

Trial Competition Held

By Edward Bishop
 Eleven law schools from across the eastern portion of the United States participated in a national trial competition held recently at predominately black North Carolina Central University School of Law in Durham. It was the first time that such competition was held at the fifty-year-old institution.

During the competition, students vied in a series of mock trials to determine who would be invited to the national finals to be held in Houston, Texas in late March.

Ms. Glennia Faison, a third year law student at NCCU and one of the coordinators of the competition, said "Students like the opportunity to compete against one another. Its one thing when you learn in the classroom, but its a whole different ballgame when you have to put those things into practice in a real life situation. The people who have participated in this competition will be practicing lawyers in a matter of months and they need this type of preparation."

Each of the teams tried a criminal case before a

panel of three judges. The judges, experienced trial lawyers and actual judges from across the state of North Carolina, were supplied by the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers, and the North Carolina Central Law School Alumni Association.

"This has been one of the best experiences that I have had during my three years of law school," said Michael Floyd, a native of Philadelphia, Pa., who teamed with another student from Philadelphia, Raymond Jacobs. "I was nervous when the competition began, but as things got rolling, the butterflies left my stomach and I knew that I had to perform to the best of my abilities."

Professor Ronald Belfon, who worked with instructors from each of the other schools participating in the competition, said that all of the schools did well.

"The most difficult part of any type of competition like this is picking a winner. All of the teams came well prepared. All of the trials were very close," said Belfon who has been

teaching at NCCU for five years. Other schools in the competition were American University, The University of Baltimore, Catholic University, Potomac Law School, The University of South Carolina, Campbell College, Wake Forest University, The University of North Carolina, The University of West Virginia and Washington and Lee University.

Black History Committee Seeking Old Photographs

Old and historical photographs and artifacts of Durham's black community are being solicited from Durham County residents by the Black History Committee of the Durham County Centennial Commission.

The photographs and artifacts will be used to develop an exhibit that will be displayed during the county's centennial observance, April 26-May 2.

The proposed exhibit would focus on various aspects of life in Durham's black community and would include such subjects as Durham County's early years, business, education, sports and recreation, and health and the professions.

Durham residents willing to share old photographs and artifacts are asked to take photos relating to the history of North Carolina Central University to Alex Rivera, director of public relations, on the NCCU campus (Jordan House, corner of Fayetteville and Lawson streets).

Other photographs and artifacts pertaining to the history of Durham County's black community are to be taken to Rev. W.W. Easley at St. Joseph's Church. These items will be numbered, catalogued and placed in safekeeping.

The material collected by NCCU will also be used in an exhibit that will be displayed during the university's 75th anniversary celebration.

Shish Kebab was originally prepared by caravan travelers in the Middle East. The name literally means "meat on a sword."

PAC Lifts Boycott

WARRENTON — An economic boycott of white Warren County merchants was partially lifted Sunday, by members of the Political Action Council. In a meeting held at Snow Hill Baptist Church, approximately 75 members of the non-partisan political group voted to modify the boycott. The group decided to continue to boycott Roses stores, Leggetts and Diamond's Discount Department Store.

"Leggetts, Roses and Diamonds have shown a great deal of insensitivity and lack of interest in the problems of their customers," an official of the group stated. "We plan to urge the members of the black community to refrain from spending their money with these merchants for an indefinite period of time."

Core Meeting

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 It was stressed that the elderly and black youth should be a focus of NBIPP because of the suffering that both groups are now encountering.

The Core group plans to hold a mass meeting in Durham on Sunday, March 1, at 4:30 p.m.

Co-convenors for the

Durham core group are Ms. Weaverline Johnson and Arnold Dennis. National rules for NBIPP stipulate that leadership must be shared





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