

provement of historically black colleges.

The keynote speaker at the conference will be Dr. C. Eric Lincoln, professor of religion and culture at Duke University. Lincoln's topic will be "Black Survival Through Academic Administration."

Dr. Bernell Jones, the registrar at NCCU and organizer of the conference, said, "The main objective of the conference will be finding new ways to improve black university systems. We want to look closely at upgrading our registration process

and (insuring the survival of black institutions) in the future."

NACDRAO was started in 1925. Its formation represented a tacit acknowledgement by black educators that the larger American educational scene had little concern for the problems facing black colleges. Through its early years, the membership of NACDRAO was limited to deans and registrars employed at black colleges. The organization provided a vehicle in which members might assemble to consider matters of common interest.

## Students speak out on AIDS in public schools

By S.J. Mercer

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, commonly known as AIDS and found mostly among male homosexuals, has caused a nationwide panic and concern—resulting in picketing, fund raisers, and public protests of children with AIDS attending school. The disease, which is transmitted through blood transfusions and sexual contact, has become a major health problem in America.

Presently, among the various concerns is the debate as to whether children with AIDS should be allowed to attend public schools.

In a recent random poll conducted on the campus of N.C. Central University, students were asked, "Should children with AIDS be banned from public school?"

Tonye Torrence, a junior dramatic arts major from High Point, said, "Children in public schools with AIDS should not be allowed in the classrooms, because doctors don't really have a cure for it now and it could start an epidemic."

Deborah Cook, a junior music major from Winston-Salem, agreed with Torrence, "Children at such a young age are very playful and tend to touch each other and eat and drink behind each other. The children with AIDS should be banned from the public schools. AIDS victims have short lives anyway. To be honest, children with AIDS can learn at home. The other children need to be protected."

Don Baker, a senior from Oak City also added, "All victims of AIDS are being banned in some sense by society; therefore the child should be removed from public school. Everything about AIDS is not known; therefore anything could happen."



**AIDS:**  
Is it too much  
for us to handle?

On the other hand, some students, like junior criminal justice major Patricia Vaughn, felt that no individual should be banned from any public facility. Yet the public should be educated and there should be continued research for an AIDS cure.

Supporting Vaughn's statement, Jean

Spinks, a graduate of NCCU who majored in educational theater and now resides in Durham, said, "Because they haven't proved that AIDS is contagious, except through blood transfusions and sexual contact, children should be allowed in the school system until they prove you can get the disease other ways."

## Tyronza Richmond chosen chancellor-elect

By Muriel Sims

Dean of N.C. Central University's School of Business, Tyronza R. Richmond, has been named chancellor of NCCU effective July 1, 1986.

As chancellor, Richmond plans to focus on several areas which will enhance and strengthen the quality of education at NCCU.

Richmond plans to enhance marketing programs which attract students to the university, stabilize enrollment, and deal with the retention of students, especially freshman and sophomores.

On the concerns of upgrading the number of NCCU students who pass the state bar exam, Richmond feels that the bar exam is one reality that gauges the quality of a law school. And he is supportive of the dean and faculty of the Law School in trying to improve student performance on the bar exam.

Richmond contends, that NCCU finds strength in its faculty, its advantage of hav-

ing a sound liberal arts heritage, its geographical location, its history of competent graduates.

Although NCCU has several strengths, especially its liberal arts department which Richmond said is a "foundation that serves the students well in life," there are areas in which Richmond feels need to be realigned.

These areas are the education department, health sciences, advisement and the general education program to name a few.

Richmond wants to "re-do" freshman orientation. He feels that if "you start out right, you'll end up right."

One way Richmond plans to "re-do" freshman orientation is to institute a required monthly convocation for freshman, inviting sophomores, juniors and seniors, which will host black headliners on the campus.

"Research is a viable source in education," said Richmond. He feels research must become more visible on the

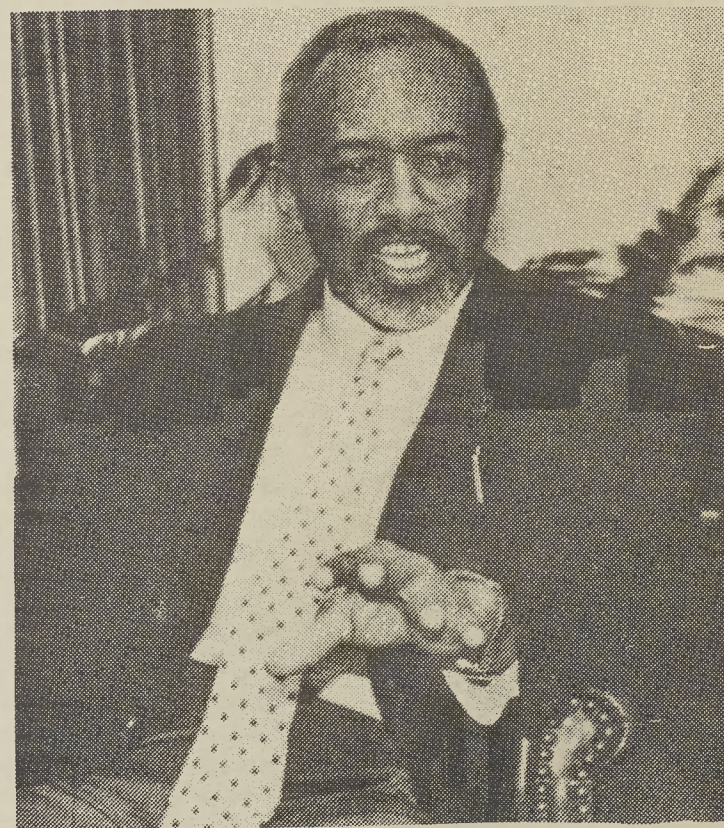
campus.

A published series containing four research articles by students, is one avenue Richmond plans to take in order to bring research to life for the students and faculty.

A comprehensive evaluation system, which will randomly solicit students to find out from them if they are being served properly by the financial aid office, deans, etc., is one method Richmond intends to use in order to hopefully enhance student articulation with admission, registration, housing, etc. so these units will come closer together to improve their services.

Richmond feels that NCCU is a source of pride and resource in the community. "The community should be able to look to NCCU for answers to questions."

"Blacks in the United States have been able to succeed because of the strengths found in the black families, churches and colleges," said Richmond. "Black colleges have been the vehicle to provide education



for blacks to break the shackles of poverty."

Richmond is still wondering if his appointment is still a dream. "It's a tremendous challenge I'm undertaking to have to perform in the most exciting, important, complex activity I know, and that is higher education."