

Welcome Class of '89

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IT'S A PARTY! NCCU students show off that Eagle spirit at O'Kelly Stadium.

United Way sets goals for campaign

By G.M. Taylor

"If we all pull our weight, we can reach our goal," said Dr. P.E. Murray, chairman of fundraising for the North Carolina Central University chapter of the United Way, concerning this year's campaign.

On Sept. 17, a campus kickoff was held in the Alphonso Elder Student Union. Throughout this semester 50 solicitors, made up of students, faculty, and staff members, will be helping to raise this year's campus goal of \$22,000. The goal for Durham County is \$2.1 million.

"In comparison with other chapters this is a very small amount, but every bit helps," Mur-

ray said.

The United Way is a non-profit organization that provides human and financial services for other organizations in and around the community. In Durham, such organizations as the American Red Cross, Lincoln Community Health Center, Avery Boy's Club, and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.) are sponsored by the United Way. Many United Way members serve on the executive boards of these agencies meet various financial needs.

This year's theme is "Care Enough to share," and anyone who feels led to do so may contact Dr. P.E. Murray in the history department or Mrs. Sarah Bell-Lucas in the Alexander/Dunn building

Durham life evaluated by students

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Friday. You are ready to have some fun after a week stockpiled with tests and worries. You ask yourself, "What is there to do?"

Can you have a good time on the weekend in Durham? N.C. Central University students were asked that question at random.

Terry Lewis, a junior public administration

major from Greenville, said, "Durham is pretty good because it has its share of movie theatres, discos, and shopping centers in which a person may have a very enjoyable afternoon."

Ronnie Winstead, a senior physical education major from Rocky Mount, added, "Durham is good for me because my weekends consist of visiting tourist attractions, such as Duke Chapel or a museum, and fine restaurants

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Walker says student aid woes linked to past abuse by students

Edited from Reports

By Ronnie Hopkins

Fall registration, scheduled to end on Aug. 24, extended several weeks because of many student conflicts with financial aid.

Chancellor LeRoy T. Walker explained that certain current problems are the result of past abuses by students.

Walker said a year and a half ago in a letter to The Campus Echo that the university could not survive by repeated infractions of students failing to pay their bills.

The institution, he explained, continuously postponed students who refused to repay. But many students ignored the warning and continued to abuse the system. Such actions led to Walker mandating that all postponements be accompanied by a "documentation of capability to pay."

This process was "intended to eliminate problems for the students and in turn ensure repayment of investments," said the chancellor.

Contrary to the objectives of the process, less than 50 percent of work-study students failed to comply with the terms of their agreements and refused to pay their postponed bills. "Student actions forced the administration to disallow postponements for work-study grants," said Walker.

"(This year) registration was an absolute disaster," Walker said. However, he added, some cases could have been avoided had students responded appropriately to previously announced registration procedures.

The current payment procedure at NCCU will allow the university to overcome massive student debts. In 1982, the student debt was approximately \$1.3 million. Since then the debt has been reduced to \$60,000.

Walker says he intends to "clear the slate."

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