

# The Campus Echo



**Administrative vandalism?**

Recently administrative personnel were allowed to collect as many tulips as they could before the beds were replanted.

## Colleges, students face money woes

By Vivian M. Taylor

According to recent issues in The Chronicle of Higher Education, public colleges and universities—which count on state governments for about 45 cents of every dollar in their budgets—face formidable financial difficulties in the legislative sessions now under way.

Federal funds distributed to the states have been substantially reduced, increasing the competition for state tax money.

The economic recession has sharply reduced the states' income and sales-tax receipts. Relatively high rates of unemployment, which are helping to maintain college enrollments at record levels, also result in increased welfare payments—which further drain state treasuries.

Inflation has forced up the states' spending faster than it has raised their tax revenues.

College costs are a major concern to middle income families, who would react negatively to any reduction in federal support for higher education. Higher education institutions whose students receive substantial amounts of federal students assistance benefits would also strongly protest.

Parents of college students will be able to take out federally guaranteed loans in most states before the beginning of the 1981-82 academic year under a new program, the Department of Education says.

Based on a survey of state loan-guarantee agencies, the department said the parent-loan program established by the Education Amendments of 1980 would be operating in most states by late spring or early summer.

The start-up date will vary from state to state. In some, loans cannot be made to parents until state legislatures pass companion bills. In other states, delays may occur because new administrative procedures must be established.

Massachusetts is the only state in which loans to parents already have been made under the new program. In Indiana and Louisiana, loans may not be available until 1982, the survey found.

Idaho legislators, faced with a budget deficit, have proposed drastic reductions in state support for higher education.

Among the measures the lawmakers are seriously considering is the closing of Lewis-Clark State College, the smallest of Idaho's four public, four-year institutions.

They may also eliminate state support for intercollegiate athletics, a move that could force Idaho's three major universities to drop out of Division I of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Maine's program of incentive scholarships for college students will be abolished if Gov. Joseph E. Brennan has his way.

The fate of the program, which is providing grants to more than 4,200 Maine students this year, will be decided by the state legislature now in session.

Although stringent budget limits have been recommended in a number of states this year, Maine is believed to be the first in which the governor has proposed outright elimination of state scholarships.

Mr. Brennan said eliminating the program would save the state about \$1.9 million over the next two fiscal years. In the current fiscal year, it is costing \$955,000.

## Retirees Honored

North Carolina Central University will honor 14 of its employees who retired during the current academic year or will retire on June 30 at 6 p.m., Sunday, April 26, at the Music Building Auditorium.

Also to be honored are five faculty and staff members who have been employed by the university for 25 years.

Refreshments and a social hour will follow the 6 p.m. formal program. The refreshments will be served in the NCCU Museum of Art.

The retiring personnel include B. T. McMillon, registrar, employed for 34 years, since 1947; Leon Snipes, maintenance mechanic, employed since 1953; and Miss Ruby Stewart, housekeeping supervisor, employed since 1956 and a 25-year honoree this year.

Other retiring personnel are Mrs. Louise C. Davis, housekeeping assistant, employed by the university in 1972; Mary Edwards, housekeeping supervisor, employed in 1966; Mrs. Effie Hughes, housekeeping assistant, 1963; Luther C. McNeill, plumber supervisor, 1963; Bruce Mitchell, housekeeping assistant, 1970; Mrs. Edna R. Mills, assistant professor of English, 1960; Mrs. Lucille Norris, housekeeping assistant, 1976; Mrs. Minnie Norris, assistant professor of education, 1969; Miss Pennie Perry, head librarian, 1965; Joseph Phinazee, stock clerk, 1971; and James W. Suggs, general utility worker, 1972.

Receiving the Quarter-of-a-Century Club honor, for 25 years of service to the university, will be Miss Stewart; Mrs. Mary E. Ballard, secretary in the department of education; Mrs. Pauline Johnson, bursar; Robert L. McAdams, assistant director of financial aid; and Mrs. Helen S. Miller, associate professor of nursing.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Paschall of the department of home economics is chairman of the committee planning the recognition ceremonies.

## Informal survey results

# A Central education rates praise, but. . .

From reports by English 3100, Investigative Reporting

With all the concern over getting your money's worth, how does an NCCU education stack up?

It's a quality deal, according to an informal survey of students and instructors conducted by the Media-Journalism program's Investigative Reporting class.

As a matter of fact, English major Brenda Page called NCCU's work "just as valuable as an Ivy League school."

Not everyone was that lavish with his praise, though. One instructor felt the quality was good, but "we still need to place greater emphasis on basic skills like reading, writing, and arithmetic."

Pleasant Mitchell, a sophomore business major from Scotland Neck, said, "There is no problem here at NCCU to prohibit anyone from getting a quality education. During my freshman year I was required to take basic courses in English and grammar. My writing and speaking abilities were given thorough attention, as were all of the basic skills. The instructors make you work and you feel good after knowing that you have acquired a great deal of knowledge. However, you must apply yourself."

Application. That was a word brought up time and time again.

Dr. Percy B. Murray, associate professor of history, for example, said, "Whether the students get a quality education depends on whether or not they apply themselves." Along this line, he added, "The major problem is attendance. There are some students who will come to class on the first day of class and when tests are given. These students fail to realize that on other days, valuable information is given, and much of this information is not in the textbook."

Geography instructor Jasper Harris made a similar point when he noted that student problems were inevitable, since

"a certain percentage will always have problems due to a lack of self-discipline."

Undisciplined student behavior that bothered Eric Keaton. The senior public administration major from Statesville claimed "the atmosphere is not conducive to learning. Most students are looking to party or hangout at the Union, because most of them know they can just get by with a minimal amount of studying."

### Differing Views About The English Department

The English department came in for special notice among those surveyed. JoAnn Harris, a 24-year-old English major from Garysburg, said, "As an English major, I'm ready for a professional career. The instructors are well trained and well organized . . . but the students must apply themselves."

Floyd Ferebee, assistant professor of English, was more restrained in his praise. The English department, he said, "is doing a fairly decent job of educating students in the areas of oral and written communications, literature and journalism," but "there are a few weaknesses in the department, such as a few non-caring instructors and too many students with deficient skills to be dealt with on a wholesale basis."

Frieda Jordan, a 21-year-old senior English major from Rocky Mount, was even more critical the English program, calling it "very underdeveloped" and adding that "there isn't that much encouragement from your instructors. I feel that sometimes I'm continuously judged on some careless errors made previously, which is neither fair nor encouraging. As far as job strategies are concerned, we are not really being taught any. So many of us are being thrown into the job world without adequate career strategy training."

Reporters for this article were Winfred Cross, David Moton, Vivian Taylor, Vicky Wiggins, Calvin Williams, Letisa Yates.

## Brother Yusuf, Hayes Samir to perform Music fest slated June 6

By Letisa Yates

*Take some jazz. Add hot dogs, fish, barbecue, soft drinks, egg rolls, sno cones, and a dash of cotton candy. Stir in some blues. Now blend in some art and crafts. Mix in some rhythm and blues and gospel.*

*What have you got?  
FLING ON THE WING.*

NCCU's first summer music and arts celebration, FLING ON THE WING, will be held Saturday, June 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the library bowl.

The event will feature the jazz of Yusuf and Friends with vocalist Eve Cornelious and The Exciting Hayes Samir Quintet; blues from John Holman and Thomas Burt; and rock 'n' roll, rhythm and blues, and gospel from several other bands, according to festival coordinator Dr. Tom Scheft.

One purpose of the festival is to give people from the Triangle area and particularly the Durham community an opportunity to visit the NCCU campus. Another purpose is to raise money for NCCU scholarships and other philanthropic projects in the Durham community.

"We want to highlight the campus and bring the community to Central," said Scheft. "We also want something positive to happen after the festival. For that reason, FLING will be non-

profit, with the proceeds going to community educational and recreational needs."

Students are encouraged to display their artistic talents and student groups are urged to provide information to the public.

Admission to the festival is free.

A booth area will be set up for various groups, agencies, artists, and craftspeople from the Triangle area to sell their homemade goods. There will be paintings, ceramics, wooden toys, leather work, jewelry—even health foods like "Annie's Honey and Oat Bars" and egg plant parmesian.

The FLING committee is composed of Dr. Waltz Maynor, director of the Summer School; Lucille Cole and Harry Edmonds, graphic artists for the Learning Resources Center; Ken Foushee, director of Student Life—Men; Mildred Trent, director of Student Life—Women; Phyllis Shumate, educational counselor; and Marvin Lea, recreation assistant with the student union.

"It's been a big job getting this together, but the committee has had a lot of help from people on campus. We are far from done, and I'd appreciate any student volunteers who will be around on the day of the event to get in touch with me immediately," added Scheft.

For additional information, call Tom Scheft at the Summer School Office, 683-6347.

## Union honors elderly

Calvin Lee Williams

"We expect well over 200 senior citizens in attendance at our annual Senior Citizens Day observance," said Mrs. Lou S. Barnes, program director for the Alfonso Elder Student Union. The program will be held on Friday, May 1, from 12:00 to 3:30 p. m. on the top floor of the Student Union.

"The theme of this year's program will be 'Reflections of Yesteryear.'"

"We are asking senior citizens to dress up in outfits of the 20's and 30's to reflect the earlier style of dress. Prizes will be given to the best dressed male and female," added Barnes.

"Along with a senior citizen's luncheon set to begin at 12:00 noon, there will be special appearances by the NCCU Dance Group and the Young, Gifted and Black Choir, along with an impromptu performance by the senior citizens," said Barnes.

## Commencement

By Frieda Jordan

NCCU's 1981 commencement exercise will be held Sunday, May 17, at 9:30 on O'Kelly Field.

William Clement, chairman of the NCCU board of trustees, and Francis Kornegay, retired president and executive director of the Detroit Urban League, will receive honorary degrees.

Clements will deliver a brief speech to the graduating students.

There will be a special performance by the Alumni Renunion Choir, a group made up of former NCCU choir members.

In case of rain, commencement will be held in McDougal Gymnasium.