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after shooting by estranged husband

Nursing professor out of hospital



Victor Hunter pounces on 6-point fumble recovery as teammates signal touchdown.

Gridders win 2nd

By Winston L. Majette

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The saying 'first come, first serve' didn't apply in the way one normally expects it to. Because the Trojans of Virginia State University were the one's to come across the goal line first, one might not have expected them to be served their second loss of the season by the score of 35-13. But so it was, to the delight of the Central fans assembled for the Eagle's second football game of the season Saturday.

The first few minutes seemed to bring back horrible flashbacks of the fumbles in the game with the Livingston Bears. After a 22-yard offensive surge, the Trojans came face to face with a great defensive play from defensive ends Nathan Johnson and Wendell Matthews, causing a fumble recovered by the Eagles on their own 41-yard line.

Though the Eagles were able to gain yards at mid-field, they were unable to score.

Upon getting the ball back, the Trojans seemed unable to gain yardage. Warren Felton carried the ball for a total of "No" yards.

But Alvin Hampton ended this monotony by connecting with Benjamin for a 61-yard offensive charge.

During the next set of downs, one did not have to be superstitious to experience a feeling of deja-vue. If you've saw the Eagles play the Bears you know that the Eagles and Bears exchanged the ball on almost identical plays, both causing fumbles.

On the Eagles next possession Kenny Pugh handed the ball of to Roscoe Burnette for a

gain of 9 yards. Then Yuille came in to throw a superb 19-yard pass on an exceptional catch by Carl Sanders. On the next two plays Burnette ran for 6 yards and then lost two. Yuille attempted a long pass to Sanders, but it was ruled incomplete. Sounds familiar dosen't it.

The Trojans seemed to become impatient about being held scoreless and held on to the ball until they crossed the goal line.

Running back Kevin Ross converted a Trojan fourth down play, and then Alan Hampton handed off to Warren Felton for a gain of 21 yards. The Trojan drive was almost stalled at the end of the first quarter, but a pass interference penalty left the Trojans on the Eagle one-yard line at the beginning of the second quarter. On the next play, Felton carried the ball over. Virginia State led 7-0.

The Eagles' next possession was cut short by a fumble. But Lorenzo Ingram so intimidated Virginia State quarterback Hampton, that he threw a bad pass, and VSU turned the ball over on downs.

Then the Eagle passing game picked up. Yuille through two long-gainers to Sanders to put the Eagles inside the Trojan thirty. After moving the ball on a series of running plays, the Eagles scored on a 7-yard pass to Victor Hunter.

The defensive teams took over for the rest of the half, which ended in a 7-7 heat.

In the second half, the Eagles showed they could both run and pass. Yuille hit Hunter

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from Echo staff reports and The Durham Morning Herald

An assistant professor of nursing who was shot and wounded in her office Monday, September 9, has been released from Duke University Hospital.

According to Dr. Johnea D. Kelley, chairperson of the School of Nursing, Mrs. Joan Martin, who was shot in the chest, is "still under a doctor's care" and her whereabouts are being kept confidential.

Kelley did not know when Mrs. Martin would be returning to work.

How has the Nursing department been affected by this incident?

"A tragedy of this sort would almost paralyze a faculty,"

Kelley said. "But we are managing to keep going. We have appointed someone to teach Mrs. Martin's classes."

Mrs. Martin, who has taught at NCCU for ten years, was shot with a .38 caliber revolver, Durham police detective Allen Hare said.

Her husband, Joseph H. Martin, was later arrested at his son's apartment at 501 Elf St. and charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious injury. Martin was placed in the Durham County Jail under \$10,000 bond.

After shooting his wife, Martin reportedly got into a taxi and rode to his son's apartment, where he had been staying recently, and waited for officers to come and get him. According to Hare, Martin did not resist arrest.

Law and nursing to face ABA, University probes

A "thorough analysis" of the poor showing by graduates of the University of North Carolina system's predominately black schools on the state's bar and nursing exams is being conducted by UNC officals, according to The Durham Morning Herald.

More recently, an Associated Press story has reported plans for the American Bar Association to conduct an inspection of Central's Law School.

University President William Friday called the results of the University analysis "deeply disappointing." These results will be presented at the upcoming Board of Governors meeting next month.

According to the Associated Press story, the ABA will decide in November whether to inspect the Law School. Experts cited in the story say there is very little chance that the Law School could lose its accreditation as a result of the investigation.

North Carolina Central University, the only black school in the system with a law school, had 18 out of 76 people to pass the bar exam. This is an 18 percent increase over last year's 54 percent failure rate.

82 percent of NCCU's nursing students who took the states licensing exam failed it. The school has tried since 1972 to improve its students results on the licensing exam.

Failing professional exams is not limited to students at the black colleges of the UNC system. According to Friday, some white campuses have as high as 20 percent failure rate.

The UNC Board of Governors has given NCCU's Nursing program until the spring of 1981 to bring its passing rate up to at least 66 percent. Unless this is done, the program is in danger of being discontinued.

Harry Groves, dean of the School of Law at NCCU, said that the school will adhere to tougher admissions criteria next year to offset its low pass rate.

Other black schools that had low passing rates on the state licensing exams were A&T and Winston-Salem State. A&T's passing rate was 19 percent, while Winston-Salem's rate was 41 percent, the highest of the black campuses.

If it occurs, the ABA inspection will be the second for Central in three-years. Central was last inspected by the Bar Association in January of 1978 and would not normally be inspected again until 1985.

Central's Law School was just reaccredited this year after being placed on probation in 1975.



These nursing students look calm and poised, but the school is under pressure.

Alums talk on low bar scores

By Teresa Burke

"I wouldn't go to a black lawyer; he can't do anything for me." According to one alumnus of NCCU's Law School, this is an all-too-common opinion.

With the recent reports concerning the low scores and high failure rate and of Central's law graduates who take the bar and a possible inspection by the American Bar Association, the blame has been dumped at many doorsteps. Chancellor Whiting and law school Dean Harry Groves are in agreement; there will be changes in law school admissions and grading standards.

Two former NCCU law school students were contacted for their opinions concerning the controversy surrounding the law school. Their viewpoints, although they often differ, reflect the feelings of many law school alumni.

Attorney Frank Bullock, a 1973 law school graduate, does not consider the admission and grading standard changes to be a good move. "Grade inflation is not the cause and I don't think the teachers' attitudes have mellowed any since I was at Central. They (the teachers) are reflected by their students, so when low scores become public it would seem natural that they would crack down instead of letting up."

Attorney Doug Webb, a 1980 NCCU law school graduate, feels that the reasons for the high failure rate are more personal. It can be attributed, he says, to study habits, or even intelligence. He reasons that the school is not to blame: If "I was taught enough to pass, then everyone else should have passed."

Others argue that the bar exam, like the SAT, is discriminatory and is designed for a particular segment of the population. But Webb, who passed the three-day-long exam on the first try, disagrees. "The bar exam is difficult, yes. It requires a sufficient arena of knowledge."

Bullock, a former State Bar Association president, scored low on the SAT and did not pass the bar on his first try. His low grades, however, do not reflect his successs as a lawyer. To him, high grades in the class do not equate with proficiency in the courtroom.

A great number of people enter the law field every year, and the bar exam is seen by some as a sieve, a way of "tightening up" the market

But does the bar have the ability to measure a person's ability to practice law?

According to Webb, "A single testing cannot," but, he adds, the exam is necessary. "There has to be some kind of standard," he declares.

Though the bar exam may be a standard, that does not mean that its grading is not open to some discussion. Commenting on this issue, Bullock said, "The bar is full of discretion. You get credit for a wrong answer if you can justify that wrong answer. If you fail and ask to see your exam, you get it back with no corrections on it. If you pass, your paper is destroyed. A lot of discretion."

Chancellor to hold convocation

By Winfred B. Cross

For the second time in as many years, Albert N. Whiting, chancellor of North Carolina Central University, has called for a university-wide convocation on Sept. 25 at 10:40 in McDougald Gymnasium.

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Whiting said the convocation is being held as an annual event and not because of a serious university problem.

"The convocation was started because students, faculty and alumni have requested that there should be at least one general assembling of the university each year," said Whiting.

The chancellor went on to say that this year's address will be similar to last year's speech.

"I will basically give a state-of-the-university address," said Whiting. "I will also make statements about the troubled Law School and Nursing Program."

Whiting added that he was pleased with the student turnout at last year's convocation.

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"The students are to be commended on their participation last year," he said. "I am hoping for an even bigger turnout this year."

At last year's convocation Whiting listed several steps which Central must take to remain a "viable force in the state's higher education program." At least two of these steps have already been done. They include accelerated integration of the campus and extended continuing education efforts for non-traditional students.

Whiting also commented on the renovation of several buildings and marked improvement in the athletic program. Thus far the school's C.T. Willis Commerce building is under renovation and the football team won its first season opener in five years, following that with another impressive win last Saturday.