Hi 34-Martinsville 9; Addison 33-Reidsville 7; Henderson 33-Booker T. Washington 10; Atkins 22-High Point 13; Dudley 21-Dunbar 19; Henderson 21-Addison 22; Atkins 22-Dudley 17.

Annual Short Course, Success

Ag. Association Entertains With Program And Reception

PRES. BLUFORD SPEAKS

The annual short course in agriculture which was held here recently was deemed an unusual success. Several North Carolina counties sent representatives. The college presented to Durham county a pure bred Jersey bull calf for sending the largest number of representatives to the short course.

This course was designed for farmers and prospective farmers who cannot leave their work for a long period but who are desirous of improving their conditions by learning how to produce and manage their farms.

The Agricultural Association entertained the members of the short course with a very interesting program and reception. On the program were featured welcome address, group singing, yells, games and selections from the agricultural male chorus. Several visitors were present and several short speeches were made. The evening was enjoyed by all.

President Bluford delivered the main address. He congratulated Dr. Spaulding, Dean of the Agricultural Department and who was chairman of the short course committee, for the added interest that is being shown in the agricultural department of the college from year to year. "I am particularly interested in agriculture myself," the president said, "and I am happy to see so many of the young men taking such a great interest in the work." He stated that he had been dean of agricultural departments in two or three leading colleges of the country.

Several visitors were present.

KAPPA AWARD

In 1933, the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, in order to encourage scholarship, presented to the college a cup upon which was the name of the student who made the best average during the quarter. The winning of this cup is a decided distinction and many are they who fight to win the coveted honor.

For the fall quarter of this school year, this honor went to Helene Biggers of Gastonia, N. C., who made a perfect score of 3.00.

The other students who have won the cup, in the order of their accomplishment, are: T. M. Gal-loway (graduated), C. I. Sawyer (graduated), L. F. Richards, James M. Poole, and Paul E. Wise.

The cup becomes the property of the person who wins it five times in succession.

Fall Quarter Honor Roll Announced

47 Students Named. 15 On "A" List and 32 On "B" List

HELEN BIGGERS HIGHEST

According to the announcement made by President Bluford at a chapel period, 47 students of the college made the honor roll for the fall quarter. Fifteen students made the "A" honor roll while 32 students made the "B" honor roll. The President stated that the number was small considering the number of students registered in the institution.

Helene Biggers, a member of the junior class, was the highest ranking student. She made a perfect record, an average of three grades points. The junior class was the highest ranking class with 16 on the honor list; eight of these were of the "A" list and eight on the "B" list.

The freshman class had the smallest percent of students on the honor roll. There are more than 250 students in the class and only 10 made the honor roll. Only one made the "A" honor roll and nine made the "B" list. This is the first time in several years that the freshman class was not the highest ranking class.

Those making the "A" honor roll by classes are as follows: Freshman Class—James Pendergrast; Sophomore Class—Mercer Z. Ray and Constantine Dean; Junior Class—Helene Biggers, H. E. Van Blake, Garland Bass, James M. Poole, Mary M. Ward, Wayland Wilson, Isaac Johnson and Virgil Stroud; Senior Class—Rivera G. Mitchell, John L. Withers and Paul Wise; special unclassified—Mrs. Lannard E. Ricks.

Those making the "B" honor roll by classes are as follows: Freshman Class—Llewellyn Harris, Carl T. Johnson, Isaiah Hilliard, Estelle Smith, Willa Mae Johnson, Virginia McLaurin, Maceo Turner, Marian Leach and Fred Jones; Sophomore Class—William Fisher, Robert C. McDowell, Hamlet Gore, Stanford McKethan, J. W. Turner, Benjamin Hargrove and Dalrymple Susnett; Junior Class—William Alexander, Nealie George, Girardeau Alexander, Sannie Sellars, Jethro Monroe, McHenry Norman, Nathan Perry and Inez Young; Senior Class—John Spaulding, Winston-Salem Leonard, Robert Haith, Jr., Alexander W. Jones, Charles McKoy; special unclassified, Charlie Harris and W. J. Jamieson.

coming from Guilford county and other counties of the state. They were introduced by Prof. C. E. Dean. All of them were vocational and extension workers in the field of agriculture.

