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Attorney/orator to address commencement

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The "Hottest Speaker on the Lecture Circuit"—that's how many have described Patricia Russell, this year's speaker for the Diamond Anniversary Commencement Exercises of 750 graduate and professional students.

Ms. Russell, of San Antonio, Texas, an attorney and professional orator, is a former official of the Federal Communications Commission.

She is a graduate of Kentucky University and Howard University School of Law and has been admitted to the bars of three jurisdictions, those of the United States Supreme Court, the District of Columbia, and Indiana.

She is currently president of Patricia A. Russell Consultants.

Four students honored for achievements

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Four NCCU students have been recognized for outstanding achievement.

Ronnie Hopkins, a junior English major, is one of six North Carolina students named to receive the Mary Morrow Scholarships given by the North Carolina Association of Educators.

Cecil Banks, president of the NCAE, said the scholarship was given in recognition of Hopkins' promise as a teacher "and as a part of the Association's commitment to encourage the best and the brightest to enter the profession." The scholarship is valued at \$1,000.

Hopkins, of Rte. 1, Pinetown, is also the recipient of the Leroy Latten Scholarship awarded by the NCCU department of English. He is a member of the NCCU choir, has served this year as a member of the editorial staff of The Campus Echo, and is a chancellor's aide.

Patrick F. Hamer of Stantonburg, a junior mathematics major, will participate in research at Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Ill., this summer. He is one of a select

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Prof's study cites writers of the South

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Dr. Robert H. Brinkmeyer, Jr., associate professor at North Carolina Central University's Center for Academic Enrichment, is the author of a major study of a phenomenon in modern Southern literature.

Brinkmeyer's *Three Catholic Writers of the Modern South* will be published in May at the University of Mississippi.

The 208-page critical study focuses on three representatives of the surprisingly large number of writers from the evangelical South who are Roman Catholic.

Examined by Brinkmeyer are the experiences and writings of Allen Tate, Caroline Gordon, and Walker Percy. The three authors are all converts to Roman Catholicism.

Louis D. Rubin, Jr., wrote a pre-publication appreciation of Brinkmeyer's work:

To be able to examine the religious dimensions of works of literature, as Robert Brinkmeyer does in this book, without the analysis becoming theology masquerading as literary criticism, is a rare gift. A splendid job of analysis.

Brinkmeyer received his bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from Duke University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Eta Sigma. He holds the masters of arts and Ph.D. degrees in English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has been employed at NCCU since 1975.

He was co-editor of a 1981 special edition and compiled sections of a forthcoming magazine and edited and compiled sections of a forthcoming anthology. He has written articles and criticism for a number of journals.

Honored alumni invited to march in '85 graduation

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Previous recipients of honorary degrees from N.C. Central University will lead the formal academic procession for NCCU's Diamond Anniversary Commencement Exercises, scheduled at 9 a.m., Sunday, May 12, at NCCU's O'Kelly Stadium.

As many as 15 of NCCU's "special alumni," who hold (honoris causa) the Doctor of Laws or the Doctor of Humane Letters degree from NCCU, may attend the event which marks the end of the university's 75th academic year.

They will join a line of march which includes graduates of five NCCU schools—the Undergraduate and Graduate Schools of Arts and Science, the School of Business, the School of Law, and School of Library and Information Science.

Chancellor LeRoy T. Walker has created the title of Honors Court to mark the special prominence given to the honorary degree recipients.

Among the honorary degree recipients to whom invitations were sent by Dr. Walker last December are Asa T. Spaulding of Durham, former president of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company; Frank R. Strong, long time professor of law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Howard N. Lee, former N.C. Secretary of Natural Resources and Community Development and former mayor of Chapel Hill.

Also on the list were former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm; former President Gerald Ford; and Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, but like other nationally prominent figures on the list, these three will not be able to attend. Their degrees were awarded on the occasion of addresses delivered at NCCU.

Other former honorary degree recipients invited to attend include Mrs. Mary T. Semans of Durham; C.E. Boulware, former NCCU professor; Dr. Ernst Manasse, former NCCU professor; former Governor James B. Hunt, Jr.; N.C. Representative H. M. Michaux, Jr., of Durham; and William A. Clement, former chairman of the NCCU Board of Trustees.

N.C. Senator Kenneth Royall, Ebony Magazine publisher John H. Johnson, Duke professor and author John Hope Franklin will be unable to attend.

Others invited include Watts Hill, Jr., of Chapel Hill; William Jones, former NCCU vice-president and vice-chancellor; Julius L. Chambers, executive director of the Legal Defense Fund; Clarence Lightner, former Raleigh mayor and state senator; Maynard Jackson, former Atlanta mayor; John B. McLendon, a former NCCU coach who will later coached professional basketball; Francis Kornegay, an NCCU alumnus who was the long-time head of the Urban League in Detroit; Albert N. Whiting, former NCCU president and chancellor; and Arnold King, a long-time official of the University of North Carolina.

Graduations past

It's that time again and another class of anxious seniors are awaiting their day to march.

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