

Spectacles: A Closer Look Nixon Library Isn't Needed

By Ada M. Fisher

It's unfortunate that we don't have the future vision to enable us to see how this generation shall be judged. But I would rather be judged as being naive in believing that honor was more important than expedience in the erection of a Presidential library for Nixon. Personally, I do not feel that this country should finance a library for Richard Milhous Nixon at Duke University or anywhere else.

In the 1960's or 1970's when a committee on Nixon's behalf donated then Vice President Nixon's portrait to Duke, the university did not see fit to hang it in a place of honor. The portrait was relegated to the basement and was felt to be inappropriate for the student courtroom. For the university to now vigorously seek out the Nixon library for its campus reeks of hypocrisy. Murmurs through the Durham community want to tie the library's erection to the investors in large hotel/motel complexes scheduled for erection within easy access to the designated area. An investigation into the backers of these projects and pushers of the library may hint that more is involved than what can be seen on the surface. But I'm not opposed to folks making money and if I became ill requiring hospitalization, I'd certainly want to go to Duke. What gets me is the lack of foresight Duke's trustees and board are showing if they choose to erect on their campus Nixon's library which most certainly will honor the man.

No matter how many amendments are tacked on a building proposal, once erected, that building is a monument and honor to the man for whom it is named. Sightseers and visitors aren't going to take the time to read the amendments. They'll just admire the building and honoree. Nixon brought dishonor to the office of the United States Presidency. Whatever good he may have done, the lies and deception of "the Watergate Affair" should not be forgotten. The tragedy is that the system of justice failed us for Nixon. Let us not forget, Nixon was not impeached, he resigned, and then was prematurely pardoned as a matter of political expedience. Would he be given the library if he were impeached? For this, do we now owe him a \$25 million library which will be maintained at the public's expense? Further, Nixon reneged on the gift of his Florida home to the government after the

taxpayers paid an excessive amount for improvements and security there. The home was sold at an immense personal profit. In addition, Nixon enjoys government benefits and security at a cost to the taxpayers of more than a million dollars per year. How much more shall the country be taken in by this man and causes on his behalf? For one who brought this country dishonor, Nixon has certainly been treated well.

Nixon should not be honored with a public library anywhere at the taxpayers expense. The people of Whittier, California, wouldn't build one for Nixon and neither should Duke and Durham. To erect such a monument would be a slap against the founding principles of this country. To date, Nixon has never apologized publicly or admitted any wrong doing for his part in "the Watergate Affair." To honor him with a library would say to the world, if you can lie, cheat, hold yourself above the law and get away with it all, you too can have the good life. It says to our children that there is some benefit to not obeying the law. It says that Presidents are above the very laws that they are entrusted to support, protect, and defend. To honor Nixon, who violated the rights of citizens with illegal wiretaps and invasions of their privacy, seems to beg more of the same. To pay any amount of money to erect at \$25 million structure to a man who brought us shame in these times when we can't find money for highways, school lunches, programs for the handicapped and disabled, medical care for the elderly or other necessary social programs, does nothing to foster our ideal of equal justice under the law.

To put Nixon's library at Duke or in Durham would be a dishonor to our good names. Nixon's papers and tapes can be made just as accessible at the National Archives as here. Our hearts have shown mercy in the manner in which we have treated Nixon as a man. But our society must require justice and honor if it is to effectively survive.

Durham and Black People, Wake Up! To erect any monument in behalf of Nixon does not embellish the democratic principles which we hold to be so dear. That \$25 million to be earmarked for a library might be better spent on our needs which at this time are going wanting.



The North Carolina Association of Black Student Governments, SGA presidents from the state's black colleges and universities, met recently to devise plans for Black College Day '81. The group,

consisting of public and private schools, decided on a march and rally to take place in Raleigh on September 28. Photo By Roy Harris

Black College Day Set For Raleigh

By Donald Alderman
The North Carolina Association of Black Student Governments met Friday at North Carolina Central University and announced plans for Black College Day '81.

The Coalition of Black Colleges (CBC), sponsor of Black College Day '80 in Washington, decided against a march and rally in the Nation's Capitol

this year and opted instead for state capitol demonstrations on September 28 in the states were the greatest peril to black colleges exists.

The NCABSG, a coalition of Student Government Association presidents from the predominantly black colleges and universities, agreed, after con-

siderable debate, to recognize September 28 as Black College Day '81 in North Carolina, coinciding with the national observance.

Stephen Kirk, SGA president at North Carolina A&T, noting a lack of time for successful preparation, had called for the group to observe Black College Day later than set by the CBC. The group, urged by Curtis Massey, decided that the task could be successfully completed despite time limitations. Tentative plans are for a 10 a.m. mass assembly at Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium, a march down Wilmington Street to the state Capitol, to be followed by a rally, SGA presidents announced.

Ms. Brenda Nelson, SGA president at Shaw University, said the tentative plans will probably be final since times does not allow for substantial changes. The rally will call for the continued existence and enhancement of the state's traditionally black schools, the group said. In contrast to the rally in Washington last year, there will be no campus queens and bands contest, the SGA presidents decided. The group agreed that the occasion's purpose may

be distorted by such "distractions."

The group passed resolutions encouraging black organizations at white campuses to participate, and inviting university chancellors and presidents, the UNC Board of Governors and the Governor of North Carolina to be platform guests.

The SGA presidents estimate that 10,000 persons will take part in the march and rally.

Tony Brown, founder and chief national organizer of Black College Day, views the occasion as "a means to combat 'federalism' and ignorance." In the September issue of *The Black Collegian*, Brown wrote that the marches will take place "under the gun of so-called desegregation (assimilation) orders or Justice Department lawsuits which force the black public colleges to become white and the white colleges to remain white."

The CBC is focusing on statewide demonstrations in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia in addition to North Carolina.

Six New Members Join Business School

Six added faculty members, five new to the institution, have assumed full-time teaching responsibilities in the North Carolina Central University School of Business.

Dr. T. R. Richmond, Dean of the School of Business, announced the new faculty appointments this week.

Dr. Meyer Belovitz, appointed Associate Professor of Finance, holds the Ph.D. from Purdue University and is a former member of the faculty of Wake Forest University.

Dr. Nader Suleiman, appointed Associate Professor of Accounting, holds a master's degree in business from NCCU and a doctorate in accounting from the University of South Carolina. He was formerly associated with North Carolina A&T State University.

Dr. Mary Ranade, appointed Assistant Professor of Information Systems in the School's Business Education and Administrative Services Department, holds a doctorate from Illinois Institute of Technology and was formerly associated with the Research Triangle Institute.

Ismail Erdem, an advanced candidate for the Ph.D. degree in Statistics and Operations Research at North Carolina State University, will serve as Visiting Professor through the IBM Faculty Loan Program. Dean will conduct classes in Organization and Management and Control.

Robert Dean, an executive with International Business Machines Corporation (IBM), will serve as Visiting Professor through the IBM Faculty Loan Program. Dean will conduct classes in Organization and Management and Control. Mark Stephens, a Certified Public Accountant with ten years of public accounting experience, returns after a year's absence to the Department of Accounting. He is appointed as an Instructor.

A 31% increase in premiums for State employees and teachers, amounting to more than \$41 million in additional money.

The budget adopted by the General Assembly in July appropriated \$7.6 million to help meet the rate increase. To implement the full coverage plan adopted today by the special committee will require an additional \$4.8 million. The Appropriations Committee will be asked to provide this additional \$4.8 million during the October session of the General Assembly.

Dr. Speigner Funds Scholarship



SPEIGNER

Dr. Theodore R. Speigner of Durham has donated \$5,000 to Alabama State University to establish a scholarship fund.

A scholarship, which will be named for Dr. Speigner, will be awarded each year to a student majoring in the social sciences with an interest in geography.

A 1926 graduate of Alabama State, Dr. Speigner is professor emeritus of geography at North Carolina Central University. He was chairman of the NCCU geography department for fifteen years. He was a member of the Durham city school board for eleven years and chairman for six years.

Alabama State University honored him with its Distinguished Alumni Attainment Award in 1974 and with a Doctor of Laws degree in 1978.

Reaches Agreement

A special legislative committee appointed by the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House reached an agreement which will allow State employees and teachers to retain the

same hospital and medical insurance coverage they now have.

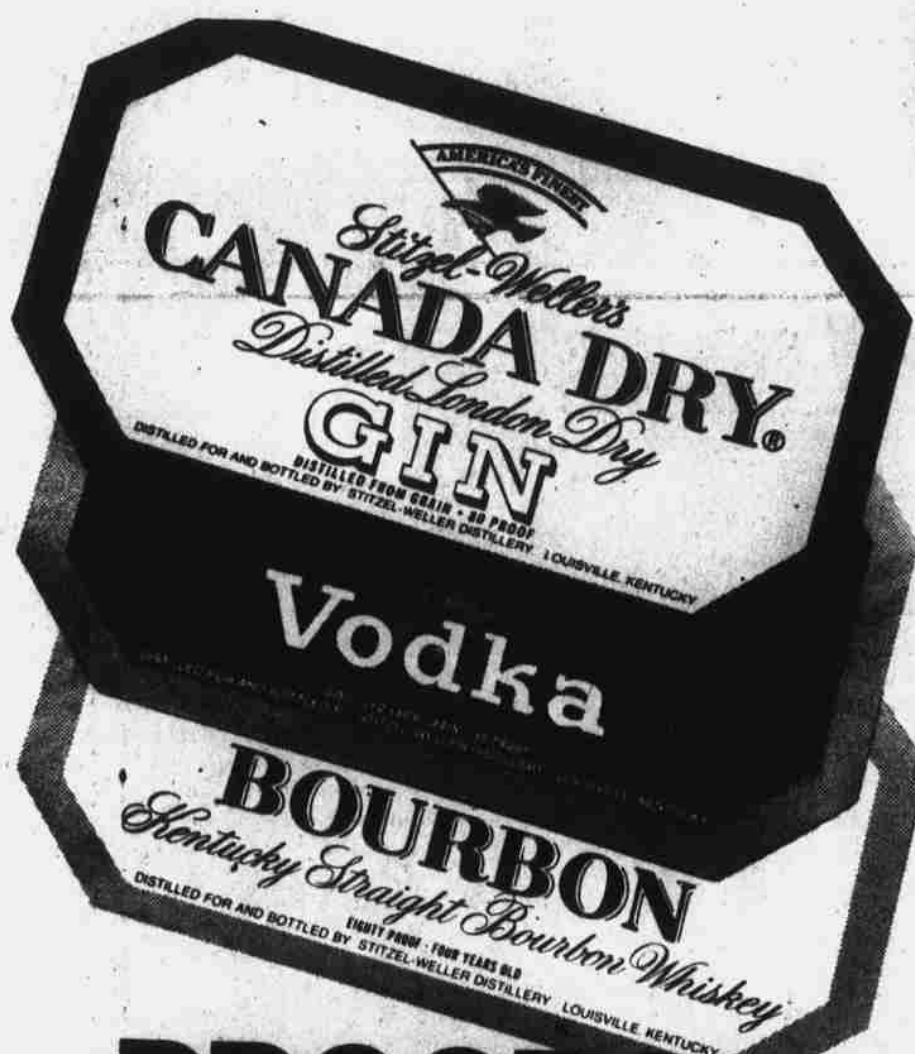
The agreement, reached after lengthy negotiations with representatives of Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance Company, replaces a plan tentatively adopted by the special committee August 12.

The August 12 plan was based on a co-insurance program under which State employees and teachers would have to pay a deductible on their basic coverage.

The new plan drops the deductible feature and continues the coverage as it presently exists — with one exception. The exception is that the new plan imposes a ceiling on the amount Blue Cross/Blue Shield will pay for physician's services and for hospital rooms.

The ceiling will be the amount currently being paid to doctors and hospitals and this ceiling will remain in effect until the new contract expires July 1, 1982.

The special committee was created by the General Assembly earlier this year to deal with a demand by Blue Cross/Blue Shield for a



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