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Atlanta: Kent Hindsman, 24, (left) and John Laster, 15, leave the courthouse Jan. 27 after giving testimony linking Wayne Williams to another one of the 28 slain young blacks. Williams is charged in only two of the slayings but he is suspect in at least 10 other of the killings. (UPI photo by David Tulis)

Central prof new judge

By Alvis Tinnin

Since being sworn in Jan. 25 Raleigh attorney Acie L. Ward has been the first female ever to sit as a jurist in the county's District Court System. Ms. Ward was formerly assistant dean and director of NCCU's evening law program.

Her decision to relinquish her former position was "one of the most difficult decisions" she had faced in her life because of her dedication to NCCU's Law School and the university.

While finally deciding that she owed it to the people of North Carolina to provide her services as a judge, Ms. Ward promised to always "have an active interest in the continued progress of the Law School and university."

Some of Ms. Ward's professional affiliations include: The American Bar Association, National Association of Black Women Attorneys, N.C. State Bar, 1977-78 Vice President of The N.C. Association of black lawyers, and Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity.

To NCCU students Ward advises, "Reach for the stars and you may get one. Take advantage of the opportunities that are presented to you at NCCU so that you may contribute your talents to your community in the future."

WDUR talk show host Rashad loses job; Massey urges students to call station

By Alvis Tinnin

Why was Najla Rashad, former commentator for WDUR's "Up Front" program, laid off?

Rashad had been WDUR's director of News and Public Affairs, and "Up Front" had featured progressive blacks like Ben Ruffin, Tony Brown and Walter Fauntroy—people with messages directed toward informing the black community.

According to WDUR General Manager Rich Glover, Ms. Rashad was laid off "due to the economy."

But Rashad, 29, of Brooklyn, N.Y., said, "If the manager says that (I was laid off) due to economic reasons, why are there reservations about my being reinstated once economic conditions are better?"

The question was of such concern to NCCU's SGA President Curtis

CBS record executive, famed author to appear Black history celebration features exhibits, lectures

By Daryl Goodman

The celebration of Black History Month at N.C. Central University will feature exhibits, speakers, films, and other special events. This year's theme is "Afro American History: A Blueprint for Survival."

The theme is a very important and timely one because of the racial and economic hardships we face, said Carlton Wilson, chairman of the History Celebration Committee.

Today at 11 a.m. Arthur R. Eckels, a member of the Physics Department, will speak in room 146 of the Student Union on "Role Models for Blacks in Engineering".

Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. George Butler, vice president of CBS records, is scheduled to speak in the Communications Building Auditorium. At 3 p.m. Butler will present a video cassette presentation which will feature performances by Earth, Wind and Fire, The Jacksons, and clips from the Montreux Jazz Festival. Butler's appearance is sponsored by the University Relations office in conjunction with the music and business departments and SGA.

At 7 p.m. Ben Ruffin, assistant to Gov. Hunt, is scheduled to speak in the

Student Union Lounge on the "Status of Blacks in North Carolina".

Feb. 17 at 10 a.m. Sylvia M. Jacobs, a member of the history and social science department, will speak on "The Historical Relationships of Afro-America and Africa" in room 146 of the Student Union.

On Feb. 18, renowned author Dr. Blyden Jackson will speak on "Langston Hughes & Friends" at 10:40 in the Student Union lounge. Jackson and Hughes were friends who spent a lot of time together during the Harlem Renaissance.

Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. Cheryl Johnson, assistant director of African Studies at Northwestern University, will speak on "Black American Women and the Women's Movement" in room 146 of the Student Union.

Feb. 24-28 at 8:15 p.m. the drama department will produce a play about South Africa, "Boesman and Lena," in the University Theatre of the Communications Building.

Started as Black History Week by Carter G. Woodson, founder of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, the celebration has grown into an entire month of activities.

Baines appointed to administrative post

By Jim Jarvis

There's a smile on the face of a new man in the administration building this semester. "Yes I enjoy my job," says Dr. Tyrone Baines, the new vice-chancellor for University Relations.

Baines, who started work Jan. 4, took the reins from Dr. Dallas Simmons, who accepted the presidency at St. Paul's College in Virginia. Baines' job is not just being a public relations man, although he is charge of the Public Relations Office. In fact, Baines is responsible for eight different areas, including the Admissions Office, Alumni Affairs Office, Athletic Department, Career Counseling and Placement, Development Office, the News Bureau, and Security.

There is a problem in making these areas run smoothly, points out Baines, because "we live in a time of scarce resources."



Tyrone Baines

Scarce resources, simply stated, means money. "Of course it's nice to have money, but not having money is not a reason for not serving the university." Using the money effectively and efficiently is the solution, according to Baines.

Baines first came to NCCU in August of 1972 after graduating from the University of Maryland. He has been here since then, serving as director for the Public Administration Program, a position which helped him qualify for his present job. Baines supports academic achievement, and he would like to create a stronger atmosphere of academic excellence. He also would like to see more humanism, a greater caring attitude, not only in students but in administrative personnel and in the community as well.

"I'm interested in students having a positive experience, so they will become concerned alumni. These are trying times and the university needs all the friends it can get."

When asked about the quality of education a person receives while attending NCCU, Baines said, "It's the kind of institution I'd like my son to attend. He would get a fine education. This college provides you the education so you can go on and attain your life's goal."

Baines has a son, Tyrone the second, and a daughter. His wife Sereatha once taught part-time at the university.

He once again flashed his smile when asked if there were any pleasant surprises that went along with the job. "The people. I enjoy meeting and working with all kinds of people."

Women's dorm sign-up leads to pushing melee

By LaTanya Isley

Editor's Note: Many of the women interviewed for this article did not want their names to appear in the newspaper. The facts in this story have been verified and so we feel justified in publishing their accounts.

NCCU women students were nearly trampled—while others were elbowed and pushed into doors, walls and each other—as approximately 250 women rushed to pay their room deposits and secure room assignments Monday, Feb. 1, at Hoey Administration Building.

What had once been a single line turned into a mob of angry, cursing, pushing and shoving women who began to break line and get in front of some who had been in line since 4:00 a.m.

The shoving continued. One woman had her hair curlers pulled out of her hair.

Angela Boyce, a freshman from Charlotte, said that her gold necklace was broken and that she was literally lifted off of her feet when the crowd began pushing and shoving. "I couldn't touch the ground. I was dangling in the air!" she said.

Men waiting to secure rooms in Chidley Hall stood by shaking their heads in disbelief.

One man remarked, "I can't believe I see some of my good friends acting like this."

Many women considered the rush to get room assignments in Rush Hall to be a major contributing factor to the tumult.

One young lady—in line at 5:00 a.m. but unable to secure a room in Rush because she was pushed out of her place—commented that she had her "heart set on Rush" and was "really upset."

Some felt campus security didn't do enough to stop some of the confusion.

According to Chief of Security John W. Smith, campus security did as much as they possibly could to alleviate some of the problems.

"When you have a crowd of girls who are pushing, shoving and cursing, it's hard to have some order or kind of control," he said.

Smith added that he "couldn't believe it" and that he's "never seen any young ladies act like that." He called their behavior "totally unnecessary."

One woman was reported to have suffered muscle spasms during the confusion, and another woman charged that security wasn't trying to help her.

But Chief Smith reported that security was trying to pull the young lady inside but her legs were caught in the door and the crowd was trying to get in the door.

Students hurt, school property damaged during N.C. Central's Jan. 14 snow day

By Winfred Cross

Several N.C. Central students were physically harrassed and bombarded with "ice" balls by members of the football team during the snow day which cancelled classes and interrupted office schedules Jan. 14, according to John Smith, chief of security.

"One student's ribs were bruised and another's lip was cut," said Smith. "We had more reports of harrassment this year than ever before."

The students, who asked to remain anonymous, were assaulted in the Annie Day Bowl, where, according to one football player, a few team members were stationed to "bust some guys."

Henry Lattimore, athletic director and head football coach, said that students had complained to him about the incident, but he said he would take no action himself.

"I do not condone any ball player infringing on the rights of other students," he said. "But I would rather the players be referred to as regular students because it's not my job to punish them."

Dr. Roger Bryant, acting vice-chancellor of student affairs, said the

assailants have been placed on probation for one year and will not be allowed to attend any campus social functions (basketball games included).

"Some people go overboard during the snow," said Bryant. "It has gotten to the point where they (students) act like children and take advantage of people smaller than they are."

Bryant said that in the future students will be taken before the student court and judged according to a forthcoming snow policy.

"It (the policy) will have to be strict because that's the only thing that will cause this behavior to stop," said Bryant.

In unrelated incidents, windows were broken in Chidley, Rush, Annie Day, and Latham residence Halls by "ice" balls thrown by students and Durhamites. Several tables and a bookcase in Latham's recreation room were destroyed by students using them to tobogan down Lawson St, according to Pearl Beatty, dorm supervisor.

Shirley Green, housing director at NCCU, said that a written damage estimate was not available yet, but she felt the damage was minimal.