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NCCU history is finally compiled

By Antonio C. Stephens

Books recounting the history of N.C. Central University were presented to the university at a ceremony Oct. 30 in the Health Science Building lounge.

Dr. George W. Reid, project director of last year's symposium, "A History of N.C. Central University: A Town and Gown Analysis," presided and presented the histories. The symposiums, which lasted over a two month period, recollected the history of NCCU from various faculty members, civic leaders, and community citizens.

"As a historian concerned about dating events, I tried through the (Oct. 30) ceremony to officially announce these (books)," said Reid. The assistant undergraduate dean added

that five copies of the histories are to be given to the library for use by students and researchers.

Other copies, printed with extra funding from the dean of the Undergraduate School, Dr. W.H. Patillo, Jr., were given to those who helped with the compilation of the book.

Planning for the symposiums began in February of 1984 and lasted through July to organize and gather the right people to develop the meetings. Three NCCU historians—Dr. David W. Bishop, Dr. Beverly W. Jones, and Dr. Earl E. Thorpe—wrote research papers on the history of NCCU which were critiqued by faculty and community members to gather additional information and insight in preparation for the symposiums.

The symposiums, funded by the N.C. Humanities Committee, began in September and lasted through November. The symposiums covered a variety of topics, such as James E. Shepard as a leader; how Durham and the state dealt with civil rights and race relations; how the depression, World Wars I and II, the Vietnam War and the '70s had an impact on NCCU; NCCU as a national leader in areas of development; and how the significance of NCCU's history will have an impact on future projects.

"History is dynamic because there is always something to be added," said Reid, "and my goal is to get it written." He also said that during NCCU's 75 year history so many things have not even been reported on, so other researchers and historians have barely begun to start writing.

Reid also hopes to have another symposium next year funded by the NCHC so that key research can continue.

Without a knowledge of the past, says Reid, people will not know where they have come from or what they have come to be. "With the compiled history of NCCU and support of others, we will fill the knowledge gap which will be a big step for blacks in North Carolina."

Reid is not the only one pleased with the compiled history of NCCU. Penny Fuller, a student hostess for the event, praised the book and spoke of the ceremony as "concise and informative." The junior business administration major from Plymouth said, "(This book) will maintain the positive image that NCCU has demonstrated in the past."

'We're Number One': NCCU freshman Cedric Bullock, surrounded by his female cohorts, take time out and pose for the photographer while they proudly agree and display that only Eagle pride is the best pride!

Chancellor search

Two names to be approved by Friday

By Debbie L. Galmon

NCCU's Chancellor Search Committee has selected two names to take the chancellor seat at the university.

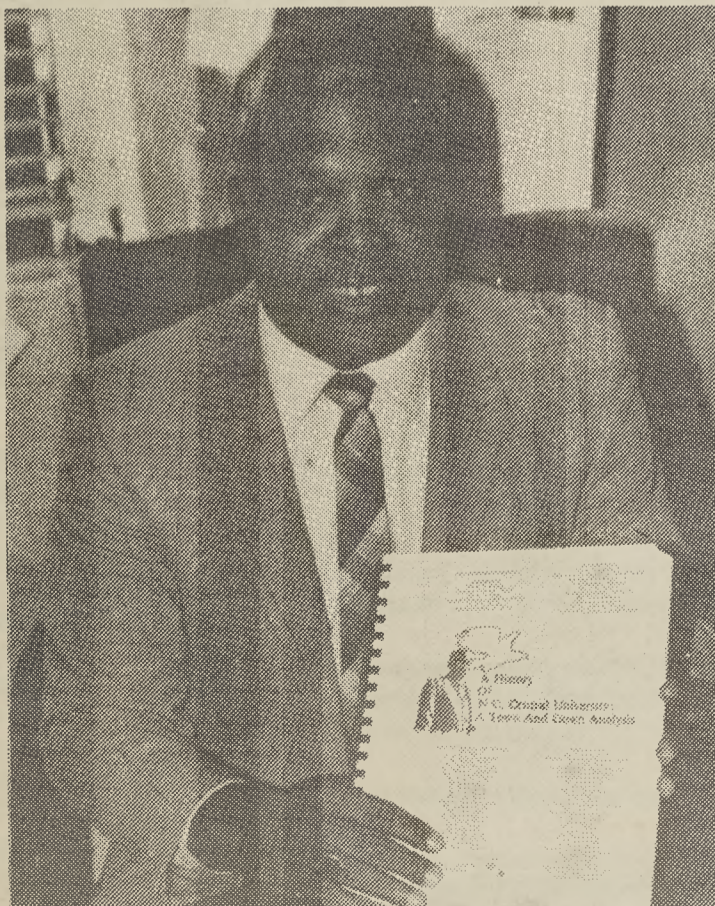
Dr. Tyronea Richmond, dean of NCCU's School of Business, and Dr. Wade Kornegay, a chemical physicist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, are the two selected.

One of the two names will be submitted to Dr. William Friday, president of the University of North Carolina School System. Friday will then turn one of the two names over to the UNC Board of Governors, and they will make the final decision.

NCCU's present interm-chancellor, Dr. Leroy T. Walker, is not running for the chancellor's job.

Dr. Charles Holland, chairman of the Board of Trustees and chairman of the search committee, said, "We hope to announce the name of the new chancellor no later than the latter part of December or by the first of January."

Along with Holland, there were others who helped to make the selection. They are the president of the Student Government, the president of the National Alumni Association, six members of the Board of Trustees, and four members of the faculty.



Dr. George Reid