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Hazing remains a tradition on campus

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Hazing by fraternities and sororities is at an all-time high, even though tougher precautions are being enforced, says a North Carolina Central University official.

Dr. Roger Bryant, assistant vice-chancellor for student affairs, said that hazing is "making a person feel that he or she is in danger of being struck or even threatened to be hit" and an extremely danger-

ous practice that continues to be a problem at NCCU.

North Carolina state law defines hazing as "annoying any student by playing abusive or ridiculous...that frighten, scold, beat or harass him. It is also considered a misdemeanor and can result in fines not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment for not more than six months.

Despite the state law, Greek organizations continue to make

their pledges perform unusual tasks to join the organizations.

"The main reason hazing continues has to do with the traditions of these organizations. Some members feel that if they had to do certain things to get into the group, new initiates should also have to," said Bryant.

Demorris Lee, president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity agrees that some old members continue the old traditions.

"We might eventually see an end to undergraduate pledging on campus..."

Dr. Roger Bryant

"Some men pledging the new lines get a thrill from seeing the line do things they could not or would not do," Lee said. "At the same time, these pledges feel that this is what is expected of them, which is not the case."

Several cases of hazing at NCCU have caused the administration to take a closer look at the pledging processes of the different organizations.

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English Department celebrates 50 years of achievement

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The banners have been hanging in the Farrison-Newton Communications Building for weeks, marking the 50th anniversary of the English Department. Though the University itself is more than 50 years old, it wasn't until 1939 that the Department of English was established by Dr. W. Edward Farrison. Before 1939 English courses were only offered as part of the general studies program. Now 50 years later the department has grown and is headed by Dr. Patsy P. Perry, who is an alumna of NCCU.

"I was an English major here at this institution and in my class I was the only major in English.....today we graduate 18 to 20 majors of English," said Dr. Perry. Dr. Perry feels that the English Department has maintained the high standards of excellence on which the department was founded, while also keeping up with the latest in technology as it



Photo by James Brown

The Marching Eagles get ready to jam during High School Day festivities.

relates to communications.

Dr. Perry stated that, "Our newsroom is certainly equipped with the latest technology and so is our computer lab."

Since its beginning in 1939 the English Department has had many milestones, to name a few:

In the mid-seventies the Media-Journalism concentration was established.

In the summer of 1976, The English Department was moved from the Classroom Building into the Farrison-Newton Communications Building.

June 22, 1988 the Computer Writing Center was opened.

In celebration of the Golden Anniversary, the English Department has planned several events during the month of October and

during Homecoming Week:

October 25, a panel discussion about "The Role of the African-American Athlete" will be held.

November 4, after the game a reception will be held for the students, alumni and friends.

As for what the future holds for the next 50 years, Dr. Perry said that the English Department

Milestones of NCCU English Department

1939--The Department of English was organized

Mid-seventies--Established a concentration in Media-Journalism

Summer 1976--The English Department moved to the Farrison-Newton Communications Building

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1988--The Computer Writing Center was opened

1989--The English Department celebrates its Golden Anniversary

is planning to establish NCCU's own radio station. The radio station Dr. Perry said, "would serve the entire University, but our Media-Journalism program would benefit greatly because we would expand into broadcast journalism."

"We are planning, of course, to continue our standard of excellence. That's important," Dr. Perry said.