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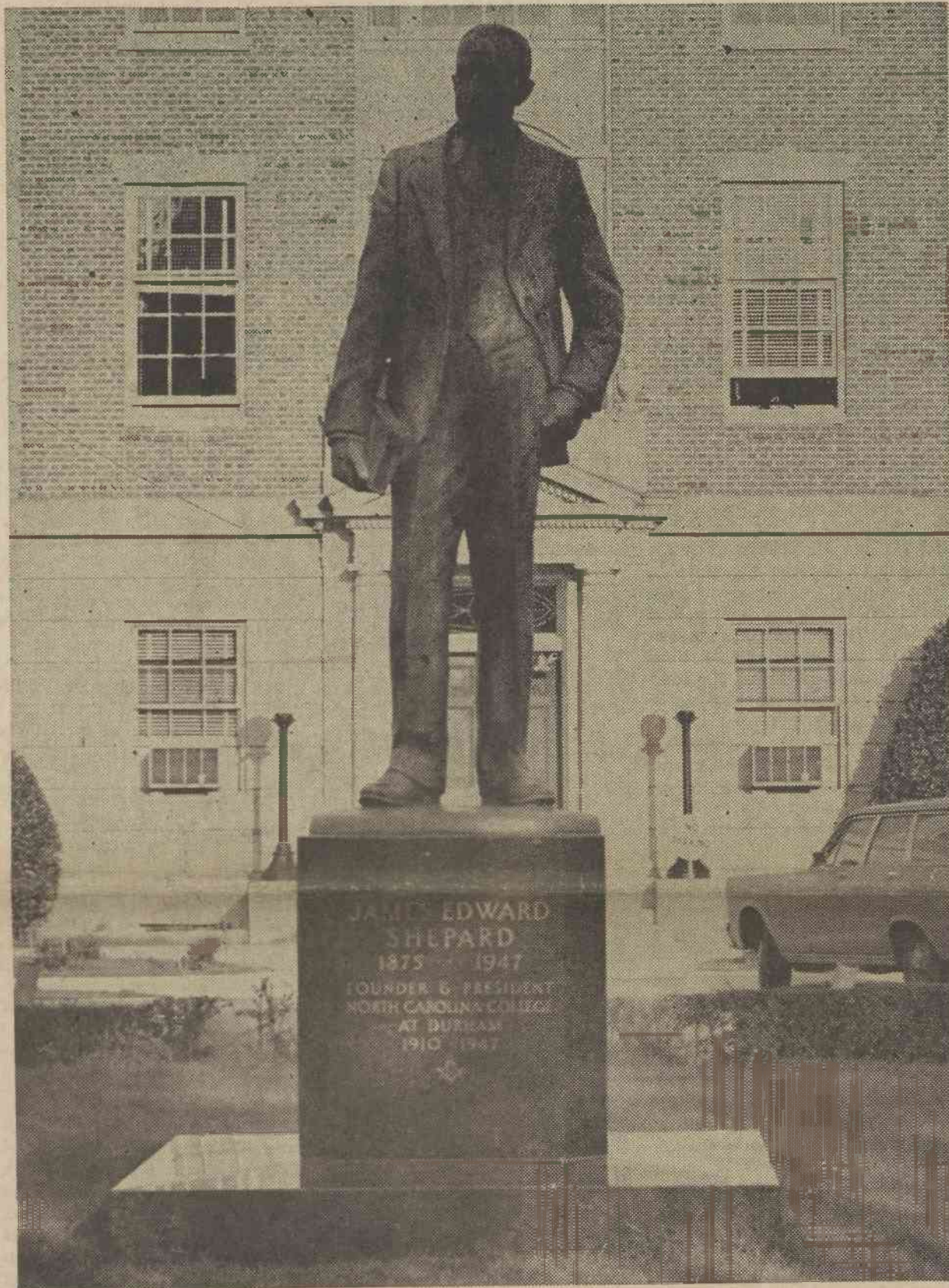
## N. C. College Observes Founder's Day

The Twentieth Annual Founder's Day Convocation and Dedictory Exercises of North Carolina College was presented on November 3, 1967 with the Honorable Robert Walter Scott, the Lieutenant Governor of the State of North Carolina as guest speaker.

Mr. Scott discussed the role of the Negro college, specifically North Carolina College, in education today. He said that significant study was made by Earl J. McGrath of Columbia University in 1965 which concluded that the predominantly Negro colleges will continue to be a major avenue to higher education for Negro youth. He stressed the importance of strengthening the traditional Negro colleges and universities in the South and that "they must develop so that they will have the same standards and provide educational opportunity equal to those of any of the other schools." He said that the Negro colleges are not alone in their plight. "Change and improvement in the Negro colleges should not be considered apart from overall educational planning in North Carolina and elsewhere."

Mr. Scott attended Duke University and North Carolina State College. His major area of academic concern was Animal Industry. He is one of North Carolina's most prominent dairy farmers and has expanded his interest and membership in the related areas of his vocation. His memberships included: North Carolina and American Societies of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, North Carolina State Grange (Masters), and Soil Conservation Society of America. By special appointment, Mr. Scott has served on the State Board of Conservation and Development, 1961-1964; Kerr Reservoir Development Commission, 1961-1964. He is a member of Alpha Zeta, Phi Kappa, and Blue Key.

Those appearing on the program were as follows: Dr. Bascom Baynes, Chairman of Board of Trustees, who presided; the Reverend Dr. J. Neal Hughley, the college minister, who offered invocation and mediation; Dr. Albert N. Whiting, the president, who introduced the speaker and led in the "Truth and Service Ceremony" along with Attorney Henry M. Michaux, Jr., president of National Alumni Association and Douglas Gills, president of the Student Government Association; and the Reverend Mr. Herbert H. Eaton, United Campus Christian Minister, who gave the benediction. Music was rendered by Miss Celia Davidson, the College organist, and the North Carolina College Choir with Mrs. Gwendolyn Tait directing. The North Carolina College Band presented a concert preceding the program around Dr. Shepard's statue.



## PEACE CORPS OFFERS AID IN DRAFT DEFERMENTS

The Peace Corps announced today it will intervene on behalf of Volunteers seeking draft deferments for two years of overseas service.

Agency Director Jack Vaughn, concerned by mounting induction calls to Volunteers serving overseas, said he will take an "active role" in seeking future deferment cases before the Presidential Appeal Board—the court of last resort for draft reclassifications.

In the past the agency performed a largely informational function — advising Volunteers and trainees of Selective Service laws and procedures and confirming to local boards the fact of the Volunteer's service.

In future appeals, Vaughn will write letters to the board describing the circumstances in each case and urging board members to grant a deferment until completion of the Volunteer's overseas tour.

"We have a serious situation," he said. "The problem of induction notices to overseas Volun-

teers is becoming a major concern for us. Pulling a Volunteer off a productive job at mid-tour is unfair to the nation, the host country, the Peace Corps and the individual."

Vaughn said Peace Corps Volunteers have lost about 60 deferment appeals before the three-man board in the last six and one-half years. While adverse rulings by the national board have involved less than one-half of one per cent of the established 15,000 draft-eligible men to have served in the Peace Corps, "virtually all of these have occurred in the past year," he said.

Of the approximately 25 Volunteers who have already returned to the United States for draft induction, two were disqualified for physical reasons and returned to their overseas assignments.

The vast majority of Peace Corps Volunteers are granted deferments for two years of overseas duty because their service is deemed by their local

boards to be "in the national interest," as recommended by Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, the draft director.

However, some local Selective Service Boards refuse deferments even though Peace Corps service does not relieve Volunteers of their draft obligations. If the local board is upheld by the State Appeals Board, the case may reach the Presidential Appeals Board which makes the final decision.

The appeal process often takes months to be resolved and the Peace Corps frequently sends Volunteers to their overseas sites while their appeals for deferment are pending.

Vaughn said the Peace Corps, having provided upwards of 400 hours of intensive language training during the 12 and 14 weeks of preparation, often sends Volunteers overseas to begin service "rather than risk the loss of their newly-earned language fluency during the long waits for final approval or

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## SNEA Welcomes Students To Join

The James E. Shepard Chapter of the Student National Education Association (SNEA) of North Carolina College welcomes NCC students to become members of the organization.

The SNEA is the professional association for college and university students preparing to teach. It is an integral part of the National Education Association. Its purpose is threefold. First, it strives to develop an understanding of the teaching profession through participation in the work of local, state, and national education associations. Secondly, it promotes the interest of capable young men and women in education as a career, and encourages selective standards for persons admitted to approval programs of teacher education. Thirdly, it attempts to aid in gaining practical experience in working together and in working with local, state, and national education associations on problems of the profession and of society.

Officers of the local chapter are Miss Iris V. Thompson, president; Mr. Percy Peel, first vice president; Miss Mildred McKiever, recording secretary; Miss Deborah Jones, corresponding secretary; Miss Mary Todd, treasurer; and Mr. Marvin Johnson, parliamentarian. The three state officers are: Miss Joan Macon, president; Miss Iris Thompson, secretary; Miss Alice Jones, parliamentarian.

One can become a member of the organization by contacting a member or the faculty advisor of the local Student SNEA unit for information about joining.

The first goal set for this year is to recruit interest. Additionally, the group will focus on elevating the character of and increasing the interest in the profession of teaching and promoting the cause of education in the United States.

## VISTA FOCUSES ON PROGRAM

To college students fed up with hamburgers VISTA suggests seal meat. Or, Eskimo ice-cream, a tasty mish-mash made from reindeer tallow, fish, seal oil and—if you're lucky—berries.

This diet, and others less exotic are being offered to college students along with the chance to follow up or fill in their formal educations with a full year's study in the school of hard knocks. Thirty million other Americans who never had a choice are already there:

- in the slums of the cities;
- in Job Corps Centers
- in stricken rural America;
- in the migrant worker camps
- in the huts on Indian reser-

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