

Durham, North Carolina, Friday, October 3, 1969

## Midnight Fire Wrecks NCCU Law Library



Shown above are scenes of damage to the interior of the NCCU Law Building from the nearly \$1 million fire of September 18. Lower right, two of the students who assisted in clean-up operations work in one of the areas damaged by the midnight blaze.

Early Friday morning, the sights of the damaged walls of the Law School left the spirits of the students mortally wounded. The thought of the end of their educational lives almost made some students panic and move to retaliate.

Thought of despair and defeat were short lived, and the possibility of closing the school was met head-on.

While the fire was still burning the Dean and the Student Bar decided that there must be no interruption of classes. A notice was posted stating that classes would meet as scheduled in B. N. Duke Auditorium.

A meeting was called for Friday at noon to inform the students of the damage and plans of actions for student participation. Since, the Law School is the only "home" that the students know, it was decided that the building must be made ready for Monday classes.

On Saturday students went to work. Mops, buckets, scrub brushes, cloths, and Mr. Clean were put in the hands of the future advocates of the law, and much was accomplished. Every wall, desk, table, and chair on the main floor was given a thorough cleaning. The basement was attacked with equal force the next day.

Monday classes met on the main floor of the Law School.

### FIRE CAUSES CAMPUS 'HEAT'

The fire which damaged NCCU's Law School and destroyed many valuable books caused heat in B. N. Duke Auditorium long after firemen extinguished the blazes. In a meeting of interested students concerned with the Law School's dilemma, student tempers blazed as some students got the idea that funds set aside for Homecoming activities would be donated to the Law School.

The misconception occurred due to two meetings that adjoined each other. The first matter being discussed was the Law School's financial needs because of the fire. Suddenly, Mr. James Blue, Dean of Students, began the second meeting to report that the Homecoming Committee had voted against having a Homecoming. See **Fire Causes**, Page 7

### Photography Club To Be Organized

Mr. James Parker, Director of the Audio Visual Aids Center, will organize a photography club on October 7. This is an opportunity for students who wish to learn the mechanics of picture-taking. Mr. Parker invites all interested students to come to Room 129, Education Building at 7:00, October 7.

A complete course in Swahili, on records, is also available in the Audio-Visual Aids Center in the listening room 125-C of the Education Building. For more information, contact Mr. Marvin Duncan.

### Malcolm X Univ. To Open In Oct.

By BETTY HOLLOWAY

Black students at Duke University took over the administration building in March of 1969, demanding a black studies program giving them equal representation with faculty members in planning an African and Afro-American Studies Program.

At that time 23 of the 91 black undergraduates at Duke decided to withdraw immediately and another 17 would withdraw at the end of the semester if their demands were not met.

NCCU and Duke students gathered in B. N. Duke Auditorium to listen to an appeal for help from Duke students. Students from Duke, Durham Business College, Merrick-Moore and Hillside High school joined NCCU students at Five Points, increasing the number of persons to about 1000.

Howard Fuller, training director of the Foundation for Community Development, stated that they would try to "derecruit" any students who had wanted to enroll at Duke. He stated, in a closing speech to the crowd, "we will have no peace no where until black students start getting what they

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### SOBU MEETING SET OCTOBER 22-26

BACKGROUND: The Student Organization for Black Unity (SOBU) grew out of a realization by Black students around the country that organizations such as NSA no longer spoke for their particular needs as Black students. It was decided by students from several schools who attended the NSA conference in Atlanta to withdraw from that organization and to form a group consisting solely of Black. The organizational meeting of SOBU was held at North Carolina A&T State Uni-

### French Study Aid Available

Five scholarships of \$1,000 each are available to students applying to the Institute for American Universities for an academic year at Aix-en-Provence, in southern France. The Institute, chartered by the University of the State of New York, and under the auspices of the University of Aix-Marseille, founded in 1409, is designed for American undergraduates who wish to study abroad and have credit transferred to their home universities. The above scholarships are divided among majors in French, Literature, Fine Arts,

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versity in Greensboro, North Carolina, from May 8-10, 1969, where a number of workshops were held in which students shared their ideas about the directions which Black students, as members of the total Black community, should take.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: At the final business meeting of the conference, it was decided that SOBU would accept for membership any Black student government association or Black student group, such as Black Student Movements and Afro-American Societies on predominantly White campuses. The membership fee for each group is \$200 per academic year. Contributions in excess of this amount from those groups which can afford it will be greatly appreciated. This point was made that SGA's could use the money formerly given to NSA to fund SOBU.

SOBU is structured on a regional basis, with each region relating to the national group. There is a spokesman for each region and a national convener. Each spokesman is responsible for coordinating activities in his area and for disseminating information to and from his constituency. The national convener is obligated to pull to-

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### Black Studies Major Offered

A 30-semester-hour Black Studies major is being offered for the first time this year at North Carolina Central University, under the direction of the Department of History and Social Science.

The major emphasizes history, with required courses in political science, sociology, and geography.

Among the courses offered in the Department of History are "African History Prior to 1500," "History of Africa, 1500-1870," "Africa and the World Powers, 1870-1945," and "Emerging African States Since 1945" in the area of African history. Afro-American history courses offered include "History of the Negro in the United States to 1865," "The Negro in the U.S., 1865-1900," "Emergence of the New Negro," and "The Negro in Contemporary America."

In political science the course currently offered in the catalog is "Civil Rights: Problems in Administration and Compliance." In sociology, the course offering is "The Geography of Africa."

The courses in these three required areas have prerequisites in basic principles of

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