

Hunt Urged to Change Support to Black Colleges

RALEIGH — The North Carolina Association of Minority Elected Officials resolved last weekend to urge Governor James Hunt and the state legislature to fund and enhance the underfunded black colleges before replacing funds to the UNC system that may be cut off by HEW.

Following an impasse between UNC President William Friday and officials

of the U.S. Department of Health Education and Welfare (HEW) over funding of the state's black campuses and rejection of a court ordered desegregation plan, HEW announced the beginning of the steps to cut off funding to the 16 campus system beginning in April.

Hunt and key legislative leaders responded to the HEW action saying that

the legislature would replace with state funds, any federal funds cut off by HEW.

Hunt's published statements caused strong reaction among many black groups such as the NCAMEO. Some groups, including students from the state's five black colleges, were scheduled to meet en masse with legislative leaders Thursday to seek in-

creased funding of the black universities.

The NCAMEO also elected officers at the meeting which included: Wake County Commissioner Elizabeth Cofield, President; Lou Meyers, of Soul City, First Vice-President; Richard Whitted, Second Vice President; I.H. Hilliard, Treasurer; and Mrs. Delila Banks, Secretary. Durham County Commi-

ssioner William Bell said objectives of the NCAMEO include providing a forum for discussion of problems that are common to black policy makers, then mobilizing blacks to live better life styles.

The organization also resolved to urge Governor James Hunt to pardon the Charlotte Three and the Wilmington 10.

Idi Amin

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is a very cruel ruler is correct. The picture that he is a foolish buffoon is wrong.

"He is much more clever than people give him credit for. Even former President Obote underestimated him by leaving the country at a time when Amin was on the verge of disloyalty. He was overthrown during his absence.

"It's possible to argue that Amin had little choice but to stage the coupe," Mazrui adds. "It is probable that either Obote or more likely, some of his officers, would have arranged a prolonged detention or accident for Amin. From Amin's point of view, he was faced with a choice between death or becoming president."

At the beginning, Mazrui notes, Amin found



Mrs. Mary L. Boston, (left) a rising senior in the School of Business at North Carolina Central University, was awarded a \$500.00 scholarship Awards Day by the Alpha Theta Chapter of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Others from left are Mrs. Evelyn Waddell, Scholarship Chairperson; Mrs. Billy Hilliard, Basileus; and Mrs. Virginia Rogers, member.

Dr. J. Rupert Picott Keynoter For NCCU's Awards Day

"It is an honor to be before an audience of people who are on the right side," J. Rupert Picott, executive director of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History

great favor both in and outside his country. He took action against foreign control of the Ugandan economy, a popular move with neighboring African counties as well as his own people. The Israeli and British embassies were very influential during his first year in power, and his pro-Western statements made him the protege of the Western world.

"But all that changed the second year," Mazrui says. "Amin threw out the Israelis, then the Asians, and then played havoc with British economic interests. He made life embarrassing for American personnel, including the embassy which was later closed down. He has been busy poking fun at the West and supporting anti-Imperialist forces, becoming one of the most despised leaders of the Third World."

Mazrui expresses some disappointment that interest in Africa has declined in the United States during this decade. "The '60's were the years of considerable fascination with Africa and the newly independent countries," he observes.

"Americans are a people who operate in terms of changing fashion and instant relevance. If a part of the world is in the news and stirring debate, you stand a much better chance of attracting student interest."

There may be the beginnings of a change now because of the interest in South Africa, especially at times when the situation there seems headed toward a crisis, he adds.

Asked to comment on Africa's future, the U-M political scientist predicted "first, a lot of variation from one African county to another. Africa has about 50 countries. If most of the news stories are about Uganda, one country out of 50, it gives you an image of turmoil that might not be justified if you were looking at the country as a whole.

"But there are problems everywhere. It's just that the problems in different

told North Carolina Central University students Friday at the university's annual Awards Day observance.

Picott, a resident of the Washington area, said he had read there of the dispute between the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and the University of North Carolina system.

"I offer my congratulations to the staff, certainly to the Chancellor, and

counties are of different magnitude. The ways in which each African nation copes with its different problems between now and the end of the century will produce up to one-quarter success stories.

"Another quarter will be serious failures, with little progress in either increasing the living standards or stabilizing the political systems. The rest will fall somewhere between the extremes of success and utter failure."

NCCU Professor Receives DOT Award

Dr. Woodrow W. Nichols, Jr., associate professor and chairman of the department of geography at North Carolina Central University, has received a \$50,000 research award from the Office of University Research of the United States Department of Transportation.

Dr. Nichols will conduct a research project entitled "The Adequacy of Transportation Facilities in Black Communities: The Problem of Residence Shopping Place Separation."

Three black communities will be studied in the research project, whose objective is to determine the combined effect of residential segregation and the decentralization of retail and commercial activities.

Dr. Nichols will examine the adequacy of present transportation systems and will discuss policy and planning issues as part of his report.

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to all of you who are determined that America shall live up to its creed, that we shall be part and parcel of the fabric of this society," Picott said.

Picott listed a number of contributions to American life and progress by black people, referring to Maggie L. Walker, the first woman president of a bank, and to the inventors of processes use din chocolate manufacture, of devices for lubrication of motors in motion, and of the prototype of the traffic light.

"We smile now at the story of George Washington Carver and his development of 500 products from the peanut. But his discovery enabled the South to recover, and now we have a president from the South — who is himself involved with the peanuts — who would probably never have become our leader without the fact that George Washington Carver did with the peanut had to be done for the South."

Picott told the student award winners, "North Carolina Central University was founded as a great liberal institution. This institution has set for America a badge of opportunity, freedom, and leadership. I am certain North Carolina is proud of you. It ought to be. You deserve it."

In reference to black ers of the past, Picott said, "The path has been charted for you. You can lead on so that American tomorrow is better than it is now."

Most of the 115 awards listed were presented in mass. The University's top academic award, The Chancellor's Award for Academic Excellence, was presented on stage to Miss Anita McLaughlin of Pelham, N.C.

Miss McLaughlin was identified as the senior with the highest academic average over seven semesters. Seniors have yet to receive their grades for the current semester. Miss McLaughlin's grade point average of cited by Chancellor Albert N. Whiting, reflects the receipt of no more than one grade of B during her NCCU career, with all other grades being A.

George T. Thorne, Vice-Chancellor for financial affairs, received the University Relations Award presented by Dr. Dallas Simmons, Vice-Chancellor for University Relations.

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