North Carolina Central Honors President Ford

By Benjamin T. Forbes

North Carolina Central University celebrated its 50th anniversary Friday by awarding President Gerald Ford with an honorary doctor of law degree. Speaking before an estimated crowd of 4,500, Ford said, "I hope and work for the day when the human mind and spirit are no longer shackled by ignorance and prejudice."

Before introducing the President, Governor Jim Holshouser wanted a group of anti-capital punishment protesters. The white protesters were told by the governor that those persons condemned to die have the right to exhaust all means of appeals before their death sentences reach each stage. After his address to the students, Ford met privately with leaders of the student body. One important question he could consider is such a choice. He mentioned the named of Senator Ed Brooke of Massachusetts. He stated, "I like him personally and he has an enviable record."

Ford mentioned William Coleman when he was asked if he would make any Black appointments to the Cabinet. Coleman is the Secretary of Transportation. He also mentioned a woman, Carla Hills, now Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

One student leader said Ford seemed nervous at the meeting. The student stated that Ford's hands were shaking at first, until he folded them in his lap.

Outside of McDonald Gymnasium where President Ford spoke, students participated in a circulation of handbills protecting the honorary degree which Ford received. Reportedly the handbills contained information concerning Ford's opposition to health care and low income housing programs.

Ford took time out to recognize many contributions made by Blacks and others toward the success of the President. He stated that, despite the many hardships suffered by Blacks, they have "come out national champions...indeed, national heroes."

Ford also emphasized his circulation of the Equal Rights Amendment and an extension to the Voting Rights Act.

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Legislature Hopes To Repair Courts

By Daryl E. Smith

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Student representatives gathered at the public session gave this reporter various opinions on the Board's presence at A&T, and what being there represented to specific individuals.

Georgette Brown, junior early childhood major from Littleton, said, "I think that the meeting is very relevant and I'm glad that they (the Board of Governors) decided to come to our school."

Asked how she felt about being present for the high level meeting, Georgette said, "I'm glad I had the privilege to participate in this function."

2. Leatherman landscape architect from Catawba County, said, "Why isn't the Board of Governors here more often? Taking a bus ride through the campus is only half the battle. They need to understand the problems our students face and they (the Board of Governors) aren't paying attention to the students."

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Jimmy Woods Disrupts Student Body Meeting

By Mary E. Cropp

At the student body meeting held Monday evening, SGA president Ted Mangum informed the sparse audience about the SGA budget and other areas of interest to the students. Mangum pointed out the specific expenses that the budget had covered during the semester. These expenses included the cost of the summer school tuition of the president, Miss A&T; and other members of the present SGA's travel budget.

It also covered the SGA newsletter, social events and travel.

Speaking of the boycott of the University Tribunal, Mangum said that he could not let students appear before the Tribunal until they could guarantee their right to a fair trial. The only thing they were guaranteed now, Mangum stated, is the right to a fair trial.

A question and answer period followed the initial statements. At one point during this period, Jimmy Woods, SGA treasurer who is undergoing imprisonment proceedings, questioned Mangum as to the correctness of the Posey article to the SGA newsletter pertaining to the travel budget. He claimed that the SGA did not present the correct figures for the homecoming expenses in the previous issue of the Posey. The Posey's of last year's SGA had already exceeded last year's presidential staff's budget.

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Seek Allegiances

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The arrival of the members of the Board of Governors on A&T's campus has left this writer with the impression that conditions that exist within our present higher education system will have to take a back seat to the top priority of establishing allegiances.

The ability to combine various administrations and student populations to form a combined force for change within the present system will have to materialize and function together as a unified body, instead of predominantly Black schools pitted against predominantly white institutions.

The possibility of combined student governments and student leaders working toward a common problem has not only higher education, but the total structure of the system itself.

The Board of Governors' meeting had a great effect on a number of people who were present at the meeting, students and participating members.

Eventually the survival of Black universities and the continued growth of Black institutions will depend on allegiances working together towards eradicating defects within not only higher education, but the total structure of the system itself.

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Ford: Wrong Side Again

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Speaking at North Carolina Central University on Friday, President Ford was awarded an honorary doctor of law degree by Chancellor Albert Whiting. This presentation was considered by some as an insult to that university and Black universities in particular.

This was a mistake that this writer hopes A&T will never make.

This was not the first time that Black administrators considered bestowing an honorary degree on the President. Recently, students at Howard University protested a move by the university's President Cheek to bestow a degree on the President.

Many of the students felt that the administration was doing this in a vain attempt to receive more federal aid. This reporter also feels that no Black institution, regardless of its financial difficulties, should resort to such low and demeaning tactics.

Certainly the Eagles have stretched their necks out too far in this latest attempt. One NCCU student's feelings are mutual. Friday, on the outside of McDougald Gymnasium, that particular student along with others were circulating a petition condemning the degree that the NCCU chancellor bestowed upon Ford.

One surprising remark that was made by Ford was the possibility of a Black running mate in the upcoming presidential elections. Of course, this is a very remote possibility, with the caliber of president that Ford is. Ford mentioned that Senator Ed Brooke of Massachusetts might be a possible candidate. For one to believe Ford would consider a Black as his running mate is like believing in a snow storm in Miami in the middle of July.

After his speech to the crowd at Central, Ford spoke with some of the student leaders there. According to reports, Ford did not give any concrete answers to many of the questions they asked. But, then again, it is hard to commit oneself to certain things when that individual doesn't support the cause to start with.

One student from Central condemned Ford when he spoke of some NCCU athletes that student said Ford would not talk of academics because, "they (government) don't give us enough money to have good academics." Certainly this point is true and can not be argued with. This student knew exactly where the President was coming from even if the administration didn't.

Expressing dislike of certain policies that Mr. Ford has, this reporter certainly had to draw the line when the President expressed his support for the Eagles when they make plans to be defeated by A&T. Ford is on the wrong side of the fence.
Aggie Reserves Demolish Hornets 27-7

By Craig R. Turner
North Carolina A&T, nursing a wealth of injuries, utilized several reserves last Saturday to crush MEAC foe Delaware State, 27-7.

The convincing win over the Hornets propelled A&T into a first-place tie with defending champion South Carolina State.

A meager crowd of 1,000 spectators looked on in Dover, Del., as A&T scored on its first three possessions and coasted the rest of the way in.

A&T Will Present Two Blue And Gold Games

Although the clashing of the football pads can still be heard in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Gymnasium.

The first opportunity the public will have to see the Aggies' defensive line was Saturday night as a pair of Blue-Gold intra-squad games are scheduled to tip-off at 8 p.m.

The Aggies appear strong on defense.

Both games are scheduled to be played.

A&T finished the half scoring on a well-calculated nine play, 52-yard drive. Larry Barham blasted over from two yards to score with over twelve minutes to go in the half. A&T's kick was wide for a 2-7 halftime advantage.

Neither team could muster much of an attack until A&T made a costly mistake. Barham fumbled going into the line deep to split end Dexter Feaster who made a leaping grab at the Delaware four.

North Carolina A&T will play two Blue-Gold intra-squad games before the official opening of the 1975-76 season.

In addition to the November 19 game, the Aggies will travel to Durham to play an exhibition game. Sheppard Jr. High is the site. Both games are scheduled to be played.

The Aggies Saturday night against Delaware State.

A&T wasted little time when comebacker Steve Lynes made a diving interception of Hornets quarterback Andre Brown's deep pass at the Delaware 24.

That play, 5 2-yard drive. Larry Barham blasted over from two yards to score with over twelve minutes to go in the half. A&T's kick was wide for a 2-7 halftime advantage.

A&T will be strong in the second annual A&T Invitational Wrestling Tournament, Friday November 21, in Moore Gymnasium.

This year's field will be very competitive according to A&T wrestling coach Pinckney. The participating teams include Campbell College, Livingston, Catawba, Chowan Jr. College, the Citadel, Elizabeth City State University, Elon College, Winston-Salem State University, Virginia State, and Barber-Scott College.

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On Wednesday, November 19, Professor Alan H. Pearson of the Political Science Department, and Political Science Seniors Gloria Nicholson and Russell Whitaker will be attending an American Society for Public Administration Colloquium at North Carolina Central University. The topic of the colloquium is “Assessing Public Service Internships and Experimental Learning in North Carolina.”

There will be a meeting of all staff members of the Register on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. All reporters are strongly urged to attend. If you are a member, please be present.

A pre-victory disco jam with the mighty ESQUIRES at the Zodiac Club Thursday, Nov. 20, until admission is $1.00. All females will be admitted free the first two hours. Located across from the new A&T tennis courts on East Market.

The brothers of the ESQUIRE are sponsoring a clean-up campaign this week. They are asking all students and organizations to participate in the beautification of the home of the future MEAC champs.

SNEA (Student National Education Association) meeting Thursday, November 20, 1975, at 6:00 p.m. Membership open to prospective teachers. Bring dues, $8.

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