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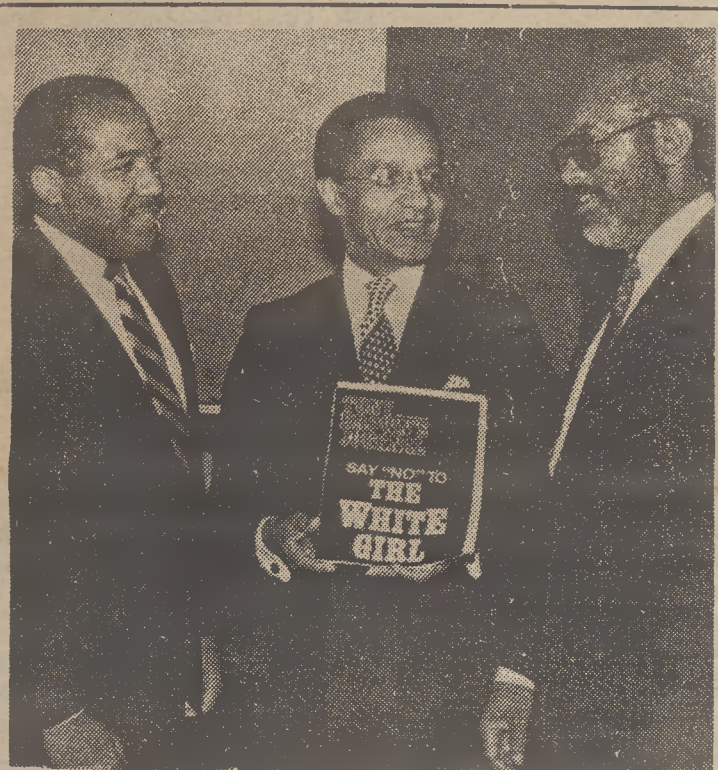
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NCCU; Filming site for movie



Vice Chancellor Robert S. Poole, left and Chancellor Tyroneza Richmond, right, welcome television journalist Tony Brown to North Carolina Central. Brown's first film, "The White Girl," was shot at Central and in Durham during September. Some 200 Central students, faculty, and staff appeared in the anti-drug film.

By Valarie Leach

Television journalist Tony Brown's \$2 million anti-drug movie, "The White Girl," was shot on campus here September 14-30.

According to Paul Brock, unit publicist for the movie, the Central campus had the look Brown was looking for to shoot 60 percent of the film.

"Because N.C. Central's campus is one of the most beautiful campuses in North Carolina, as well as the nation, it was chosen," said Brock. "The great band also was a factor in making the decision."

Several North Carolina campuses, including North Carolina A&T State University were considered, but Durham and NCCU were chosen because Brown thought their look would have national appeal.

NCCU's student union, administration building, and gymnasium were among the filming sites.

The title, "The White Girl," has a double meaning. It is the street name for cocaine and also refers to the way Kim Barnes, the light-skinned protagonist, thinks of herself.

Brown calls the movie a "black love story with an anti-drug message. Kim suffers the harsh realities and personal degradation associated with cocaine addiction. Her search for love and a drug-free life are typical of what many young people in our society are going through."

Brown has said that "when 'The White Girl' ends, no normal person will scamper to the nearest exit for a 'hit.'"

Starring as Kim Barnes is Troy Beyer, a regular on the prime-time soap opera "Dynasty" as the daughter of Dominique Devereaux (Diahanne Carroll).

Teresa Yvon Farley plays a friend who introduces Kim to the world of drugs, and Taimak, star of the movie

"The Last Dragon," plays a young man in love with Kim who tries to help her overcome the drug problem.

Also appearing in the film are scores of NCCU students who signed up during registration to be extras.

Indira Lindsay, a 21-year-old senior from Greensboro, worked as an extra for three consecutive days. Her parts included screaming and fainting over male models in a fashion-show scene and sitting in on club and seminar scenes.

"During the few days I worked, I learned that making a movie is nothing like it appears on the screen," said Lindsay. It requires much patience because scenes are done over repeatedly, but overall, it was a lot of fun."

"The White Girl" will be ready for release in early 1988.

Students Protest

By James S. Guitard

Over 500 students demonstrated outside a Sept. 16 board of trustees meeting to protest inadequate security and other campus problems.

While the crowds rallied outside, inside Patricia Fair, president of the Student Government Association, presented the board with a lengthy list of student grievances, including complaints about disorganization in the financial aid office and a lack of visible security forces on campus.

Chancellor Tyroneza Richmond announced that eight new guards would be hired in

an effort to tighten security and restrict unauthorized parking. Richmond estimated the cost of the additional personnel at over \$100,000.

"A significant number of our student body doesn't feel safe," said Dr. Tyrone Baines, executive assistant to the chancellor, "and a perception of a lack of security is as bad as a reality."

Baines cited several steps the administration has taken recently to beef up security around Chidley Hall. Outdoor floodlights and fourteen security cameras costing \$21,000 have been installed.

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NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of North Carolina Central University are, from left, Carl Stewart, of Gastonia; Patricia Fair, of Hamlet, who is an ex officio voting member as president of the student body; Ted N. Griffin of Durham; and John N. Smith of Durham. Administering the oath of office to the new board members was Judge Carolyn Johnson of Durham, an alumna of the NCCU School of Law.