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NCCU Graduate Will Carry On Family Tradition

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The light at the end of the tunnel of graduation has finally crept into visibility for the sixth generation of Smith's.

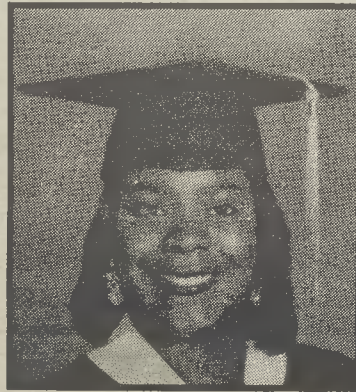
At the 1994 May graduation, Emanuel and Janice Smith will watch their first grandchild graduate from North Carolina Central University. The last time they visited the campus of North Carolina Central University was May of 1981 when they witnessed the graduation of their fifth child. Over the past two decades, all five of their children have graduated from these sloping hills and verdant

green.

Since 1966, each college-bound immediate family relative has attended and graduated from NCCU consistently.

In 1970, Evelyn Juanita sparked the tradition graduation from Education and English departments. She has since been teaching English and Reading at South Lenoir High School for twenty-one years.

Emma Jean graduated in 1972 and has been a guidance counselor at Fairmont High School for the past eighteen years.



Donna G. Lee

Danny Carl graduated in 1973 and Johnny Ray in 1979 from the physical education department.

Grossie Ella graduated from the Public Administration Department in 1981. She is now working at the Philadelphia Housing Authority in Pennsylvania.

In May, Dorina Lee, much like her mother will graduate from the English department with a concentration in Media -Journalism. Lee plans to pursue a career in broadcast journalism or editing for print media. "My goal finally seems to be within reach. Thanks to God and strict determination this

moment has become possible."

When I first came to NCCU I was an unfertilized seed in what seemed to be desert sand. Throughout continuous educational experiences, motivational professors, dorm life and personal tribulations here at NCCU; I have been fertilized, watered and pruned. I now consider myself to be another beautiful rose amongst the bed of academically blossomed class of 1994.

We will always be an NCCU Eagles family. Our family continues to support the University and plans to keep the legacy alive. There are twelve other school age Smith grandchildren.

Ronald Andrews "A Dreamer With A Vision"

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Anyone who listens to Ronald D. Andrews for more than five minutes can tell you that he is a dreamer. But anyone who knows him well will tell you that Ronald D. Andrews believes in making his dreams come true the old fashioned way... he works hard for them!

At thirty years, this dynamic young man has held more positions and has started business ventures than most will in a life time.

The entrepreneurial spirit

burns brightly and it is not uncommon to find him heavily involved in several of his business ventures simultaneously: Marketing Concepts, Inc., MC Publishing Co., MC Systems Inc. and Motivational Program to name a few.

MC Systems Inc., the steam cleaning and automobile detailing operation, was started in 1989 and is at present the chief bread winner of his various businesses.

Andrews says, "Thru MC Systems I'm building a base upon which I can fuel and

support my other dreams." Andrews' focus seems to be paying off.

MC Systems has recently been awarded several contracts from North Carolina Central University and Andrews is fastly becoming known as the carpet care specialist at the university, as well as being personally responsible for maintaining the automobiles of many university faculty and staff.

Andrews says he sees the stem cleaning business

as a means to an end and that his ultimate goal is to be able to give back to the community.

For the youth his desire is to be a positive role model of what a black man with a dream and determination can accomplish in this business world. "I want them (youth) to be the best they can be.. to never forget their dream," said Andrews.



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