

CAMPUS ECHO

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Newspaper Reinstated

After over two years of exile, the CAMPUS ECHO, North Carolina Central University's student newspaper has returned as a full functioning student organization.

The funds for publication of the paper were temporarily suspended in the fall of 1971 by the University's Chancellor Dr. Albert N. Whiting.

Whiting, in statement following the suspension reported that the stand taken by the editor and staff was in violation of state and university policies and in his opinion did not represent the views or opinion of a majority of the university's students.

A meeting was held between Whiting, CAMPUS ECHO editor, Jae Joyner, and student government president, Harvey White.

An agreement could not be reached at that meeting and subsequent meetings proved equally unproductive.

Whiting later announced that funds were permanently suspended and both Joyner and White filed a class action suit against Whiting and sought a temporary restraining order to keep the paper publishing until the issue could be resolved.

The case was filed in U. S. District Court in Greensboro where Judge Eugene Gordon denied the restraining order and later decided in favor of Dr. Whiting.

The case was appealed by Joyner and White and in the U. S. Court in Richmond, Va. in the spring of 1973, the court decided in their favor.

Due to procedural and technical problems, the paper was unable to begin publication until March of this year.

Harvey White, then president of the Student Government Association, has graduated and is now working in Princeville, North Carolina as the town's city manager. White was unable to be reached for comment.

Jae Joyner, then editor of the CAMPUS ECHO, is still at North Carolina Central and was re-elected unanimously as this year's editor.

Joyner, a native of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, is a senior Elementary Education major and will be graduating in May.

In an interview with Joyner, he was asked what his feelings were about the reinstatement of the paper.

Smiling and leaning back, Joyner chuckled and gave this comment, "It has been a long time since we've had a paper on this campus and it is long overdue. For 2 years I've reviewed the events in my mind, searching for a valid reason for the suspension and I've yet to find one. I'm glad someone has finally seen that a mistake was made and it was corrected".

When Joyner was asked what some of the problems are, he said "You wouldn't believe the problems we've run in to. It took several weeks to get furniture in. We've never had any typewriter worth anything, so we had to order some.



It took several days to get an exact figure for the budget and get approval to begin spending.

We have not been able to get the IBM equipment back that we used to set the copy because one piece of it was not in the state and it would have taken about (6) weeks to get it.

We've always had a problem with recruiting staff members and because there has been no paper in to year, it is even more difficult now.

To make matters worse, we don't even have paper, pens,

pencils or any other general office supplies."

Joyner had this to say about his plans for the remainder of this year.

"With the help of people like Debra Swann, Floyd Jenkins, Robert Nixon and many other new people, we may be able to get out three papers this semester.

We've bought some typewriters and we'll be getting other equipment before the year is over. A lot of what we already have needs to be updated.

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