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NCCU students Clinton Mebane and Derek Moore take an active part in the 1983 "We Still Have a Dream" march in Washington on Aug. 27.

Congress fulfills a dream

## Black College Day recognized

By The NCCU News Bureau

"History attests to the many achievements of those who have excelled in the area of black education. Unfortunately history also attests to the struggles through which these individuals and institutions have gone. Some have been forced to succumb along the way, but the wills of many prevailed and we can now, as the Nation's legislative body, say to those who put forth the supreme effort: 'Yours is a dream fulfilled.'"

Those were the words of the U.S. Representative Carroll A. Campbell, Jr., of South Carolina, in support of Senate Joint Resolution 85 on Aug. 4. The resolution designated Monday, Sept. 26, as National Historically Black College Day.

Campbell and Rep. Harold Ford of Tennessee introduced the resolution designating the day in the U.S. House of Representatives, while the Senate Resolution was introduced by South Carolina's Sen. Strom Thurmond.

The two resolutions recognized a day which has been observed by students at historically black campuses for two years, and the students who promoted this observation must be counted among those who struggled just as we count the founders of the nation's 103 historically black institutions.

Campbell and Thurmond are the elected representatives of a state with seven black institutions: Allen University, Benedict College, Calflin College, Clinton Junior College, Morris College, South Carolina State College, and Voorhees College. North Carolina has an even larger number: the five state-supported institutions (NCCU, North Carolina A&T State University, Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State, and Winston-Salem State) and Barber-Scotia, Bennett, Livingstone College, Saint Augustine's College, Johnson C. Smith University, and Shaw University.

Students from all of the historically black

colleges in North Carolina will gather in Raleigh Monday evening, Sept. 26, for a rally at the Capital grounds. Speakers for the event will be Ben Ruffin, special assistant to Gov. James Hunt, and Dr. George Reid, president of the North Carolina Association of Black Educators. A candlelight processional will end the Raleigh activities.

Before boarding buses for Raleigh, NCCU students will gather for a mass rally on George Street at the Alfonso Elder Student Union. Statements by campus leaders will be presented. There will be music by the band and gospel singing. Other events are also planned.

The vice-president of the Student Government Association, William Barber, said, "This year's Black College Day celebrations will show in a very conspicuous manner that we, as the products of these predominantly black institutions, will utilize every bit of energy we have academically, socially, and politically to guarantee the continual survival of these institutions that have fostered and continue to foster the educational needs of our people."

## Students rap Independent 'tour'

By Mark Anthony Andrew Adams

"Only a periodical of statewide circulation can have the time and breadth of interest to look at North Carolina unhurriedly, analytically, with a critical but constructive eye, in an unbiased but candid spirit. The Independent will be bringing you a North Carolina you will find in no other publication," says Tom Wicker of the New York Times.

This quote appears in the Sept. 2-15 issue of the North Carolina Independent, but that's not all that appears in the issue. An article titled an

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## Group aids elderly Eagles march for Dream in '83

By Ronnie Hopkins

For 40 N.C. Central University students and the Durham contingent, the 20th anniversary tribute to the 1963 "I Have a Dream March" was "totally successful," according to the Rev. Larry Hinton.

"What typified the Durham group the most was the spirit of love shown by the students at NCCU," he said. "They helped with the elderly and handicapped people in the group and tended to their every need."

Student Government vice-president Billy Barber, who led the student group, called it "the most incredible gathering of individuals coming together for a common cause."

The marchers endured high temperatures and shoulder-to-shoulder crowds throughout the eight-hour protest for jobs, peace and freedom.

Senior class president Artis Moore said, "I was tired and hot ... I wanted to quit, but I couldn't. Dr. King did so much and had so much patience. So I just pushed myself to go on."

Five-hundred-fifty members of the Durham community attended the rally, but it was the eagles who led the group with their singing and spirit.

When Coretta Scott King said, "Martin is also marching with you today," the words moved everyone. Her words had "an unbelievable impact that I will never forget," said Kenny Hines, a junior from Brooklyn, N.Y.

The march was not without problems, though, according to Constance McQuillin. "I was upset at first because of the homosexuals and other groups (protesting for their causes). I thought the reason for the march would be lost. But everybody was there for serious business and that made me feel good," she said.

Freshmen class president Elton Powell said, "I was inspired. (The march) gave me a reassurance that people in this society are still concerned about justice and equality for all people."

The Durham contingent received a warm greeting from everyone they came in contact with. Three students were named the "Dream Team" by onlookers for their spirit and endurance.

"It made me feel so good to be able to share the unity and love among the many people who were there and express the desire to overcome oppression," said Angela Langeley, a senior education major. "I was unable to attend in '63 but I thank God that I know the hardships and troubles my people have overcome. I am glad I was there in '83."

## Bursar's Office robbed; suspect released on bail

By Gilbert Faison and Durham Morning Herald Reports

A black male, 5'10", slender build, wearing a red shirt and blue jeans entered the Bursar's Office and while the cashier's back was turned, took \$4,668.

Durham detectives W.T. Mayfield and A.E. Harris arrested 18-year-old Kevin Canion. He is neither a student or employee at NCCU. Canion has been released on a \$2,000 bond. A trial date has not been set.

Police say the money has not been recovered.

Minutes after the theft, Jean Taylor, assistant cashier, phoned Security to report the robbery. Chief John Smith, head of NCCU Security, arrived to question two witnesses whose names cannot be revealed at this time.

One witness saw the suspect drop a large quantity of money.

Public safety officer T.W. Reams from Public Station No. 4 was called in to help with the investigation.

When asked what measures would be taken to protect the Bursar's Office from future robberies, Smith replied, "I am planning to make recommendations to the university administrators to step up security measures in the Bursar's Office."