

Pa. Teachers College Hosts 34th Conclave Of Phi Delta Kappa

WEST CHESTER, Pa. — Several hundred delegates and visitors representing chapters from all sections of the country attended the 34th Conclave of the National

Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, as guests of Xi Chapter on the campus of the West Chester State Teachers college during the holiday vacation.

Rev. Leon H. Sullivan of Philadelphia, outstanding leader in combating juvenile delinquency addressed the public meeting on the opening night.

A highlight of the public meeting held on the campus was the announcement by Supreme Basileus Marion H. Blufft, of merit awards to the nine Negro students attending Central High school in Little Rock, for their fortitude, courage and determination unparalleled by any group their age, under any circumstances.

Dr. Leslie Pinkney Hill, president emeritus of Cheyney State Teachers college received a citation in recognition of his courageous, intelligent and infatigable devotion to the cause of human rights with special commendation for his perseverance and leadership in the promotion of better race relations.

Jackie Robinson was cited also for his contribution to better racial understanding and appreciation of man's worth through his brilliant career in baseball.

The following day there was an adult panel presentation on mental health, the gifted child, human relations and citizenship. On the panel were T. J. Keating, County psychiatrist; Mrs. Ruth Tomilison, former head Oaklane Country Day School, Temple university; Dr. James Duckery, president Cheyney State Teachers college; Dr. Charles Swope, president West Chester State Teachers college. Mr. James MacRae, dean of men, Lincoln university served as Moderator.

These women in education were further inspired by the help received from the extensive and varied exhibits on display during the Conclave, also by the informative workshops on reading, vision, integration, and speech.

They will long remember the challenging address given at the closed banquet by Dr. Arenia C. Mallory Davis, founder - president

of Saints Junior college, Lexington, Miss., and national associate member of the sorority.

Outstanding among reports made at the meetings was the announcement that \$20,000 has been awarded in scholarships nationally to girls engaged in training to become teachers, in the past 20 years. Adopted as a long term project in the national program, to be put on by chapters, was the decision to extend special services for exceptional children.

Resolutions were passed and sent to Senator Eastland urging the confirmation of the appointment of the Assistant Attorney General as Director of the office of Legal Counsel in the Department of Justice; to President Eisenhower urging him to continue, but with greater vigor his efforts toward the promotion of civil rights, especially those pertaining to education programs to preserve democracy in our country; and to the Honorable W. Wilson White, commending him on the selection made by the President as the head of the newly created division of Civil Rights in the Department of Justice.

Mrs. Naomi Taswell of Philadelphia was elected Supreme Epistoleus; Mrs. Emmadean Boyette of Detroit was returned to the office of Program Director; and Mrs. Delores Hunt, of Baltimore was appointed to the office of Supreme Tamias to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mrs. Theresa McIver. All other officers have another year to serve.

"Educating America's Youth in a New Era" is the 1958 theme selected by the Conclave.

New York City will play host to the Conclave at its next conference meeting.