

# Student Body Observes Founder's Day



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## Dr. H. Edmonds Outlines Events Of Founder's Day

Wednesday, November 3, the birth date of the late Dr. James Edward Shepard, is to mark the beginning of an annual observance here at North Carolina College. The board of trustees has been requested to designate this day as Founder's Day in memory of the college's founder and first president.

As the Founder's Day edition of the Campus Echo goes to press, Dr. Helen G. Edmonds, chairman of the Founder's Day Committee, has released a tentative schedule of activities for the day, and the highlight is to be an address by Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, president of Howard University. Dr. Johnson is well known here as a friend of the institution and a man held in high esteem by Dr. Shepard.

The Founder's Day program is scheduled for B. N. Duke Auditorium at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday, and in addition to Dr. Johnson's speech there will be remarks from a representative of the board of trustees and specially arranged music by the college choir under the direction of Miss Ruth Gillum.

At 1:15 p. m. there will be a special ceremony at Dr. Shepard's graveside at Beechwood cemetery. A brief eulogy will be delivered by the Rev. Miles Mark Fisher who was in charge of the late founder's funeral rites last year, and the college choir will sing. Miss Carolyn Smith, granddaughter of the founder, and a student of the college, has been selected to place a wreath on the grave.

There are to be no classes on the morning of Founder's Day, but they will resume as usual after lunch, according to the tentative plans of the committee.

## Issues Challenge In Annual Speech



In a challenging and stirring address delivered here recently, Dr. Benjamin E. Mayes used as his subject "The Objectivity and Universality of Right and Wrong Sin And Righteousness Good And Evil." Dr. Mayes, noted lecturer, and columnist and president of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., recently returned from the World Council of Churches held in Amsterdam, Holland.

The speaker basing his text on the introduction to the Declaration of In-

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## The Immortal Shepard

Lift up your voices, speak and sing  
Pronouncing praises that will ring;  
Thank God that mighty Shepard did live,  
For race and country, his life he did give.  
One day in November, he was born,

This was for us a happy, glorious morn;  
We can with joy and praises say  
He helped his people by leading the way.  
He faced the hardships as they came  
And won the honor, glory, and fame.  
Shepard is no more; yet lessons he did leave

For us to follow, challenge—and take heed.  
O come, ye people, leave your play  
And pay your tributes to Shepard today.  
Shepard, O Shepard they name we hear  
And trusting God, we have no fear.

We cannot say that Shepard is dead  
Because we see the path he led;  
Holding to God's helping hand  
He left us here for an unknown land.  
Farewell, O Shepard, and may we meet  
And walk with Saints God's golden streets.

N. C. C. strive! thy founder is at rest;  
But those who walk within thy gates must  
Strive to do their best.  
They too, must plod their weary way  
And work like Shepard both night and day

Peace, Peace be within thy portals  
For Shepard thy founder is immortal.

—R. NATHANIEL NILES

## To Join Faculty, Alumni In Homage To Dr. Shepard

By R. NATHANIEL NILES

Today we pay tribute to a great man, an educational builder, humanitarian, Christian gentlemen, and a beloved founder. This man is one whose prominence began many years ago. This gallant figure was Dr. James Edward Shepard, founder and first president of North Carolina College. It is fitting that we pay our respect to a noble and courageous leader on our first Founders' Day.

"Unto us a son is given and his name shall be called James Edward Shepard." must have been the words of the Rev. and Mrs. Augustus Shepard on November 3, 1875. It was on this day that this great man was born. As young Shepard grew, he grew in spirit and was filled with wisdom. Young Shepard's early life was motivated by ethical, and religious teachings of home life under the guidance of his devoted mother and father. His parents felt that a well-rounded education was necessary to prepare young Shepard for his life's work. With this idea young Shepard attended Shaw University where he received undergraduate and professional training in his field. After he had completed the necessary requirements, he graduated and was ready for service.

Dr. Shepard was ready for service for his state, country and most of all service for his people. He was comparer of deeds in the Recorder's Office in Washington, D. C. and served in this capacity until he decided to return to his native state. This he did; and served as Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue at Raleigh, North Carolina. Later he felt the call to service for humanity, and preferred to work and live with those he loved. He no doubt saw the need for well trained leaders and the role higher institutions of learning must play in preparing the youth of his race for service. This led to the founding of the National Religious Training School and Chautauqua, which eventually

came to be the North Carolina College At Durham. He labored unceasingly through the dark days of the institution's beginning. Perseverance and faith in God were dominant factors which guided this great leader. It was this indomitable spirit that enabled him to see sunshine when hindrances, difficulties and jealousy over-shadowed him. No day seemed cloudy, no night too dark; he looked forward to a bright day and the coming of dawn. The dawn for Dr. Shepard meant the dawn of encouragement which gave him faith and a new day of hope and vision.

Time marched on; many things happened; some helped and some hindered. The years of hardships and poverty passed and the years of expansion, prosperity came. Funds were appropriated and an expansion program was launched. The school began to get recognition and became the first state supported liberal arts college in America. The institution gained membership in the American Association of Colleges and Universities and the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The name of the institution changed several times, the last being The North Carolina College at Durham. Dr. Shepard lived to see these things done and to see his dream fulfilled.

On the evening of October 6, 1948, just as the day was drawing to a close and the shadows of the evening fell, Dr. Shepard passed. He had lived a glorious

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## Political Pow-Wow

### Mock Election Creates Interest

## Council Active

The Student Council formulated plans to send Miss Clementine Coley along with an escort to Tennessee when the Eagles renewed their inter-sectional rivalry with the Tennessee Tigers.

In addition the body has approved of the Maroon and Grey staff for this year, and has secured Friday, November 26, as one of the Thanksgiving holidays.

Other items acted on by the Council were the sponsoring of the election of the Homecoming Queen, holding of the annual dance October 1, and the sponsoring of the float upon which the Homecoming Queen rode.

I. G. Newton and Roger Russell are faculty advisors to the Council.

## Society Organized

North Carolina College's Law Society, Phi Delta Pi, was reorganized on the campus last week and a new constitution was read and adopted in the initial meeting.

Officers elected for the 1948-49 school year were president, Robert E. Jackson of Kinston, N. C.; vice-

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North Carolina College students under the sponsorship of the Social Science club conducted a political campaign which was culminated in a mock election Nov. 1.

Students who were elected to represent the four political parties took part in this year's election, and there were campaign speeches accompanying registration at various spots on the campus. In a special assembly program the candidates made speeches outlining the platforms of the respective parties.

### Candidates Outline Platforms

Johnny Barnes and William Ford were Republican candidates; Douglas Howell and Major High represented the Democratic party; Elaine Moore and Walker Jason represented the Progressive Party; Booth Smith and Garlan Watt represented the State Rights Party.

Following the series of campaign speeches, Dr. J. H. Taylor, head of the department of social science, outlined a history of the major political parties in the United States.