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Edmonds delivers keynote speech at annual Founder's Day assembly

Distinguished history scholar and North Carolina Central University Board of Trustees member Dr. Helen G. Edmonds delivered the keynote address November 6, during the annual Founder's Day festivities.

Edmonds, a lifelong Republican, whose academic career at Central spanned four decades, gained national prominence when she was selected to second the nomination of

Dwight D. Eisenhower for president during the 1956 Republican Convention.

During her address to a standing room only audience at B.N. Duke Auditorium, Edmonds reminisced about her years working under Central's founder Dr. James E. Shepard recalling the early struggles Shepard endured trying to keep Central from going bankrupt while maintaining strict academic standards.

"This man left us a great

legacy- to rise above mediocrity!" Edmonds said, adding that under Shepard's helm, "No student was turned away from this institution because he didn't have any money."

Edmonds, the first black woman to receive the coveted O. Max Gardner Award from The University of North Carolina, is recognized by Central as a distinguished professor emeritus. She was also the recipient of the Hugh McEniry Award from the

North Carolina Association of Colleges and Universities.

"We (NCCU) are the flagship among the North Carolina Black Colleges," Edmonds said showing her deep loyalty to NCCU, "And we must not let another one pass us on the high seas."

Dr. Charles Holland, chairman of the board of trustees introduced Edmonds calling her "A scholar, a distinguished educator and an outstanding public servant."



Ernest Suggs editor of the Campus Echo is hard at work putting together the paper.

Campus drug policy spells out penalties

Students and faculty treated differently

By Angela Coleman

A new drug action policy for all members of the North Carolina Central University campus community went into effect last August.

The policy, written by Dr. Glen Martin, director of counseling, spells out the penalties for any person who violates the law by "possessing, selling, delivering, or creating a controlled substance on campus either within the campus community or in a manner that adversely affects the academic community."

The penalties for students, faculty and staff are different.

Students caught possessing, selling, manufacturing, transporting or creating illegal drugs shall be subject to suspension from the university

for a specified time or, in extreme cases where the greater interest of the total academic community is jeopardized, to expulsion from the university.

Students are tried on campus for minor infractions by Milton Lewis, assistant dean of students and a former magistrate, but in the case of criminal acts, students will be dealt with in the same manner as other persons charged with a crime.

Any faculty member who violates the policy will be considered guilty "of misconduct ... as to indicate that the individual is unfit to continue as a member of the faculty." Persons found in violation "are subject to being discharged, suspended, or diminished in rank."

Staff members found in

violation "are subject to being dismissed immediately without prior warnings, suspended without pay, or demoted."

When a faculty or staff member is charged with a minor infraction, he is tried by a grievance committee arranged by the Personnel Office, but in the case of a criminal act, he is dealt with in the same manner as other persons charged with a crime.

Martin says the policy's intent is to prevent drug use not to punish. He hopes anyone on campus with a drug problem will seek help from the Counseling Center.

Martin thinks the policy will deter the use of illegal drugs on campus and calls the policy "a better document than most campuses have."

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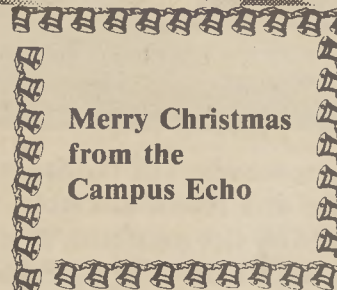
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