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**BEAUTY AND TALENT** — These three Eagle Band members take time out to render a smile.

## NCCU Faces Enrollment Crisis In Future Years

Before students arrived, North Carolina Central University faculty and staff members had already been through their own orientation, in the form of the annual Faculty Institute.

At the first session of the institute, attended by all university employees, Chancellor Albert N. Whiting told the staff and faculty that NCCU faces an enrollment crisis in coming years which would come from several causes: the recent agreement between the University of North Carolina system and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare will mean the predominantly white universities will be competing even more for black students.

"East Carolina University has already achieved a huge increase in black enrollment, and from what I've been told, many of the new black students there come from Durham. A few years

ago those students would not have thought about going anywhere other than NCCU," commented the Chancellor.

Whiting also said that another source of difficulty for NCCU, and for all universities, is a drop in the number of college age students.

The state's new high school competency tests may also cut the number of students who can be recruited by colleges. Students who do not pass the test (after four tries) will not get high school diplomas and can not be accepted by colleges.

"Each of you will have to become a public relations agent for the university," the Chancellor told the university employees. He urged faculty and staff members to become involved in recruitment of students, black and white, and to make sure that all students feel welcome on campus.

## Re-Accreditation Can Affect Future of NCCU Graduates

A self-study for reaccreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has resulted in a new planning and budgeting system for North Carolina Central University.

The new system starts with the overall goals of the University, which will be reviewed each year. Each department or unit then identifies its activities which will support the goals.

Budgeting of existing and new activities will eventually be based on the priority the university gives to its goals. Although the structure of the new planning system is in existence, complete implementation was not possible for the 1978-79 budget year.

The new system resulted from the university's need to develop a self-study for the year accreditation review by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The regional association is the key accrediting agency for NCCU. Regional accreditation affects acceptance of degrees by employers, graduate and professional schools, and other

agencies, as well as private and Federal funding.

Because NCCU has over many years met the basic criteria of the Southern Association, the university was given permission to conduct a "non-traditional" self-study. (A traditional self-study would have involved a review of the basic criteria by each department, school and program, each explaining how it met those criteria.)

The non-traditional self-study proposed was the development of an improved planning and budgeting process. Dr. Norman Uhl, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, and Mrs. Edwina Williams, assistant professor of

chaired a steering committee which developed the plan. Representatives of the NCCU administration, faculty, staff, and student body served on the steering committee, which will have the responsibility this year of explaining the plan to a visitation committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The visitation committee, whose members will be administrators and faculty members of other universities and colleges, will also meet with other NCCU personnel as the study the plan. The Board of Trustees of NCCU had a special workshop in September to study the plan so trustees could discuss it with SACS representatives.

While the accrediting agency is studying the plan, the newly-created Planning and Budgeting Council (which includes the Vice-Chancellors of the university, faculty representatives, and student representatives) will be implementing the planning process.

The Council will ask the departments and schools to review the assumptions made about the future, the goals. Then each department and support service area such as the admissions' and Registrar's Offices will be asked to describe activities which will help to meet those goals, and to specify the funding it will need to conduct those activities.

## Registration Process Revised For Fall Semester

New students at North Carolina Central University received a warning when they picked up their programs for orientation week and pre-registration.

"Disregard the advice of continuing students; new procedures are being introduced this year," said Dr. James F. Blue, Vice-Chancellor for student affairs.

The new procedures involved are in the pre-registration program. NCCU has (after many years of planning) computerized its registration programs. A major change was the order in which students went through registration.

Last year students couldn't register, select courses and ask for their class schedule until they had paid their fees. This year students couldn't pay their fees until they had selected their courses in pre-registration.

Registration began earlier this year. In past years, the first days on campus were devoted to orientation matters

how to register, rules and regulations and testing. This year students arrived on Sunday the 27 and by 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon, some had selected their courses and requested assignment to class sections.

Much of the planning and work was done by thirty faculty members, who belong to the Faculty Advising Service. Under the leadership of Dr. Arthrell Saunders, the FAS which represents all departments with undergraduate programs-explained academic programs to the students, advised them on courses needed and filled out trial schedules for pre-registration.

