

More Than 200 To Receive Degrees At N. C. College's 37th Commencement

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Commencement Principals



During the series of commencements activities scheduled for North Carolina College, the principal speakers will be Dr. Marshall Shepard, (Top Left) Recorder of Deeds, D. C., who will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon, Sunday, May 30, and Dr. Alonzo F. Myers, (Top Right) head of the New York University department of education, who is slated to deliver the commencement address Monday, May

31 at 11 a. m. Also pictured here are President Alfonso Elder (Lower Left) who will be presiding over his first commencement in the capacity of president of North Carolina College, and Marion S. Johnson, executive Field Secretary of the North Carolina College Alumni Association, who will be in charge of a series of activities sponsored by alumni association.

Marshall Shepard Baccalaureate Speaker; Myers Gives Finals Talk

Alumni Planning Reunions, Awards

The presentation of "Dark Victory" May 26, by the senior class marked the beginning of a series of commencement activities on the North Carolina College campus. On Saturday, May 29, the seniors will present the annual Class Day exercises at 6:30 p. m., in the senior bowl. Alumni who will be holding reunions on the campus beginning May 28 will be guests at the program.

The alumni will hold a business session Saturday afternoon at 2:30 and at 8 p. m., there will be a general meeting of the alumni in B. N. Duke Auditorium. At 9:30 Saturday evening the alumni will be hosts to the seniors at a reception.

Sunday, May 30, will be Baccalaureate Day and the sermon will be delivered by Dr. Marshall Shepard, Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia. At 5 p. m., President and Mrs. Elder will be at home to the faculty, seniors and guests at a reception. Sunday evening at 7:30 the music department will present a concert in B. N. Duke Auditorium.

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Dean Ruth Rush May Leave NCC

In the final women's meeting for the current school year here Wednesday, May 5, Dean Ruth G. Rush stated that this was probably her final official meeting in the capacity of dean of women. She has submitted her resignation to the board of trustees and plans to remain at the school in some other capacity.

Miss Rush, came to North Carolina College in 1915, and held the position of dean of women since 1926. She also held positions as teacher of mathematics and Latin and head of the department of education. She is a graduate of Clark University and has done graduate work at Radcliff College, Columbia University and Harvard University. From the latter institution she received the Ed. M. degree.

In her final talk to the women, Miss Rush based her message on Doctor Nicholas Murray Butler's definition of education:

"There are five tests of the evidence of education — correctness and precision in the use of their mother tongue; refined and gentle manners, the result of fixed habits of thought and action; sound standards of appreciation of beauty and of worth; and character based on these standards; power and habit of reflection; efficiency or the power to do."

J. B. James New Council President

In what was probably the most bitterly contested election ever held on this campus Wednesday, May 5, the students of North Carolina College marched to the polls and elected James B. James and Miss Mary McLean president and vice president respectively of the student council.

James, running on a platform of "Progressive School Government," led the other candidates by amassing a majority of the more than 500 votes. He climaxed more than a week of activities campaigning with a political pep rally Tuesday, May 6, where a huge throng of students gathered to hear him outline his platform.

The race for the vice presidency almost ended in a dead heat with only twenty votes separating the two top candidates. Miss Mary McLean who ran on a platform of "Unbiased Student Government" received 188 votes, Elaine Moore 168 and Hillary Holloway came third with 143 votes.

If the platforms of the winning candidates are any indication of their intentions the student body can look forward to a prosperous 1948-49 school year.

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Faculty-Student Committee Reports Proposals For Changes In N. C. College Code

Before the entire student body and staff on April 12, the Committee on Faculty-Student Cooperation made its report. The Student-Faculty Cooperation Committee had its first meeting with President Alfonso Elder February 21, 1948, and began the tremendous job of rethinking the school philosophy. Fields considered at this and succeeding meetings were: student initiative, student handbook, curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

At the initial meeting, President Elder made this explanation of the purpose of the Student-Faculty Committee. "We must rethink our body of policies with an eye to the working of a philosophy for our school community. We too must look at ways in which we must attempt to achieve this philosophy and make recommendations as to how we must maintain and preserve it."

The Committee divided its work into three areas of thinking:

1. our beliefs—suggests our philosophy.
2. our handbook — making it an effective implement to our philosophy.
3. recommendations for specific

areas in which students may exercise initiative for effective action.

In the report the Committee first proposed a preamble that set forth what might contain a philosophy at the North Carolina College Community. Some items included in this preamble were the beliefs that, basically, we are here for training in thoroughness and proficiency in all areas, the need of technical skills, as well as skills in how to live, work and play harmoniously.

That we should learn ways in which living may be improved and humanity made better.

That the goals of education must be defined in terms of social responsibility.

That students should be trained to carry and shoulder responsibility, and should have a basic share in shaping the policy of our college community.

That student government should be a reality in that students share responsibility with the faculty for discipline of dormitory life and campus activities.

That student opinion should be considered and weighed with the same care as that of faculty members.

In the second part of the committee's report on Student-Faculty Cooperation the issues concerning student initiative were taken up. Some of the recommendations made in this area were:

That a committee on Social Standards be appointed, consisting of faculty and students.

That students observe and perpetuate desirable traditions.

That a conscious effort should be made to develop the religious aspect of our campus life and that committees be appointed to function in this capacity.

Those proposals covering the curriculum were:

That we have a clinic where students may find out where they stand and in what area they are most capable of functioning effectively.

That all students be encouraged to participate in varsity athletics.

The proposals for changes in the handbook were then given.

1. No student should be asked to withdraw from the institution without

- a. being informed of the charges
- b. counsel

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Ruth Morrison, dramatic soprano, is shown accepting the plaudits of the audience which gave her a warm reception at her senior recital in B. N. Duke Auditorium Wednesday evening May 5. Her accompanist was Mrs. C. Ruth Edwards with whom she studied for the past four years.

This was a part of the Annual

Festival of Music sponsored by the department of music headed by Dr. J. Elmo Dorsey. The schedule of the week included "Masterpieces of Music" Tuesday, May 4; a concert by the college band Thursday, May 6; and a concert by the college choral organizations Friday, May 7.

Nursing Department To Begin Here In September

Plans have been completed to establish a public health nursing department with the admission of students to begin in September. This was related in an exclusive interview with Miss Esther P. Henry who is to be director of the department.

Miss Henry further stated that it is to be a one-year program designed to prepare students to carry on the

functions of public health nurses, and is based on the satisfactory completion of an approved curriculum including at least three months of supervised field practice.

Admission to the department of Public Health Nursing requires that the applicant be a registered nurse, a graduate of an approved high school, and a graduate of a school of

nursing approved by the committee on admissions.

Miss Henry, who has been organizing the course since February, is a graduate of Mercy Hospital, Phila., Pa. and earned her B. S. and M. A. degrees at Columbia University. Among the visiting professors will be Miss Margaret Blee and Miss Ruth Hay.