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Students critique Echo

By Jacquie Reid

For the students and by the students—that's what a school newspaper is all about. However, there's always room for improvement, right? Just what could be done to The Campus Echo to make it better? What are the good points about our newspaper at N. C. Central University? Five students were randomly selected to voice their opinions of The Campus Echo.

Cassandra Hawkins, 20, a junior political science major from Washington, said, "The school newspaper could be improved by including those things which occur on campus but aren't given the proper write up. For example, the article on Black College Day was small and easily overlooked. It is a big issue to the students at Central. The article from last year was more prominent and informative than this year's article."

Jerry Kelly, 20, a junior information systems major from Oakland, Calif., said, "This year The Campus Echo has come out more frequently than in the past. The content of the articles has been very interesting, but some of the articles have over-exaggerated the facts. The article pertaining to the business department was really untrue. There are also too many articles which are unrelated to Central's campus."

Ernest Smith, 19, a sophomore English major from Spartensburg, S.C., said, "The sports section should acknowledge our conference rather than conferences outside the campus. More personal views from athletes would be interesting."

Deborah Davis, 18, a freshman health education major from Wilson, said, "The last issue of the newspaper was good. I would like to see more information on women's athletics. The entertainment page needs a lot more! It lacks reviews on plays, movies, records, and fashion. It isn't interesting at all. There's always one or two stories and a big ad which covers most of the page."

Stephanie Davis, 21, a senior English major from Charlotte, said, "It's a newspaper that doesn't have a lot of student response. Too many UPI photos are taking up room. The advertisements like the Fowler ad in the one of the issues should have been edited more carefully."



Brasilia, Brazil—President Reagan is confronted by a fist-waving White House Chief of Staff Michael Deaver explaining that Reagan was delaying the departure of Brazilian President Joao Figueiredo. (UPI photo: Don Rypka)

State auditor finds problems with NCCU financial records

By Edwin Horsley

A state auditor's report has recommended that N.C. Central routinely send bills to persons who owe the university money in overdue student accounts.

NCCU's student stores also need immediate improvement in their operating results, according to the same report.

Central's financial operations records for the fiscal year that ended in June of 1981, were checked by the auditor. The negative report sent to the university, resulted from that record check.

One point of criticism was that Central has not established proper procedures for the complete recording of institutional trust funds. The report went on to further explain that the university did not accurately match revenues and expenditures in trust funds.

The lack of a system for recording fixed assets, and inadequate documentation to support expenditures for capital improvements, were two other problems cited by the auditor.

The auditor's report concluded; "The university is experiencing an excessive number of accounting and procedural errors in maintaining the financial records, especially concerning trust funds."

It appears that there is a general lack of supervision and the assignment of responsibility in the fiscal affairs area. "The report noted a \$67,098 increase in overdue student accounts from June 30, 1980 to June 30, 1981. The present amount of overdue student accounts is \$201,089. Student stores had a net operating loss of \$37,092 for 1981. NCCU Chancellor, Albert N. Whiting, said Tuesday November 30, that the university is taking a number of steps to solve the problems sighted in the report. However, Whiting also said that some of the problems were the result

of Central's not having the money to hire the personnel needed to adequately maintain the financial records. A state freeze on hiring prohibits Central from filling its personnel needs.

The university is now computerizing its accounting system. This should alleviate some of the record keeping problems, according to Whiting.

The chancellor also added that the university's student stores are being studied to see where improvements can be made.

Mail room correction

The Campus Echo regrets any possible misinterpretation of a story, "Thorne hears student complaints on mail room," published in its November 23, 1982 issue. Mail room employees Laura Pierce and Dominique Walker have requested that the Echo report that they are not the subjects of an investigation of possible mail room infractions. We are glad to clarify this situation.

The Editor

NCCU, UW swap students

By Linda Hayes

Would you like to go to college in Wisconsin for a semester?

Central is involved in a student exchange program with the University of Wisconsin, but most NCCU students aren't even aware of it, says Dr. Tyrone Baines, vice-chancellor for University Relations.

The Wisconsin Student Exchange Program began in 1978 under Dr. Cecil L. Patterson, vice-chancellor for Academic Affairs. While there are no Central students currently enrolled, there are seven Wisconsin students on campus.

Why no Central students? Baines feels there hasn't been a great interest on our campus for students to go to Wisconsin, because many black students want a black experience. "Students could have a white experience by going to Carolina or other places in this area," he noted. Baines feels the program is an excellent opportunity for NCCU students to have a basic experience at an instructive black school and have another experience which becomes a part of the whole growth and development process. Baines noted that the Wisconsin students have adjusted comfortably to the NCCU environment.

NCCU usually selects juniors to participate in the

program. While Baines and other school officials are encouraging students to leave Central and go to Wisconsin for a semester, they also want to encourage more Wisconsin students to experience Central's cultural differences.

In the past, there was a need to intergrate schools for racial equality. "Therefore, students we sent to Wisconsin were blacks, and students they sent here were whites. Recently, we had black students from Wisconsin who wanted to experience a black school. Now we are getting more blacks than whites coming to Central," said Baines.

If students are interested, they should see Baines or Mrs. Jessie P. Parker, his secretary, in room 101 of the Administration Building. If you are a student in good standing and beyond your sophomore year, the next step is to apply to the University of Wisconsin. They will handle your application as they would any incoming student. Baines said that school officials will find out the courses you want to take and coordinate with him about travel arrangements and money.

If you plan to go to Wisconsin for the fall semester, you should see Baines in early March or April. If you're interested in the spring, then October or September is fine. Wisconsin needs time to reserve rooms.

Faculty vote slated on chancellor picks

By Marion McKinney

Continuing controversy among the faculty concerning the four chancellor candidates will come to a head next Wednesday, when the entire faculty will meet in the Taylor Building Auditorium and vote to either "accept, reject, and/or prioritize" the names of the chancellor candidates.

Dissatisfaction among some faculty members was apparently fueled by reports in The Carolina Times that Central's Dr. Walter H. Patillo, dean of the Undergraduate School, and Dr. Tyrone Richmond, dean of the business school, had sent a letter to the Search Committee expressing their reservations about the finalists the committee has selected.

The letter stated that NCCU "can ill afford to gamble on the outcome of such an unproductive search—unproductive from the standpoint of producing a highly competitive total final group of individuals who meet the expected criteria at superior levels of excellence."

Soon after the reports appeared in The Times, an anonymous "faculty position statement" was circulated last week criticizing the committee's selection of the finalists.

According to the statement, the procedures of the Search Committee contributed to a selection of "inadequate final candidates." The statement criticized the selection of faculty representatives, Dr. Arthrell Sanders and Dr. John Myers, stating that they were appointed "without the knowledge or benefit of the faculty's collective views."

The statement also cited the committee's "initial failure to implement a participatory decision-making process" and accused the Search Committee of creating a credibility gap between itself and the permanent campus community over the issue of faculty input in the chancellor selection process.

The statement also criticized the faculty representatives for being "unnecessarily defensive of the search process" while being questioned by members of the Faculty Senate.

At a Dec. 3 meeting, the Faculty Senate criticized the method in which the statements were distributed but did not renounce the statement as reported in the Wednesday, Dec. 8 edition of The Durham Morning Herald. The Herald quoted Dr. Sanders as saying that distribution of the statement was "unprofessional, unethical and cowardly."

"I am not distressed that people dislike the candidates," the Herald quoted Dr. Sanders as saying. "But the fact that professional people should stoop to this level disturbs me."

The four finalists are Charles E. Daye, dean of the Law School; Dr. Nebraska Mays, associate vice-president for academic affairs in the University of Tennessee system; Dr. Wright L. Lassiter Jr., president of Schenec-

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Michael Gatling and Harriet Johnson dance to "No Room" in "Black Nativity."

A fresh look at Nativity story

By Marion McKinney

So many Christmas programs fall into saccharine triteness or seem laminated in plastic, it is a relief to see the Christmas story told with fresh, natural simplicity.

The NCCU drama department's production of Langston Hughes' "Black Nativity," which opened Wednesday in the University Theater tells the story of Jesus with tenderness and verve.

Particularly beautiful was the pantomime-dance that Michael Gatling and Harriet Johnson performed to "No Room." The timing of the dancers was right and their movements fluid.

Brenda Lovely did an admirable job singing "Drummer Boy" and the finale, "God Is." Her voice had the proper angelic ethereal quality for the wistful "Drummer Boy," but could acquire an earthy strength for the gutsier "God Is."

Also beautiful were the two original songs composed by pianist Charles Bradshaw, "What Day Was Jesus Born" and "No Good

Shepherd Boy," which was performed in hilarious point counterpoint rhythm by Lawrence Poole, James Williams, Sheldon Harvey and Dwight Boyd.

The costuming for the play, set, lighting well suited the unadulterated mood of the play. At several parts in the show, the performers walked through the aisles of the auditorium to the stage. This sense of every open area of the auditorium being used to tell story

was particularly effective when the performers left the stage singing the finale, enveloping the audience in the celeration.

Thomas McDonald kept the movement of the show going briskly as the narrator, though at times the timing began to sag, particularly in the middle of the play.

Despite a rather lengthy delay at the start and an ailing microphone, almost all the parts of the show fitted well.

Rouson likes wait for Miss Homecoming

By Lori Grier

This is the first year that NCCU students had to wait until Homecoming day to discover who was to be Miss Homecoming. Leon Rouson, special assistant to the SGA president, explained that this was "to add more excitement to Homecoming Week."

According to Rouson, approximately 940 students voted on Thursday, Nov. 4, for Miss Homecoming.

Rouson would like to see the future elections of Miss Homecoming follow this year's procedure. "I will write a resolution to student congress to let this be the official procedure for electing Miss Homecoming," he said.