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Physics major earns top accolade

300 receive awards for outstanding achievements

By Helen Eagleson

N. C. Central acknowledged 300 students and recent graduates at its 36th annual Awards Day ceremonies Friday, April 12, in the McDougald Gymnasium.

An audience of 2,000 came out for the Awards Day presentations and to hear CBS Newsman Charles Kuralt, featured speaker for the university's major occasion of the Diamond Anniversary celebration.

Among those honored were

Marian Jean Peters, recipient of the Chancellor's Award for the student with the highest cumulative average for seven consecutive semesters.

An all-A average student in both Physics and mathematics, Peters grade point for seven consecutive semesters is a 3.93 on a 4.0 scale.

Peters will receive degrees in both physics and mathematics at May's commencement exercises.

She has previously been

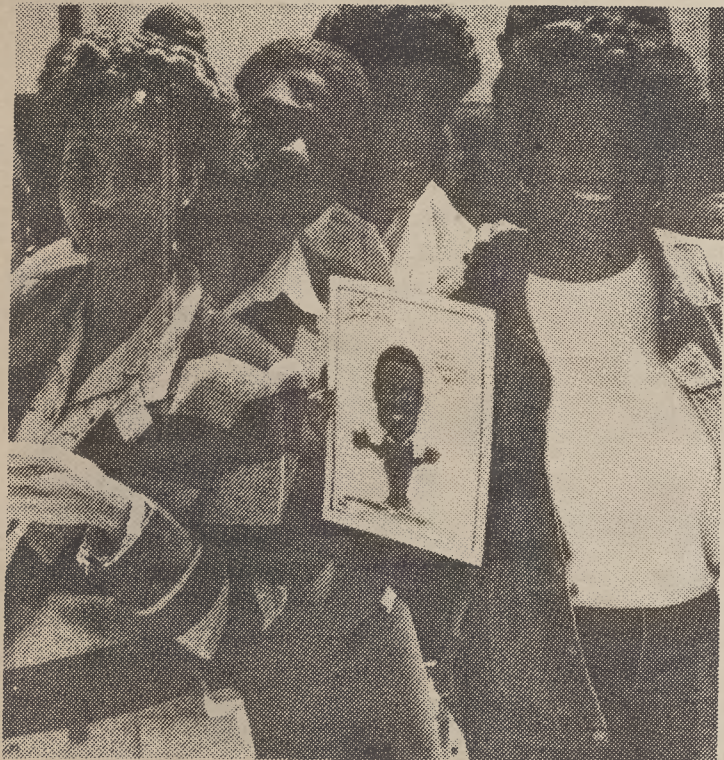
recognized as an Outstanding Sophomore and an Outstanding Junior in Physics, has twice been awarded the Majorie Lee Browne Scholarship for Excellence in Mathematics, and is a member of Pi Mu Epsilon National Honorary Mathematics Fraternity and Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society.

Peters also received the Outstanding Senior award in the department of physics and shared the W.G. Pearson award for mathematics with Bhagirath H. Thaker. Peters plans to attend graduate at Duke or Carolina.

Other recipients of special awards were: Patrick F. Hamer, for the Majorie Lee Browne Scholarship for Excellence in Mathematics; The Duckwilder Memorial Award, to an Outstanding Junior Woman Student, Jayne C.M. Bunn; The Duckwilder Memorial Award to an Outstanding Junior Athlete, Paul A. Nicholson; The Ruth C. Edwards Scholarship Award for Excellence in Chemistry, Oteria Butler; The Octavia Bowers Knight Scholarship for Excellence in Special Education, Martin A. Lewis; The Francis Kornegay Community Relations Award, Ernest Silver; and The Eugenia McManus Younge Award for Excellence in Reading in the Graduate Elementary Education Program, David Lyons; Renee Bell received The Dean's Award to the Senior with the highest Cumulative average in the School of Business; The Ray Thompson Scholarship for Excellence in Education Patricia Stone.

A new award this year was the I. Gregory Newton Scholarship presented to William J. Barber and Kimberly Hardy

Awards for outstanding departmental honors and leadership were also presented.



Spring Fest A Success

Pictured above are students enjoying the Spring Festival activities sponsored by the Alfonso Elder Student Union Program Board.

Kuralt says: American spirit improves

By Helen Eagleson

"There is such thing as a silent majority," said CBS newsman Charles Kuralt to an audience of approximately 2,000 students, parents, instructors, platform guests, and friends of the university at the 36th annual Awards Day ceremonies Friday in McDougald Gymnasium.

Kuralt told the audience that America had developed a "national consciousness" and that patriotism is much richer, deeper, and more serious in the American character than when Kuralt was attending the University of North Carolina

at Chapel Hill.

"America is more humane and more just," said Kuralt, who covered many of the civil rights stories of the '60s.

Kuralt explained that in the turmoil of the '60s he never thought he would live to see "genuine racial justice." However, now he believes that dream may be possible.

"In such a complex and technological society, one man, or one woman, can make all the difference," said Kuralt. He cited such persons as Ralph Nader, Rachel Carson, Betty Friedan, and Martin Luther King as individuals

who "pulled the trigger of history" and made profound contributions to our national consciousness.

Kuralt said that today most of us find it easier to solve technical problems than to solve the human problems of the world.

Kuralt is a 1955 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he served as editor of *The Dailey Tarheel*. Following graduation, Kuralt worked as a reporter and columnist for the *Charlotte News*.

Kuralt has worked for CBS since 1957. He is especially

well known for his long-running "On The Road" news feature series, for which he has traveled over a million miles of American highways and backroads. Kuralt said he has done stories on everything from musical saws to singing pigs, stories which have, nevertheless, earned him a reputation as a champion of the common man.

At the conclusion of his talk, Kuralt was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

History, English departments sponsor symposia

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The first of two symposia on "Women Contributors to North Carolina Central University," will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in the Health Sciences auditorium.

Dr. Beverly Jones, who chaired the program committee for the conferences, said the seven papers examining the contributions of 12 women mark the beginning of further research on the role of women in the life of NCCU.

Papers to be presented

tonight include the following:

Dr. Arthell Sanders, on the wives of NCCU's first two presidents. Mrs. Annie D. Shepard was the wife of the founder, Dr. James E. Shepard; Mrs. Lousie Elder is the widow of Dr. Alfonso Elder.

Dr. Percy Murray on Dr. Helen G. Edmonds, who is NCCU's Distinguished Professor Emerita of History.

Dr. Patsy Perry on Mrs. Frances Eagleson and Mrs. Sudie Marrow, both long-time

administrators. Mrs. Eagleson served as registrar; Mrs. Marrow as bursar.

Papers to be presented on April 22 include the following:

Dr. Beverly Nichols on Miss Diana S. Dent and Dr. Jean Cooper, both former chairpersons of the NCCU Department of Home Economics.

Dr. Earlie E. Thorpe on Mrs. Margaret Adams and Miss Ruby Stewart. Mrs. Adams and Miss Stewart were long-time members of NCCU houseskeeping staff.

Dr. Jean Scales on Miss Pauline Newton and Mrs. Julia Wyatt Harris. Miss Newton and Mrs. Harris were the members of the English faculty at NCCU for many years.

Dr. Beverly Jones on Mrs. Russell B. Sage. A check from Mrs. Sage, a philanthropist from New York City, is credited with saving the institution from closing in its early years.