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DR. HELEN G. EDMONDS IS FOUNDER'S DAY SPEAKER

A distinguished professor emeritus of history delivered the annual Founder's Day address at North Carolina Central University on Nov. 2.

Dr. Helen G. who was accorded the title of distinguished professor by official action of the NCCU Board of Trustees in 1978, spoke on the topic, "The Magnetic Needle On the Compass Points to the North Star." She reminded alumni, faculty, and students that the founder, Dr. James Edward Shepherd, always kept his eyes on the North Star in his quest to maintain and improve the academic program here. The problems of inadequate finance and opposition from

certain whites to the new school for blacks did not shake the faith of the founder, according to the speaker.

Dr. Edmonds, who began teaching at NCCU in 1941 under Dr. Shepherd, characterized him as a man who always put "first things first" and who took great pride in his school and state.

In challenging the university community to uphold the high ideals of the founder, the noted historian reminded the audience that Dr. Shepherd always viewed an eagle as "no common, ordinary, barnyard bird." As Dr. Edmonds finished giving the founder's description of an eagle, the audience rose to its feet

in applause.

In addition to the distinguished professor's address, several certificates of recognition were issued during the Founder's Day activities: Chancellor Albert N. Whiting received a certificate of recognition from the NCCU Board of Trustees for a decade of service; Dr. Monique Bras of the Foreign Language Department received a decoration from the French government for her role in developing the "La Francophonie" program here; and the classes of 1929 and 1930 received certificates of recognition for being among the first graduates of this four year institution.

Founder's Day activities concluded with the



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presentation of a memorial plaque for Dr. James Edward Shepherd by J. Rupert Picott of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, Inc. After the

assembly, the audience proceeded to a taps and wreath ceremony which was held near the founder's statue in front of the school's administration building.

Shepard Station Campus Post Office Temporarily Closed

The Shepard station post office located in the Elder Student Union on North Carolina Central University's campus was officially shut down Friday, October 28, pending the outcome of a postal audit. The campus office is a substation to the Durham main post office located downtown.

According to Durham Postmaster Frank Cope land, the office was closed immediately after irregularities were found in an audit conducted by government officials.

Although the mailroom is still open enabling students to continue sending and receiving mail, it is suspected that it could take up to six weeks for the actual post office to reopen. This means that there will be no postal services such as money orders, registered mail or parcel post available until results of the audit have been resolved or a new contract has been negotiated by the U.S. Post Office.

Realizing the denial of postal service will put NCCU students at a great disadvantage, George T. Thorne, vice chancellor for financial affairs said the University has worked out an agreement with the

Durham Postmaster to provide stamps for sale in the mailroom only. These stamps may be purchased daily from 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Regretting the inconvenience this will cause students, Thorne

added that the matter is beyond the university's control.

It is not known whether Cynthia Haymer (the former Cynthia Lyons), Campus postmistress has been sus-

Student Government Association Officers and Others Paid for Services

By Elaine McDowell
Perhaps Student Government Association posters should read: Vote for me. I'm honest, efficient, trustworthy and can use the extra money!

Extra money? That's right! Last year student government officials together made well over \$11,000.00. Does this system of paying for community service set well with the student body of North Carolina Central University? Apparently not. In a recent poll 113 out of 186 students asked that question were against salaries for student government officials; 60 students favored them, and 13 were undecided.

The current figures for monthly salaries are:

-SGA president, \$170.00; SGA vice-president, \$145.00; SGA business manager, \$120.00; Eagle Year book editors (2), \$172.00 (each); Campus Echo editors (2), \$107.00 (each); Campus Echo Business Manager, Ex-Umbra editor, \$145.00; Ex-Umbra business manager, \$120.00.

The practice of paying students for extra-curricular work is not unusual among most colleges and universities.

Many students were shocked that students were being paid for their work. A major complaint was that they are not doing enough to merit it.

Many students agreed with Sandra McDowell, an accounting major, who stated, "No, they shouldn't be paid, because

they aren't professionals who give all their time to their jobs. These students just give part of their time." Several students felt that "it should be an honor to serve." Let "virtue be its own reward." Reggie Horton, a freshman, said that these jobs should be a "non-paying contribution to the school," similar to the way it's done in high school.

But others argued that student officers should be paid because their jobs were time consuming. Evator Fly, a nursing major, stated, "It takes time to do that work. If they are like me, they need that time to study. I think they deserve every penny they get."

she is not being paid while the office is closed. Ms. Haymer is not a university employee but is under contract with the federal government.

APOLOGY

In the last edition of the Echo, the pictures of Dr. Helen Edmonds and Hillary Holloway were misarranged. Dr. Edmonds's picture was listed as Holloway and vice versa.

We regret that this occurred and hope that neither party was inconvenienced.