

## Dr. Spangler Notes NCCU Achievements

C.D. Spangler, Jr., President of the University of North Carolina system, had warm words for North Carolina Central University's founder, Dr. James E. Shepard, as he spoke for the university's Founder's Day exercises.

Quoting from an obituary editorial in a Durham newspaper at the time of Dr. Shepard's death, Spangler repeated a description of Dr. Shepard as a man whom national leaders "consulted on matters of national importance" and a man of "consuming faith in the desire of all peoples to live together in harmony."

He said a short sentence in the editorial summed up Dr. Shepard's personality. It read, "He gave attention to little courtesies."

Spangler recited Dr. Shepard's achievements, and noted the darkest point of the NCCU founder's life, when the institution defaulted on a loan five years after its founding and was sold at auction. Dr. Shepard, Spangler said, "never gave up." Within months, a gift from a New York benefactor, Ms. Russell Sage, permitted NCCU's founder to regain control. He served as president of the institution from 1910 until his death in 1947.

NCCU, Spangler said, has made significant contributions to American leadership and scholarship since its founding.

"Today in this nation, we have a situation approaching crisis in the number of people getting doctorates, especially in mathematics and physics. It has been estimated that no more than 100 black holders of the Ph.D. in mathematics are living," he said.

"At least three of those received their undergraduate education at NCCU," Dr. Spangler said. He said he knew two of the three because they are members of NCCU's facul-

ty, "and the third is a vice president of the University of North Carolina." (That vice president, Dr. Nathan Simms, was in the audience.)

The UNC president, who administers the 16-campus system which now includes NCCU, said the university had more to do to achieve the dreams implicit in Dr. Shepard's legacy.

"It is appropriate that we pause now to draw inspiration from the life of James Shepard. He never gave up, and I pledge in your behalf, I never will either," Spangler said.

Dr. Shepard's memory was also recalled in a candle-lighting ceremony pledging rededication to his principles and NCCU's motto, "Truth and Service." The reaffirmation of commitment was made by Chancellor T.R. Richmond, Student President Fred Feely of Charlotte, and Alumni Association President David Avery.

Members of the NCCU community, representing faculty, staff, alumni, students, and friends, laid wreaths at the statue of the founder which stands in front of NCCU's Administration Building.

NCCU awarded two honorary degrees during the exercises to two alumni who are chief administrators of universities. They were Dr. S. Dallas Simmons, President of Virginia Union University in Richmond, and Dr. Cleon F. Thompson, Jr., Chancellor of Winston-Salem State University, another of the UNC system campuses.

The Albert N. Whiting Building, which houses the university's criminal justice and public administration programs, was dedicated in the name of the university's president-emeritus with a litany honoring him. Dr. Whiting served as head of NCCU from 1967 to 1983.

## NEA Leader Urges Visits To Schools

WASHINGTON, D.C.—National Education Association President Keith Geiger recently challenged every American citizen to visit a local school during American Education Week, which was November 12-18.

"Education is one of the hottest issues across the nation today," Geiger said. "But when was the last time most Americans were in a public school? Probably when they went to a parent conference at their child's elementary school themselves!"

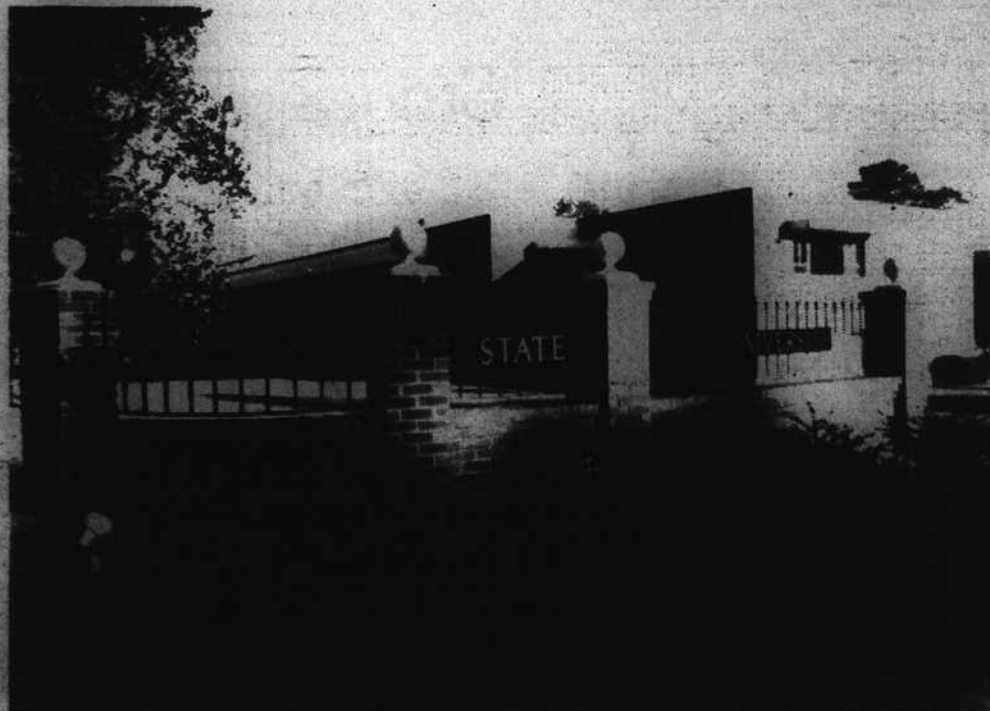
Geiger noted that schools have changed dramatically in recent years and that Americans need to see

firsthand the changing needs of students and the changing demands on schools.

"The quality of education our students receive today will have a direct and dramatic impact on the health of America's economy tomorrow," Geiger said. "Education affects everyone in America—even those without children in the schools."

Geiger noted that job demands make it difficult for parents and other concerned citizens to visit schools while classes are in session. He urged businesses to help remedy this problem by providing paid time off from work or flexible

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**FOSU ENROLLMENT SETS RECORD**—Fayetteville State University has enrolled the highest number of students in its history for the 1989-90 academic year, as 3,828 students fill FSU's rolls. This enrollment number represents an overall 14 percent increase under Chancellor Lloyd V. Heckley and the new administration.

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