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Hilda Harris

'...a living success story'

Major opera star performs at Central

By Marvin O. Royster

"Exciting, vibrant, and beautiful"—Hilda Harris, a leading mezzo-soprano with the Metropolitan Opera in New York City, will perform a recital Nov. 9 in B. N. Duke Auditorium at 3:00 p.m.

Ms. Harris will perform a variety of works, including spirituals, American songs, and songs by Claude Debussy and Gustav Mahler.

A work of special interest is "My Name is Rosa Parks" from "A handful of Souls" by Ezra Laderman and Joe Darion.

Tickets for students are \$2.50, \$5 for the general public.

After her performance there will be a reception tentatively scheduled for the W.G. Pearson cafeteria.

Dr. Earl G. Sanders, chairman of the Lyceum Committee which sponsors Harris, said, "If you rate her on a scale of 1-10, she's at the top. Her voice is in its prime."

When asked why an NCCU student should attend Ms. Harris' performance, Sanders said, "Hilda Harris is a living success story. She's from Warren County, one of the poorest counties in the state. She's gone from Warren County to top billing at the

Metropolitan Opera, one of the most prestigious opera companies in the world. Singing at the Metropolitan Opera is the ultimate in success. Her background is similar to many students here. She realized she had a great deal of work to do and she did it."

Harris, an alumna of NCCU and a native of Warren County, first met success in 1967 when she made her debut in Carnegie Hall.

In 1977 she made her debut at the Metropolitan Opera in Alban Berg's *Lulu*. She has gone on to become a major star in Europe and America, performing at the Met in *Lulu*, *The Marriage of Figaro*, *Tales of Hoffmann*, *Anna Bolena*, and *Return of Ulysses*.

She has appeared in oratorios with orchestras in Europe, Canada, and the United States, including North Carolina.

In her recitals she performs a variety of music from Baroque Opera to Negro Spirituals.

A star of radio and television, she has appeared three times on Ezra Laderman-Joe Darion CBS television specials. She performed and recorded the world premiere of Dorothy Rudd Moore's song cycle, *From The Dark Tower*, a work written for her.

She is scheduled to do a full length opera on PBS in January.

Founder's Day begins gala Homecoming fest

By Winfred Cross

North Carolina Central's 1980 homecoming week continues today with the 33rd annual Founder's Day program in B.N. Duke Auditorium at 11:00 a.m. The weekend will feature football, a concert and a coronation ball.

Founder's Day

Dr. Charles H. Cobb, a 1940 graduate of NCCU and executive director of the Commission for Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ, will be the principal speaker at the program.

After the ceremony, the school's old Cafeteria, which houses the Placement Bureau and Academic Skills Center, will be dedicated to the late Harold Alexander and the late Wayne Dunn. Alexander was the center's first director. Dunn, an instructor at the center, died heroically in 1979 while saving the life of a fellow worker.

Hilda Harris, mezzo soprano for the Metropolitan Opera and graduate of NCCU, will perform at the Founder's Day ceremony with the University's concert and touring choirs. (see related story.)

Happy Birthday, Central

Friday afternoon in the W.G. Pearson Cafeteria, the junior class, in conjunction with several fraternities, sororities and

other organizations, will sponsor a birthday party for the university. There will be music and prizes will be given away.

Cool Out With Beverly

Friday evening in McDougald Gymnasium, Frankie Beverly and Maze, along with the SOS and Third Generation bands, will perform at the annual homecoming concert.

Cameron, a group that was scheduled to appear, will not perform.

Ervin Baker, Student Government Association president, said, "There was some mix up with the group, but we have everything under control now."

A pre-dawn dance will be held immediately after the concert.

Eagles Fight Bulls

Saturday, the CIAA champion Eagles will take on the Johnson C. Smith Golden Bulls. The Eagles have been predicted to win by as much as 30 points.

Homecoming Coronation Ball

Saturday night, a coronation ball in honor of all campus queens and Miss Homecoming, Teresa Burke, will be held in McDougald Gymnasium at 7:30 p.m. The dress is semi-formal.

NCCU to get grants IBM EPA

North Carolina Central University has received a \$50,000 grant from IBM to help the NCCU School of Business achieve accreditation by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business.

The IBM grant, presented to Chancellor Albert N. Whiting and Dean Tyrone Richmond of the School of Business by Nobou Mii, vice-president of IBM's Telecommunications Systems division and general manager of the Raleigh plants, will support the development of a business library as a satellite library of NCCU's James E. Shepard Library.

Dr. Richmond said the School of Business hopes to establish a collection which will include at least 40,000 books and monographs and 300 periodical subscriptions. In addition, the collection should contain a number of expensive looseleaf financial services and at least 50 "annual continuations" (such as The Commodity Yearbook, Conference Board Records, and The Directory of Corporate Affiliations), Dr. Richmond said.

To meet that goal, Dr. Richmond said, a budget of \$150,000 a year will be required. State appropriations will provide for "only a modest fraction" of that total, the dean noted.

"It is our hope that our business library will be developed such that by the time of a visitation by the committee from the AACSB (the accrediting agency), the library will exceed the minimum standards for accreditation," Dr. Richmond said.

Dean Richmond gave credit for assistance in obtaining the IBM grant to Dr. Dallas Simmons, NCCU Vice-Chancellor for University Relations, and to S.A. Patafio, personnel resources manager for IBM at the Research Triangle Park.

N.C. Central University has received a \$287,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a three-year investigation of airborne pollens and fungal spores.

Dr. John Ruffin, chairman of the department of biology and director of the project, said the goals of the study are: to establish a detailed reference of air spore and pollen concentrations; to determine whether pollens and spores carry with them unsuspected agents from industrial sites; and to use airborne pollens and spores as environmental surveillance systems for studying other known atmospheric pollutants.

Ruffin and his collaborators will monitor the presence of pollen and spores in the air throughout the year, identifying the pollens and spores found. Collected or cultured pollens will be analyzed to identify the protein compounds present and to determine the role they may play in triggering allergic reactions.

For several years, Ruffin has been involved with identification and frequency surveys of airborne pollen and spore occurrences.

The study will attempt to determine whether pollens and spores captured near industrial sites have been in contact with known or suspected carcinogens and whether that contact has altered their protein patterns in any way.

The study will also investigate the presence of microorganisms noted on the surface of certain pollen grains and the possible role played by those organisms in causing respiratory ailments.

Ruffin will be aided in the project by a full-time post-doctoral assistant and by NCCU students.

Award winning program grants ten internships

NCCU News Bureau

Ten senior Public Administration majors at North Carolina Central University have begun two-semester internships in area government and government-related agencies.

The internship phase of the university's Public Administration Program was a key factor in the program's being named a winner of the Stephen B. Sweeney award by the International City Management Association this year. The award honors innovative programs in the education of government managers, and was presented to Dr. Tyrone Baines, director of the program, at the end of September.

Students in the internship program work two full days a week for two semesters in the agencies with which they are placed. The students receive academic credit and financial stipends through the program.

The city of Durham employs five of the 1980-81 interns. They are Stephanie Gaddy of Winston-Salem; Ervin Keaton of Stateville; Bernice Jeffreys of Milton; Carolyn Cobb of Blanch; and Annette Gadsen of Fayetteville.

Delaney Wilson of Goldsboro will work with Southern Ex-

posure magazine. Tanya Prunty of the Bronx, N.Y., will work with the Durham Housing Authority. Catherine Sparrow of Clinton will work with the town of Carrboro.

The Durham Employment Security Commission will employ Grosse Smith of Winterville and Vickie Gates of Winston-Salem.

Ms. Glenda C. McNeill is coordinator of the internship program, under the direction of Dr. Baines.

The NCCU Public Administration Program is one of very few such programs which offers baccalaureate degrees and training for entry-level employment in government agencies.

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