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The Rev. Jesse Jackson greets NCCU students on his way into B.N. Duke Auditorium to encourage students to vote. Pictured above from left to right: Chancellor LeRoy T. Walker; Jackson; Danise Baynes, Miss NCCU; William Barber, SGA president; and Attorney H.M. Michaux. (Photo by Robert Corbitt)

## Young says: Vote— Mondale can win

By Gregory Taylor

"Every time you vote it is a referendum on your economic future," Atlanta mayor Andrew Young told 350 N.C. Central University faculty, staff, administrators and students who jammed into the Alphonso Elder Student Union on Tuesday, Sept. 17, to hear the former U.S. ambassador discuss the importance of voting.

Young, a graduate of Howard University, encouraged students to exercise their voting power on Nov. 6, urging them to become aware of "practical politics"—the importance of the division of money among the masses.

"We are all in politics because we all pay taxes," said Young. "As registered voters, we have a choice as to who will decide how the money is divided, but as non-registered voters we have no choice and no power as to how the money is divided or who will get a share of it."

Young told students that despite what political analysts and candidates are saying about the lack of influence of the black vote, the black vote does count.

"If 50 percent the voters vote as they did in 1980, Ronald Reagan will be re-

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## At Black College Day

## Speakers: Students must be leaders now

By Helen Eagleson

"You are the nucleus of leadership for the decade of the '80s and '90s," said Durham attorney Kenneth B. Spaulding to a small but enthusiastic group at the Annie Day Shepard Bowl Monday, Sept. 24, as students and faculty gathered to celebrate Black College Day at N.C. Central University.

"Black colleges have been the spawning ground for the Youngs, Jacksons, and McNairs of the day," said Spaulding. "In a short period of time, this nucleus will be responsible for making sure that the doors of opportunity will be open for others."

Spaulding informed students that in

1979 legislation was pending that, had it passed, would have required five of the historically black institutions in this state to merge with the predominately white institutions in the UNC system.

He reminded students that this generation must insure the legacy of black colleges for future generations.

After the campus rally, several hundred students gathered at Alfonso Elder Student Union, boarded buses, and made their way to Raleigh to attend the state rally.

Upon arrival, students began unfolding banners and putting the finishing touches on signs before the march.

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'We have a need this hour'

## Jackson: Arms race, budget cuts hurt poor

By Gregory Taylor

Recent Democratic presidential candidate Jesse Jackson encouraged the university community to become more politically active and chided the Reagan administration for cutting education and social programs in favor of increased military spending in a Sept. 20 speech at B.N. Duke Auditorium.

Jackson told the standing-room-only audience of 2,000 that this is a critical year in politics. "We have a need this hour," he said, for more public interest in congressional, state and local elections, as well as the presidential race.

He criticized the Republican economic policy, which he called "Reagan's upper two-fifths celebration and lower two-fifths despair."

Jackson charged that Reagan's friendship with big business made him insensitive to the needs of the poor. "Ninety thousand corporations made large profits and paid no taxes, while private citizens who were \$2,000 below the poverty level did pay taxes," he declared.

Jackson said that despite the media's efforts to label him as a candidate concerned only with the needs of the black community, his philosophy of politics benefits all people, women, minorities, and the poor.

Of the 35 million destitute people in this nation, 24 million are white, he said.

According to Jackson, Reagan policies fostered poverty in America by paying for increases in the military budget with cuts in social and educational programs and in aid to farmers.

Jackson also claimed that Reagan administration priorities are misplaced, devoting too little attention to education and too much to the arms race. "The strength of a nation lies in developed minds, and not guided missiles," he said.

Jackson was skeptical about recent polls predicting an easy Reagan victory: "Anybody can lose, and if Reagan doesn't get enough votes he will lose."

Jackson also entreated the audience to go to the polls in state and local elections, because, he said, "A new North Carolina is possible, but only if you vote to make the difference."

After the speech, Jackson supporters staged a voter registration drive at the auditorium.

Jackson is a graduate from N.C. A&T University.



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is this  
woman?

She's  
Jenifer  
Lewis  
and she's  
performing  
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tonight.

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