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Spangler Moves To Kill Nursing School; NCCU Officials Promise Fight To Save It

From Staff Reports

Bernard Allen, chairman of the North Carolina Central University Board of Trustees, vowed to fight the proposal to close the NCCU Nursing School and move it to Fayetteville State University.

"I am very disturbed," said Allen. "I don't think any of us is willing to dismantle the nursing school."

Allen said UNC system President C.D. Spangler Jr. showed lack of respect for NCCU in his handling of the proposal. Spangler proposed to the Committee on Educational Planning, Policies

and Programs of the UNC Board of Governors that the NCCU nursing program be established at Fayetteville State in partnership with Pembroke State University.

Spangler's decision was based on poor passing rates and declining enrollments at some UNC nursing schools. Spangler wants to make nursing education available to the southeastern part of the state and spur the recruitment of minorities into nursing.

Dr. Marion Gooding, dean of NCCU's Nursing School, said Spangler's recommendation was untimely. "Our program was given

until 1994 to increase performance on tests and enrollment," said Gooding. "We've done all those things."

Allen, who was angered by having to find out about Spangler's proposal through the media said, "This university deserved more respect."

The Committee on Educational Planning, Policies and Programs is scheduled to meet and act on the proposal before NCCU's next board meeting. Allen said he will try to meet with Robert L. "Roddy" Jones, chairman of the Board of Governors, for an explanation of the

proposal, and is prepared to call an emergency board meeting of the NCCU board.

Several nursing students have given letters of support to Allen, who has advised them to show "discipline" in their opposition to the proposal.

"I hope you will trust us to do what is best," Allen said to some 20 students.

NCCU Chancellor Tyrone R. Richmond has called the proposal "premature and ill-founded." Richmond has received a written copy of the proposal which he said goes "at least three steps

beyond the recommendations of the consultants."

In the report by five nurses and nursing educators, closing NCCU's school was not recommended. Instead, the consultants advocated strengthening the programs at historically black institutions.

Dr. Gooding remains optimistic about the status of the Nursing School. "We're counteracting the recommendations being made," she said. "We are expecting a good report from the reaccreditation committee. I really think we were moving too fast for the board and they want to cut us off."

Gantt Urges: Don't Forget Your Roots

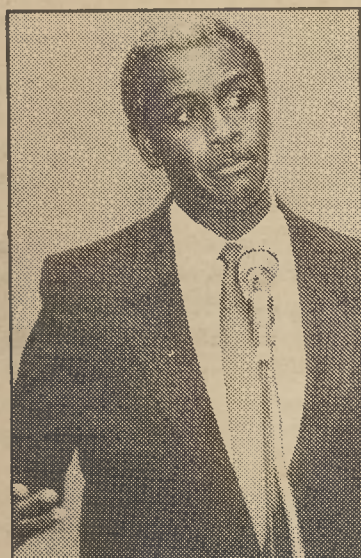
By Albirda F. Jackson
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Harvey Gantt, a native of Charleston, S.C., and participant in a sit-in at a lunch counter in his hometown 30 years ago, told students they were at North Carolina Central University to "solve problems and search for truth."

Gantt delivered the keynote address at the 41st Honors Convocation April 6 before an audience of 900.

The U.S. Senate candidate encouraged and challenged the students being honored at the McDougald Gymnasium ceremony.

He said they represented "new leadership" to bring about a change in the political process in America. He said that college students



Former Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gantt gives Keynote

should want to go to college to become more than "bourgeois" and do more than find a spouse.

"What is it that turns young people on? What is it that drives you crazy?" Gantt asked.

Gantt said that when the "Greensboro Four" sat at the lunch
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Administration Proposes New GPA Standards For SGA

A 2.7 Average Will Be Required

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After last semester's controversy over Student Government Association President Fred Feely's eligibility to remain in office according to the North Carolina Central University Student Government Association constitution, Feely remained in office, but the university is in the process of changing the constitution in order to clarify the present constitution.

In September this problem arose, as students and some administrators urged Feely to resign from office, because they believed that he did not have the necessary hours to continue being SGA president and that he was not actually a senior.

In a September interview with *The Campus Echo*, when asked if he was a senior, Feely said, "I never thought one should provide academic records for publication." But according to some NCCU administrators, Feely is not eligible to hold the office

of SGA president, which requires the candidate to have 90 hours and be classified as a senior.

According to Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs Dr. Roland Buchanan, the revised constitution is "anticipated to be effective for the 1990-91" election term. The following revisions are "proposed changes for SGA election" of the newest constitution, Buchanan said. Article Eight, Section five, Part A. says: "Candidates shall be investigated by the Election Board and certified by the Registrar as having a cumulative grade point average of 2.7 and in good financial status with the University. Candidates for President shall by normal scholastic progress be able to qualify as a Senior (90 hours) not later than the Second Summer Session following the election and candidates for Vice-President shall by normal scholastic progress be able to qualify as Junior (56 hours) or Senior not later than the Second Summer Session following the election, and may not serve such position."
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