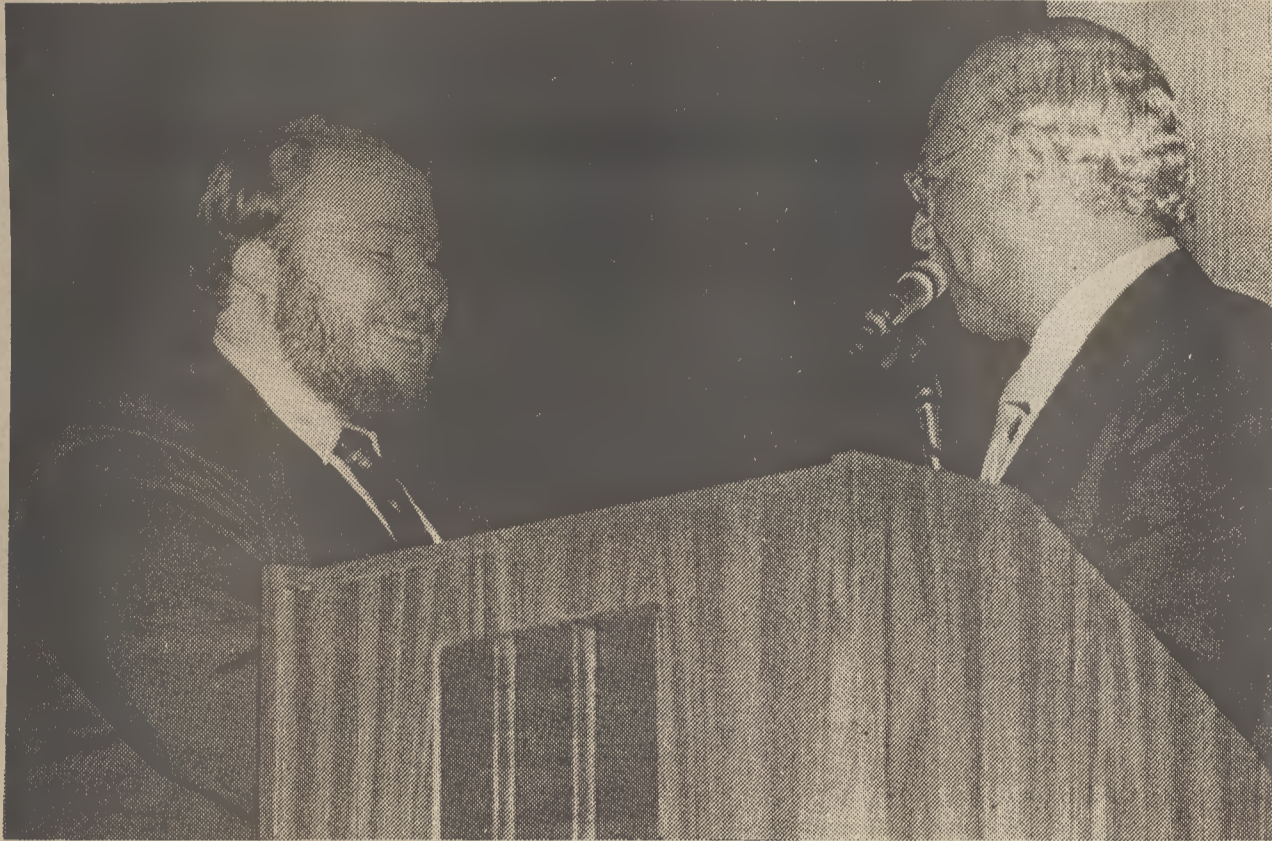


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Numero Uno at NCCU

Chancellor Albert N. Whiting presents the Chancellor's Award for Academic Excellence, the university's highest honor, to Randy G. Vestal, a senior English/Media-Journalism major with a 3.97 grade point average, at the Awards Day program. (Photo by Alex Rivera)

Awards Day speech

Call for black reinvolvement in today's civil rights struggle

By Randy G. Vestal

A call for blacks to reinvolve themselves in the struggle for civil rights by a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights highlighted the 34th annual Awards Day ceremony Friday, April 8, in the B.N. Duke Auditorium.

Dr. Mary Frances Berry, a professor of history and law at Howard University, urged the NCCU students to commit themselves to three public causes: human rights, human dignity and educational excellence. "Only a cynic would argue that we (blacks) have made no progress," she said. "Only a fool would say the battle is won."

An assistant secretary for education in the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare during the Carter administration, Berry said that blacks cannot justify lives devoted solely to personal fulfillment as long as the three scourges cited by the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.—unemployment, poor housing and unequal education—continue to plague minorities, especially blacks.

Berry told the audience that it was more glamorous to

fight for civil rights at a time like the 1960s than to engage in "the tedious work of protracted struggle" called for in a quiet period like the 1980s. But the struggle is no less important today than it was 20 years ago, she said.

On her last visit to NCCU in 1979, said Berry, she helped "unearth how shabbily the state of North Carolina was treating its traditionally black colleges."

Referring to the new construction on campus, she continued, "I'm pleased to see so much progress has been made. I think (my) visit may have done some good, along with the strong leadership of your chancellor, governing board and the state of North Carolina."

On the desegregation settlement (Consent Decree) between the state and the federal government, Berry said, "We must not sit silently by, when we know some progress has been made, and let states like North Carolina get off the hook."

According to Berry, "It's not a sin to dream and fail, but it is a sin to fail to dream." In addition to seeking personal goals, "each person has a moral obligation to make a contribution to society," she said.

Draft registration proof not needed for aid grants

By Jim Jarvis

The U.S. Department of Education says the NCCU Financial Aid Office and 1,800 NCCU students won't have to obey the law...yet.

The law, known as the Solomon amendment, states that all male students who refuse to show proof of their draft registration are ineligible to receive financial aid. It was slated to go into effect June 30 of this year.

But a federal judge last March granted a temporary injunction blocking enforcement of the law.

W.C. Blackwell, director of financial aid at NCCU said, "I've recently received an informal phone call from the U.S. Department of Education saying that we should continue our present policy of accepting financial aid applications from draft age men without them having to show proof of their registration."

The law, passed by Congress last summer and signed by the president in September 1982, touched off an enormous controversy. Several colleges and the American Civil Liberties Union challenged its constitutionality, and on March 10, Judge Donald D. Alsop of the U.S. District Court for Minnesota said students faced the "threat of irreparable harm" if the law was enforced before the legal dispute over its validity is resolved.

Selective Service estimates that 45,000 draft-age students—4 percent of all potential registrants—have not registered. Until the question of constitutionality is settled, some 2.2 million students at the nations more than 8,000 colleges and universities would have been screened under the "no registration no aid" requirement during the 1983-84 school year.

Among the aid programs covered by the amendment are Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, National Direct Student Loans, Guaranteed Student Loans, State Incentive Grants, and federally sponsored college work-study programs.

The Selective Service says its regulations forcing each college to police the law would not place an undue administrative burden on colleges or delay processing aid applications. But colleges object that the regulations inappropriately rely on them to enforce the Selective Service law.

Blackwell agrees. "The way the law was originally conceived it would have been a tremendous burden," he said.

As for the future of the law, the dispute is expected to drag on for at least another year, says David Landau, legislative counsel of the American Civil Liberties Union. "The Supreme Court may have the final say," he added.

Outstanding students honored by NCCU

N.C. Central's 34th annual Awards Day was a time for acknowledging student excellence and honoring former NCCU employees. The ceremony, held April 8 in B.N. Duke Auditorium, also featured a stirring performance by the NCCU Touring and Concert Choirs.

Presiding at his last Awards Day, Chancellor Albert N. Whiting presented the university's highest honor—the Chancellor's Award for Academic Excellence (awarded to the senior with the highest cumulative average)—to Randy G. Vestal, a senior English major concentrating in Media-Journalism.

With a grade point average of 3.97, Vestal, who has participated in study-abroad programs in Barbados and England for the past two summers, also received the Volkemia Award for excellence in English on the senior level and is a finalist for a Fulbright International Study Grant.

Other special award recipients included Xavier Cason, the winner of the C. Ruth Edwards Memorial Award, given to the outstanding senior music major; George Jackson, recipient of the Frances A. Kornegay Scholarship Award, given for outstanding service to the university community; Thelma Slifer, winner of the Eugenia McManus Young Award, given for excellence in reading in the graduate elementary education program; Cheryl Harrington, recipient of the J.M. Hubbard Memorial Scholarship, given for excellence in

chemistry; Claressa Grant, winner of the Octavia Bowers Knight Scholarship Award, given for excellence in special education; and Eulalie Brown, recipient of the Theodore R. Speigner Scholarship Award, given for excellence in geography.

The Marjorie Lee Browne Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Sophia R. Kenan and Marian J. Peters for excellence in mathematics. The Duckwilder Memorial Award was given to Angela Langley, as the outstanding junior woman student, and to Sebastian Curtis, as the outstanding junior athlete.

After numerous other academic and organizational award recipients stood and were applauded for their accomplishments, Dr. Stephen Fortune, chairman of the Honorary Degrees and Memorials Committee, announced the naming of the Music Building after Mrs. Catherine Ruth Edwards, the founder of the music department at Central, who died in 1972, and the naming of the Old Law School Building after William Jones, the university's chief financial officer for 25 years.

As part of the Awards Day program, the NCCU Touring and Concert Choirs, under the direction of Dr. Charles H. Gilchrist, excited the audience with its rendition of "Daniel, Daniel, Servant of the Lord," "Come By Here, My Lord" and "Dear Old N.C.C.," Central's alma mater.



Dr. Mary Frances Berry, a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, speaks at Awards Day.

Grand jury indicts 9 in Klan-Nazi case

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Six Ku Klux Klansmen and three American Nazi party members were indicted Thursday on charges of conspiring to disrupt an anti-Klan rally in Greensboro, where five Communist Workers Party members were killed in 1979.

The Justice Department announced that a federal grand jury in Winston-Salem returned a 14-count indictment against the defendants. They were charged with conspiring to interfere with the federally protected rights of the demonstrators to participate in a parade authorized by the city of Greensboro.

Five members of the Communist Workers Party were killed Nov. 3, 1979, in the clash with Klan members and Nazis just prior to an anti-Klan rally organized by the communists.

Indicted were:

—Virgil L. Griffin, 38, of Mount Holly, who was grand dragon or head of the North Carolina chapter of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the KKK.

—Edward Dawson, 64, of Greensboro, a former member of the United Klans of American and North Carolina Knights of the KKK.

—Jerry P. Smith, of Maiden, who held the Klan office of colonel of security guards and was a member of the secret inner circle.

—David W. Matthews, 27, of Granite Falls, who held the Klan office of night hawk, the officer in charge of initiation of new recruits.

—Coleman B. Pridmore, 41, of Lincolnton, who held the Klan office of inner guard and was head of the Lincolnton unit of the Invisible Empire.

—Roy C. Toney, 35, of Gastonia, a member of the Lincolnton Klavern.

—Roland Wood, 38, of Winston-Salem, leader of the Forsyth County Nazi Party unit.

—Jack W. Fowler Jr., 31, of Winston-Salem, a member of the Forsyth County Nazi unit.

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Mayor Bradley to speak

Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles will be the principal speaker at North Carolina Central University's commencement exercises Sunday, May 15. The exercises will be held at 9 a.m. at the university's O'Kelly Stadium. Bradley will also receive the honorary degree Doctor of Laws. Bradley is in his third term as mayor of the city in which he has lived since he was 7 years old. Bradley spent twenty years on the Los Angeles Police Department retiring as a lieutenant.



Outstanding Juniors

John H. Duckwilder of Washington, D.C., the patron of the Duckwilder Memorial Award, given to certain outstanding juniors, chats with Duckwilder recipients Angela Langley, the outstanding junior woman student, and Sebastian Curtis, the outstanding junior athlete. (Photo by Alex Rivera)