

Going for the gold mine, but getting the shaft

The business school is pushing to become accredited this spring. The rush is on now to iron out the weaknesses that Dean Tyrone Richmond feels could hinder accreditation. While I hope that the business school achieves this, I find it disturbing that some students are being pushed aside during this process.

Business administration students are in a quandary about their academic future at NCCU. Some students are having to either change their field of concentration or delay graduating. Either way, the student loses.

By having to delay the student's graduation, the student's family faces another year of financial responsibility. In some cases, financial hardship may be more accurate.

Currently, the trend is to lay blame. The business school administration blames the students for not following the suggested course schedules, and the students blame their predicament on the incompetence of the faculty advisers. A compromise must be met in order to satisfy both parties.

The business school shouldn't get the gold mine of accreditation while many students get only the shaft.

Marion McKinney

Black College Day

Hey, media, Time to change focus

To some people Black College Day '81 was a day of solidarity among black college students, a day when legislators were demanded to strengthen and enhance black universities. But, to the local news media the event was viewed as a parade of chanting marchers and bands with no purpose or particular demands.

Instead of focusing their cameras and pens on the serious content of the many speeches that were given, the media supplied the public with a view of singing and chanting in the streets. And, of course, since most people rely on the media to find out what goes on, they were left with a distorted picture of the purpose of Black College Day and the motives of the students.

It is no wonder that we have such a hard time getting our legislators and administrators to listen to us when the media takes a momentous event and portrays it as a day of frivolity and tomfoolery.

What's even more upsetting is the fact that Black College Day activities in North Carolina don't receive any national media coverage. The national news networks always seem to focus on the negative issues in the state instead of positive incidents. When a distraught man decides to hold members of his family hostage in Raleigh or someone goes to Greensboro and kills a few people that's news and the networks send their best correspondents out to cover the story. But when black college students from throughout the state "come together as one" and rally for the same principles, that's considered as just "another one of those civil rights marches" or a local story which has no impact on the national scene.

This year's Black College Day march and rally will not include any bands, but it will be just as spirited and forceful as last year's. We must show the media that, contrary to popular belief, black people do not need music to be moved.

--- LaTanya A. Isley

Letters to the editor

Judge supports DeJarmon letter

(Editor's note: The following letter is a reply to a letter published in the Oct. 8 issue of the Echo by Mrs. Elva DeJarmon, widow of former law dean LeMarquis DeJarmon. The letter corrected a reporting inaccuracy by the Durham Morning Herald and went on to trace the proud history of Central's law school.)

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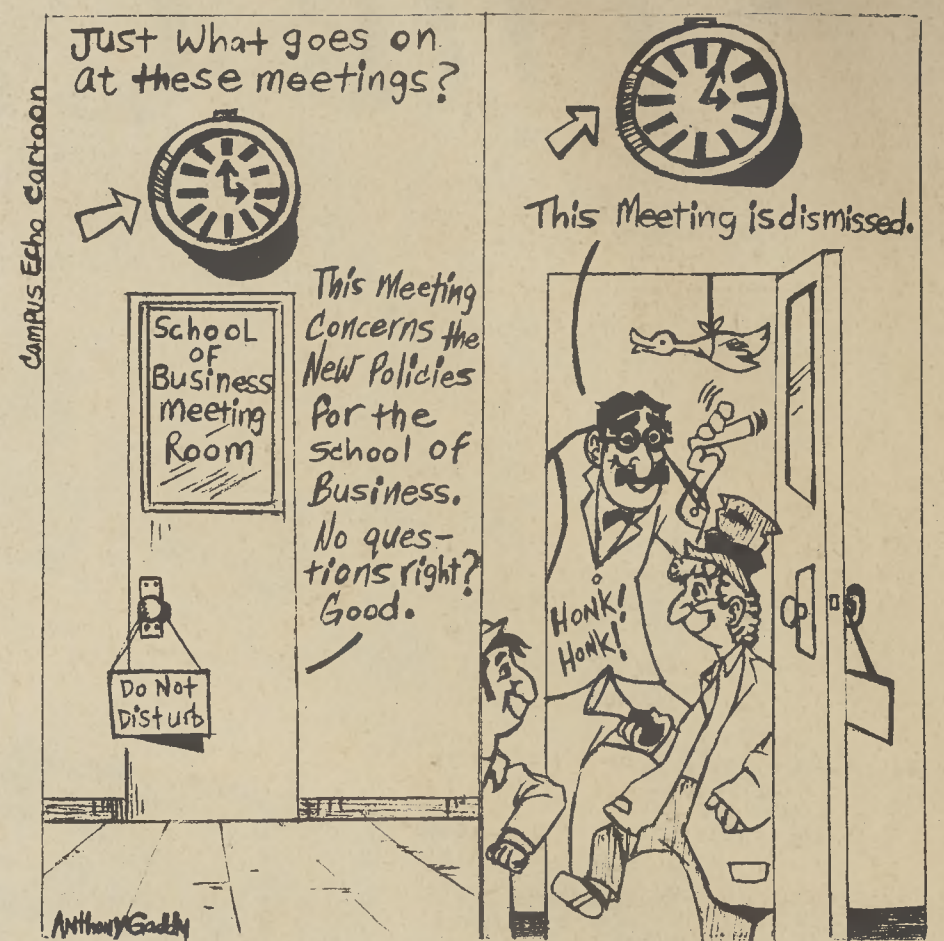
Dear Mrs. DeJarmon:

Reading your letter brought a good bit of recent history back to my mind, including the burning of the law school within days after your husband became its dean and the trials and tribulations that we all went through in the months thereafter successfully prosecuting the arsonist.

Having had frequent contact with the school, its faculty and its students over almost 20 years that I've practiced here in Durham, I can attest to the accuracy of everything that you have stated in your letter.

Anthony M. Brannon
Resident Superior Court Judge

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Guest Editorial

To combat apathy at assemblies: Make attendance compulsory

By Elva P. DeJarmon

The poor attendance by students, faculty and staff at North Carolina Central University's Convocation on Oct. 7 was a disgrace and embarrassment to the university community.

Compulsory attendance for students, as well as faculty and staff, except those needed to maintain important services, should be in effect for the 74th Founder's Day Observance as we celebrate 74 years of Service and Truth at NCCU for minorities, Indians and white students.

Teachers and staff must be role models. Why dismiss classes if students and other personnel of the academic community are not going to attend?

Such apparent disregard for the university by both students or staff can be best overcome by hitting the "pocketbooks."

The majority of students must take up the cudgel of bringing truth and service to NCCU.

When we need to be serious, let us not be found to be more interested in parties, fashions, and fun. Let us not set our sights on mediocrity and low financial rewards, but instead seek to become one of the high powered, "big bucks" aspirants—taking advantage of every opportunity to become further enriched, informed and educated.

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