



# The Campus Echo

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## Stephanie Hardin Is Miss Homecoming

Much controversy has come about after the election of Miss Homecoming.

Eva Hudson who won the election, was disqualified because it was discovered that she was not a senior.

After Ms. Hudson's disqualification, Stephanie Hardin, who was runner-up, was given the title.

The disclosure of Ms. Hudson's situation was leaked by an anonymous caller who informed the Election Board that Ms. Hudson was not a senior.

Sharon Redmond, Election Board Chairperson, stated "the election board had no idea that any of the candidates weren't seniors."

When asked why the election board did not check the qualifications of the candidates before the election, Ms. Redmond responded "there wasn't a need before this election. The cause of all the confusion comes down to the anonymous call."

Wednesday after Miss Hudson had been

proclaimed Miss Homecoming an anonymous female called the Student Government Office and informed one of the secretaries that Eva Hudson was not eligible for her position.

Mike Howell, President of the S.G.A. had the records checked through Dean Blue's office and discovered that the information was correct.

As a result, Stephanie Hardin was awarded the title of Miss Homecoming.



MS. HARDIN

## N.C. Central University Recruits Older Students

North Carolina Central University is into something new. During the last decade, a trend has developed of the more mature or older individual to pursue higher education. The average age of students now enrolled at Central is from

eighteen to twenty-one years. This average age is expected to rise and the number of eighteen to twenty-one year olds will dwindle due to an increase in older student enrollment.

Under a program coordinated by Chancellor

Whiting and Dr. George W. Reid, who is Assistant Undergraduate Dean, North Carolina Central is attempting to recruit the older adults as students. The enrollment of older adults will help maintain a current budget of twenty-two million dollars, also to better utilize facilities on campus and to adequately recognize Central's academic potentials, such as Graduate's and Master's Schools.

Although North Carolina Central's enrollment is not in a crisis situation yet, a decline in student enrollment would cause a budget decline which in turn would cause a depletion in faculty. Through an organized and systematic process Central is trying to halt this domino effect by providing the older adult with night courses and open acceptance in day course. At this point, over three hundred of Central's five thousand students are involved in this facet of the university.

The older adult Central wants to reach has to have intellectual potential. This program is not designed just to reach enrollment quota. The older student generally has a full-time job at a semi-professional or skilled level. He has experienced the need for higher education to maintain his job or to seek higher positions in his field. Many older adults have discovered that they are competently trained for their jobs, but they lack the education required for advancement.

The difference between being trained and being educated has become apparent to the older student. He is enrolling in schools of Law, Business, Education and the Liberal Arts. There are a significant number enrolled in Schools of Sciences and

## Challenging Year For N.C. Student Legislature

Students of the North Carolina Central Delegation of the North Carolina Student Legislature recently attended an Interim Council Session, along with various Colleges and Universities throughout the state.

The organization educates students in the legislative processes of North Carolina. The NCSL also provides a forum for student opinions which may be addressed to the General Assembly and other relevant governmental bodies.

At the Interim Council meeting, held at Catawba College in Salisbury, N.C. members discussed plans for the ensuing year. Resolutions were presented by various schools. John

Ingram, Democratic Candidate for the U.S. Senate, addressed the body.

NCCU is contemplating a joint sponsorship of a resolution with Western Carolina concerning the rejected Labor Center, which would have been located on NCCU's campus.

The NCC Delegation is now seeking interested students to join the organization.

The officers for the 1978-79 academic year are: Ervin Baker, Chairperson; Dorcas Adams, Vice-Chairperson; Camela Green, Secretary; Frances Perry, Assistant Secretary; Willie Truesdale, Treasurer; Richard Smith, Assistant Treasurer.

## Yearbook To Reflect Campus Unity

The 1978-79 Eagle Yearbook will be a written and pictorial essay on the most important and interesting facet of this university, the student body.

The yearbook staff is made up of a very formidable group of willing and able student workers who decided that since the bulk of credit, in steps being taken to better our university has come from the students themselves, then there is no party more worthy of this year's yearbook dedication.

The yearbook for '79 will also be done on a different format than those in the past few years. There will be much more copy in the book than in recent years as well as some new and we hope, controversial features. "We are cutting down on space allotted for faculty pictures," says Patsy Watts, of one change, "this will allow for more scenes and stories on student life." Ms. Watts added that this change was being made because of the increasingly small number of faculty members that actually pur-

chase the book.

"There will also be features on clubs, people, and athletic teams who have in recent years been neglected," mentioned Bobby Andrews.

This year's Eagle staff has received many words and letters from campus organizations who were left out of the annual last year. They truly deserved recognition. "They will not be forgotten this year," says Patsy Watts.

Panel discussions for athletes, greek and non-greek organizations and any student who wishes to participate will be held throughout this semester for copy publication in this year's eagle.

The annual will carry the theme of the S.G.A., "Together We Can Make The Struggle Complete", and will expand on this theme throughout the book. "We are trying to make our work as much fun as possible," added Bobby Andrews, "and it's still not too late to join the staff!"

And why not, after all, it's your book!

Math. The older adult has been motivated by former experiences in life. Being an eager student he competes at a high level. Realizing his potential, the older student is determined to succeed. Although the older student has a later start in completing his education, his experiences on the job and from life make his achievement high and his determination prosperous.

Dr. Reid can foresee a time when Central will become a twenty-four hour school. Classes will extend through the weekends to meet the educational demands of the students. Large, prestigious universities will not experience problems in maintaining their enrollment. In March of

1978, CBS aired a program commenting on the dwindling enrollment in universities comparable to Central. The program indicated that although top Black students attend historically white universities in North Carolina, the average grade at graduation is a "C". The majority of these students never complete their undergraduate education. An astounding ninety-seven per cent of the Black professional athletes have not graduated from these predominantly white universities. Ironically, prospective students are still being lured away from predominantly Black universities. In retaliation to this problem, Central plans on capitalizing on the educational needs of the older adult.