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## New rules in effect for spring elections

By Marion McKinney

New rules governing a student officer's credit hour requirements and the power of the chairman of the Election Board in mediating electoral functions will be enforced during the spring elections, according to student government officials.

A resolution added to the student constitution last fall states that class officers must satisfy the academic and credit hour requirements necessary to maintain their offices by the end of the second summer session or, according to former Election Board member Leon Rouson, they "will forfeit their offices."

This resolution was passed in the wake of the discovery that some students did not have the necessary number of credit hours to qualify for their offices.

The changes became necessary because the constitution was vague in regard to the class officers' qualifications on the basis of credit hours. "The previous constitution allowed everyone to use their own interpretation regarding elections," Rouson said.

Another bone of contention was that the Election Board re-checked all elected officials' credit hours.

Previously there was no provision stating that the Election Board could re-check an officer's grade point average or credit hours.

Now with the new rules, the board can check out the candidates and make sure that officers qualify.

Another rule added to the constitution now defines the chairman of the Election Board's role as the mediator at electoral functions who may allow or reject questions directed at the candidates during the rap sessions.

Rouson said that previously that it was an understood function for the Election Board chairman to chair such events, but adding it to the constitution now makes it a defined duty.

Rouson said spring elections will start next week with candidates picking up petitions on Wednesday Feb. 16. Election day will be the Feb. 24.

## New GEP being revised

## Task force reduces hours from 65 to 59

By Randy G. Vestal

The General Education Program (GEP) Task Force has reduced the number of required course hours from 65 to 59 under the new General College Studies (GCS) Program, which is expected to replace the current GEP this summer.

Dr. Arthrell D. Sanders, associate professor of English and director of the Faculty Advising Service, and Mrs. Mary F. Vogler, assistant professor of modern foreign languages, submitted a proposal to reduce the number of required elective hours from 15 to three and to include six course hours in social science electives. After some discussion, the task force overwhelmingly accepted the proposal.

The change resulted from the comments of Dr. Walter H. Pattillo Jr., dean of the undergraduate school of arts and sciences, at the Dec. 13, 1982 meeting of the task force at which Pattillo addressed the problems that would be created for some academic majors by initiating a curriculum with a large number of required hours.

Under the adopted proposal, each student will take 29 GCS hours during his freshman year. These courses will consist of nine hours of English (1100, 1200 and 2100), six hours of a modern foreign language (1100 and 1200), six hours of mathematics (1100 and 1200), six hours of world history, and two hours of health education/physical education.

During a student's sophomore year, he will take 20 GCS hours consisting of six hours of world literature (English 1300 and 1400), six hours of physical or natural science, six hours of social science electives, and two hours of health education/physical education.

During his junior year, a student will take seven GCS hours consisting of four hours of art/music/drama appreciation and three hours of a general elective available under the general areas of social science, humanities and fine arts, mathematics and sciences, health education and physical education, and communications.

During his senior year, a student will take the GCS seminar, a final interdisciplinary three hour seminar in which emphasis will be placed on the student's extensive reading of primary and secondary materials, on synthesis of knowledge, and on analytical and critical thinking in the solution of problems.

To prepare students for the GCS, three new courses will be developed—English 1000, Reading 1000 and Mathematics 1000. A student will take these courses until he has successfully completed them. Each course will carry three credit hours, will be counted in the total academic record of the student, but will not be counted as GCS hours.

However, entering freshman will not be required to take these developmental courses if their Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores are sufficient. This level of sufficiency has not yet been decided upon.

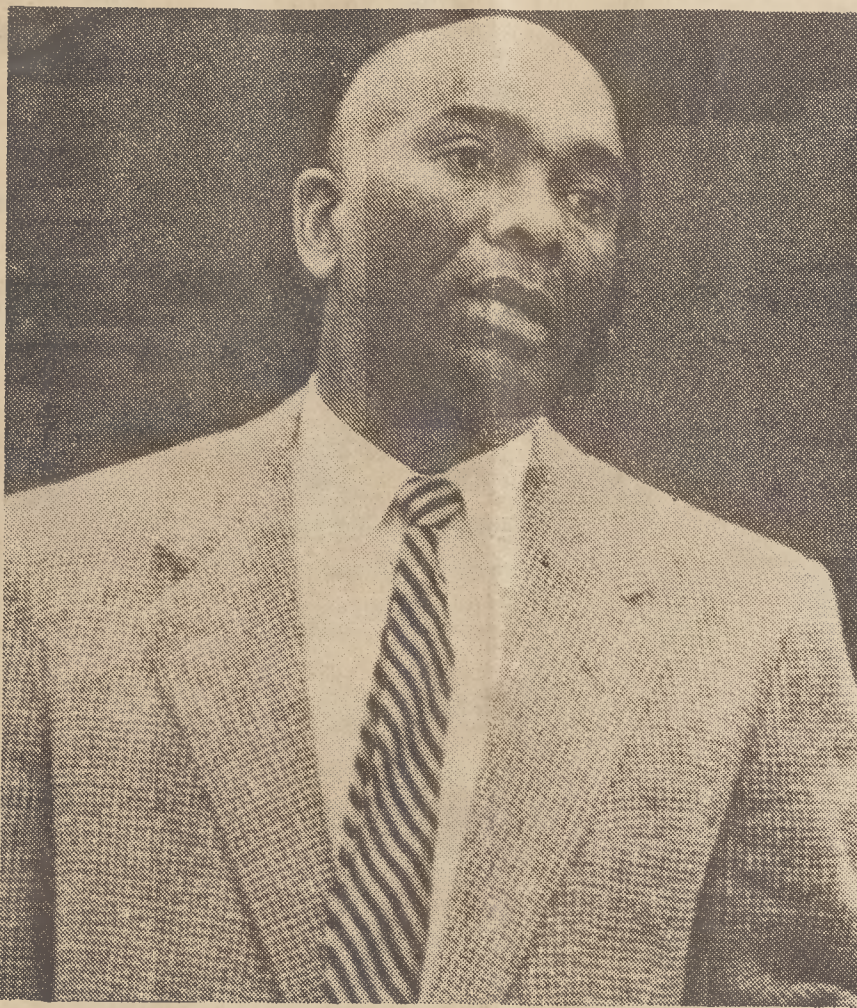
According to Dr. G.W. Reid, chairman of the GEP Task Force and the assistant dean of the undergraduate school of arts and sciences, the recent decline in the graduate examination scores of NCCU students prompted the development of the GCS program to replace the current GEP.

Having worked two years on formulating a new GEP, the task force—comprised of faculty, administrators and student representatives—submitted the GCS program for approval to Dean Pattillo and Chancellor Albert N. Whiting in the spring of 1982.

According to Reid, the chancellor, after reading the proposal, held a meeting in October 1982 with Pattillo, Reid and Dean Tyrone R. Richmond, dean of the school of business. As a result of that meeting, Pattillo then met with department chairmen and conferred again in November 1982 with Reid, Richmond and the chancellor. The results of these various deliberations were a slowing of the implementation process and a reconvening of the task force on December 13, 1982.

At this meeting, Pattillo expressed a number of administrative reservations about the implementation of the proposed curriculum. He first ad-

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## School named for Thompson

The late Dr. Ray Thompson, a former NCCU professor whom the Ray Thompson Student Loan Fund was established, was honored on January 4 by his hometown of Gadsden, Ala., by the naming of a new elementary school after him.

The resolution by the Gadsden board of education naming the school cites Thompson as an educator and a human rights advocate of "highest integrity and spirited foresight."

Thompson died in 1978, having retired from NCCU in 1971 for health reasons. His widow, Clara A. Thompson, is a teacher at Pearstontown School.

At NCCU, Thompson was director of counselor-education. He established the university's practicum program in guidance and counseling.

## Caf' upset over trays left by students

by Michael L. Peoples

The Food Service Committee decided, in a meeting Thursday, Feb. 3, that they will no longer pick up trays that students leave on tables after finishing their meals.

Mr. Robert P. Smith, director of food services, said the problem of getting students to take their trays up is not the cafeteria personnel's responsibility.

"Me nor my staff should have to waste our time monitoring human beings with getting their trays off the table," he said.

Smith sees the taking up of trays as the responsibility of the students. He also feels that they should give the cafeteria the same respect they give a restaurant.

## NCCU remembers King at observance

By Edwin Horsley

N.C. Central's memorial observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, held in B.N. Duke Auditorium on Jan. 15, was highlighted when Ben S. Ruffin, special assistant to Gov. Jim Hunt, told the audience proclamation to President Ronald Reagan and the rest of the world that King's dream of equality for black citizens has not died and continues to become a reality thanks to the legacy left by the great civil rights leader.

The 7 p.m. observance capped an eventful day during which the North Carolina legislature approved by a special vote a motion making King's birthday a legal state holiday. The motion was introduced by Durham representative Kenneth B. Spaulding.

A candlelight procession, led by NCCU Chancellor Albert Whiting; Lori Grier, Miss NCCU; SGA president and vice-president, Duane Howell and James Webb; and several other student leaders and members of the Durham community, left the Alphonso Elder Student Union at 6:30 p.m. The group walked toward B.N. Duke and sang "We shall overcome." Many of the near capacity audience were seated as the procession entered the auditorium single file, singing very softly.

After the welcome by George Jackson, president of the junior class, and a selection by the University Choir, James Webb did his rendition of King's famous "I Have A Dream" speech.

Ruffin opened his address with a joke, but then turned very serious in citing the present economic situation of America. He linked the economic woes faced by many blacks to the administration of President Ronald Reagan. On two separate occasions Ruffin directly addressed the president.

"Ronald Reagan, you ain't no good!" charged Ruffin, which brought a thunderous applause from the audience.

Later on, Ruffin said boldly, "Ronald Reagan, we have news for you," referring to blacks and whites not satisfied with Reagan's economic policies. He went on to say that blacks were going to Washington to make their displeasure known to the president.

## Trustees meet Board keeps mum on chancellor picks

By Edwin Horsley

N.C. Central's Board of Trustees met Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in the conference room of the new Health-Science Building, but the names of the two finalists for the position of chancellor were not revealed to the spectators and members of the press in attendance.

Some members of the press had been notified that Hillary Holloway, Chairman of both the search committee and the board of trustees, would announce the names of the two men who are the search committee's final choices as the next chancellor. Instead, Holloway said before the meeting that he was instructed by the UNC Board of Governors not to reveal those names to the press. The names were revealed to the board of trustee members in executive session. However, the name of Dr. Charles Daye, NCCU's law school dean, has appeared in recent editions of The Carolina Times and The Durham Sun as one of the finalists.

In a related matter, the board had allotted time for Reverend Lorenzo A. Lynch, pastor of White Rock Baptist Church in Durham, to make a prepared statement concerning the activities of the search committee leading to the selection the finalists.

Rev. Lynch has publicly denounced the activities of the committee and the candidates brought before the board as chancellor nominees. However, Rev. Lynch was not present at the time designated for his statement. Chairman Holloway promptly moved the meeting on to new business.

Another area of great importance, NCCU's financial situation was discussed in a report to the board.

Vice-Chancellor for Financial Affairs, George T. Thorne, candidly detailed the financial picture of NCCU at the end of 1981-1982 school year. He noted that a large part of the money crunch felt at Central was due to restrictions placed on the university by budgeting officials within the UNC School System. NCCU lost six paid positions from various areas of the university, was prohibited from buying office equipment and was restrained from transferring any unused monies from one budget to another, according to Thorne. The imposed restrictions affected the moral of faculty and staff and hindered Central's efforts to stay in the black financially said Thorne.

In lighter business, Chancellor Albert Whiting announced that Los Angeles mayor, Tom Bradley will be the keynote speaker at this May's commencement ceremony.

The board also unanimously approved honoring William S. Jones and Catherine Ruth Edwards by placing their names on the Old Law building and the Music and Fine Arts building respectively. Both Jones and Edwards are former NCCU instructors and pioneers in their fields.

"This (not taking up trays) is customary in restaurants, not in cafeterias on college campuses, not in your McDonald's, or your Burger King's, not even in your K & W and Picadilly's. If it is done, you usually tip the waitress for doing it."

At the suggestion of hiring more workers to pick up the trays Smith said, "the biggest problem I do have with persons picking up trays are students. The students we have employed in the cafeteria are peers and homepersons of the students who are leaving the trays, and it's very difficult to get a college work student or a student, period, or even an adult person to accept the job of just picking up trays."

Smith added that another reason for not hiring persons to pick up trays is

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## Ruffin fires up audience

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