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Groves: 'I just got tired.'

Law dean resigns

By Teresa Burke
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In his fifth year as dean of Central's law school, Harry E. Groves sent in his resignation to Chancellor Whiting on Thursday after much controversy over the law students' low passing rate on the bar exam.

The real reason why Groves resigned is much more complex than earlier Durham Morning Herald reports.

According to an unimpeachable source, Groves was reported to have said, "I would have been dean here five years come June. I have done what I had been brought here to do. The school has been accredited. There's a new building. The faculty has been upgraded. I've been here longer than any law school dean in the area. Now I want to teach and write."

Among the problems that might have affected his decision to resign, the source continued, was the problem of inflated grades and the difficulty of correcting this problem.

The source said that Groves felt that the black community would not support

doing what was necessary to correct this situation.

There was other speculation that conflict would develop over proposed tighter admissions standards which would bar many of the people Central's law school has traditionally admitted.

But Whiting denied any such allegations. "It's not unusual for a dean or a chancellor to go back to teaching," said Whiting. "Groves is not leaving Central. He's staying on as a professor of law."

When asked about the affect Groves' resignation would have on the law school, Whiting said, "I do not think the law school will be adversely affected, but I would hate to see his leadership lost."

Whiting also said that Groves' replacement will not be known until early July. The position has to be filled according to affirmative action guidelines. A nationwide advertising campaign for a new dean will take place soon and a selection committee will be set-up for the screening of applicants.

The news of the dean's resignation elicited various reactions throughout the university.

Media-Journalism students sought the opinions of students and faculty from Central's law school.

"Groves was whittled away professionally," said David Cook, a 3rd year corporate law student from Charlotte, N.C. "He had no choice (but to resign)."

Cook also felt the alumni were responsible for Groves' resignation. "With the exception of a very few, he didn't get support from the alumni for himself or the school. I don't think we'll find another dean as capable as Groves. Every dean of a law school is not qualified to be dean of this law school."

Albert Broderick, a fifth year law instructor, stated, "I am surprised and disappointed. He is an extremely distinguished man and a leading lawyer and educator."

Professor Fred Williams said, "I came to the law school because of Dean Groves and it is unfortunate that he is resigning. The dean has done a lot for the school. His presence here may make it difficult for the new dean. Groves may overshadow him. It is unfortunate that

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Dean Groves

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English prof gains place on title page

By David Harper

Dr. Earnest Mason, director of North Carolina Central University's Honors Center and an instructor in the English department, was recently given credit for his input in a humanities textbook, "Humanities, Cultural Roots and Continuities"—after negotiations with the publishing company.

Published by D.C. Heath publishers, the book originally did not include Mason among the contributors. However, due to the efforts of Dr. Patsy Perry, chairperson of the English department, and Dr. Winifred Stoelting, associate professor of English, Mason and NCCU were given credit for their contributions to the book.

Although the grants for the book were originally given to NCCU's Humanities department—under the direction of former Central professor, Dr. Mary Witt—in 1976, Central was only slightly mentioned in the first printing. The book was co-authored by Dr. Witt, presently at North Carolina State, Charlotte Brown of Duke, Roberta Dunbar of the University of North Carolina, Frank Tirro of Duke and Ronald Witt, also of Duke.

In a letter to Dr. Holt Johnson, editor of

D.C. Heath publishers, Dr. Perry and Dr. Stoelting stated, "One of the chief selling points of this text is its offerings in Afro-American culture. It seems only just that appropriate acknowledgement be given to Dr. Mason, a black scholar who is in large part responsible for this strength of the book in this area." The book now includes Dr. Mason's name among the authors; the title page reads in part: "With the collaboration of Dr. Earnest Mason, Professor, North Carolina Central University."

Mason, a 1970 graduate of NCCU and a member of the faculty since 1974, has previously worked with the National Humanities Center and in 1978 was honored by the National Endowment Fellows. The Chapel Hill native is also involved in many lectures and symposia dealing with philosophy, religion, and humanities.

Mason has been involved with the Honors Center, which is a center for highly motivated students, since 1977. Since its inception in 1962, the center's goal has been to keep these students motivated and working toward their potential; it presently aids 35 students.

Duke retrenchment

How will it affect Central?

Nursing

By Evelyn Cross

The proposed change in Duke's nursing program could benefit Central, according to an NCCU professor.

"If Duke changes its nursing program, then Central's role in the community may change. Duke's community service may decrease and Central might step in to fill the void," said Mary Kagarise, a graduate of Duke University and a first year NCCU nursing faculty member.

Chancellor Kenneth Pye of Duke University is recommending that the graduate and undergraduate nursing programs be replaced by a nursing program that will accept registered nurses without a Bachelor degree and graduates of degree-granting programs.

Bobbie Reddick, a faculty member of NCCU's nursing department, said, "If Duke opens a program for registered nurses, it might decrease UNC's enrollment as well as Central's."

At present, Duke's registered nurses, who do not have a degree, attend UNC or Central to get a Bachelor of Science degree.

Reddick feels that if Duke opens the new program, "then it will not be necessary for these students to attend UNC or Central to acquire their Bachelor's degree."

Dorothy Brundage, associate dean of Duke's nursing school, refused to comment when questioned about the change.

Chancellor Pye was not available for comment.

Several NCCU junior nursing students, who asked not to be identified, commented that the change will probably not increase Central's enrollment because of the unfavorable publicity that Central's nursing department has received, as well as differences in recruiting.

Central gets its nursing students from the surrounding area, whereas Duke recruits mostly from the Northeast.

Education

By Emma Deese

Duke's retrenchment in the education department will not have an impact on NCCU's education program, according to Dr. Norman Johnson, chairperson of NCCU's education department.

"NCCU's department is stable. Duke's program is relatively small, and the transformation of their education department into a graduate training program for secondary school administrators in North Carolina and neighboring states should be beneficial," says Johnson.

He predicts that with Duke's cutback, enrollment may increase at NCCU. "Increased enrollment would cause no additional conflicts in our department. For students who wish to continue in education, NCCU offers the inter-institutional program for any full-time matriculate student at Duke or UNC-Chapel Hill. This allows students to take courses at a nominal fee with the approval of their undergraduate dean of advisor," adds Johnson.

Meanwhile, faculty in the Department of Education at Duke are not so sanguine.

"The strength of the university lies within the field of education. If it is taken out, the scholar and teacher's viewpoints are lost," says Dr. Peter Carbone, chairperson of Duke's education department.

Carbone states that the recommended changes in his department will affect nearly all segments of the university.

Duke Chancellor A. Kenneth Pye made his recommendations for change in the University in a 246-page report to Duke Trustees. The report outlined how the school can "can do fewer things better" by trimming some programs and expanding others. It received criticism from Duke faculty and alumni, especially from those whose departments were picked for changes in direction and scope.

Further actions on these recommendations await the outcome of the Duke trustee's meeting in December.

Echo Survey

Campus responds to Klan-Nazi trial

Compiled from Media-Journalism/English 3000 Reports

Guilty until proven innocent? Innocent until proven guilty?

The controversial trial continues over the bloody confrontation that took place between the Klan-Nazi Caravan and Communist demonstrators at a "Death to the Klan" rally sponsored by the Communist Workers Party.

In a survey conducted recently at North Carolina Central University regarding the outcome of the Klan-Nazi trial, students and instructors disagreed on what the final verdict will be but agreed that it will have a tremendous effect on American society.

Political Science instructor Dr. J. F. Aicher, Jr. projected that, through a series of appeals based on constitutional rights, the case may reach the Supreme Court of the United States.

"You may be talking about a period of a minimum of 3 to 7 years. They'll get convicted, but they're going to keep appealing, which is their right to do," said Aicher.

Thomas Bullock, 21, an accounting major from Manson, N.C., said, "The defendants will be convicted, but I don't think they will get 20 or 30 years. They don't want to upset the Klan. They're going to be careful with the trial."

"I don't think the defendants will get a lot of time because of the publicity," said Dr. Marvin Duncan, director of NCCU's Learning Resources Center.

'I hope for Greensboro's sake that the verdict will be guilty.'

John Samuels, 18, an education major from Greensboro, N.C., was concerned with the racial implications and the possible aftereffects the trial may bring. He said, "I hope for Greensboro's sake that the verdict will be guilty. The people of Miami have shown us the way."

"The trial could go either way. The lawyers really have the deciding vote. It is also a contradiction to believe that whites can lead blacks in or to a Civil Rights Movement. Each party has different goals. The Klan's established purpose in 1867 and the present is to stamp out 'Black

Domination' through any means necessary. The Communist Party is revolutionary and economically designed to overthrow the government. They align themselves with blacks because some are blacks. This incident produced no civil rights," said Dr. David W. Bishop, professor of history at NCCU.

Patricia Nicholas, 20, a business education major from Salisbury, N.C., said, "They're going to get freed 'cause they're all white."

Carlton Pyant, 21, a psychology major from Lincoln, N.C., said, "Nothing will happen because of the system. They're white."

As for innocent or guilty, Tom Hodges, 23, a second year law school student from Hope Mills, N.C., said, "I don't think all will be found guilty. In a murder trial of this nature, it must be proven that they had intent or malice."

William A. Sanders, 25, a political science major, said, "(The verdict will be) life imprisonment for the Klansmen on trial, because I feel there has been a substantial amount of evidence rendered (as to their guilt)."

Kenneth McGiver, 21, a junior business administration major from Sanford, N.C., said, "The Klan will be found guilty because there were so many eyewitnesses and because (if the verdict is innocent) racial violence might break out."

Meanwhile, the controversial trial continues in Greensboro.