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Financial Aid Office To Be Computerized In The '90s

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The financial aid office has processed more loans and award letters this year than ever because students are getting their information to the office on time, according to Lola T. McKnight, assistant vice chancellor for scholarships and student aid. The office has had problems in the past with students who procrastinate in mailing their loan applications.

assisted tremendously. McKnight stressed that in the "near future" the office will be totally computerized, but the long lines will exist until then. "We are in the testing stage," said McKnight. "We have more enhancement and we have all the hardware--the software is presently being tested."

She maintains that the office gets so far behind because the majority of their work consists of deferments. Most of the work load comes in between May and Aug., when it should come between Feb. and July.

"The situation here is just like it is at the bank on Friday. Almost everyone waits until closing time to cash their checks. If you wait this late there will inevitably be a long line," said McKnight. "At Central we have over 5,000 students and it is impossible to process 200 records a day if our systems are not totally computerized and students do not sent their aid packages in on time."

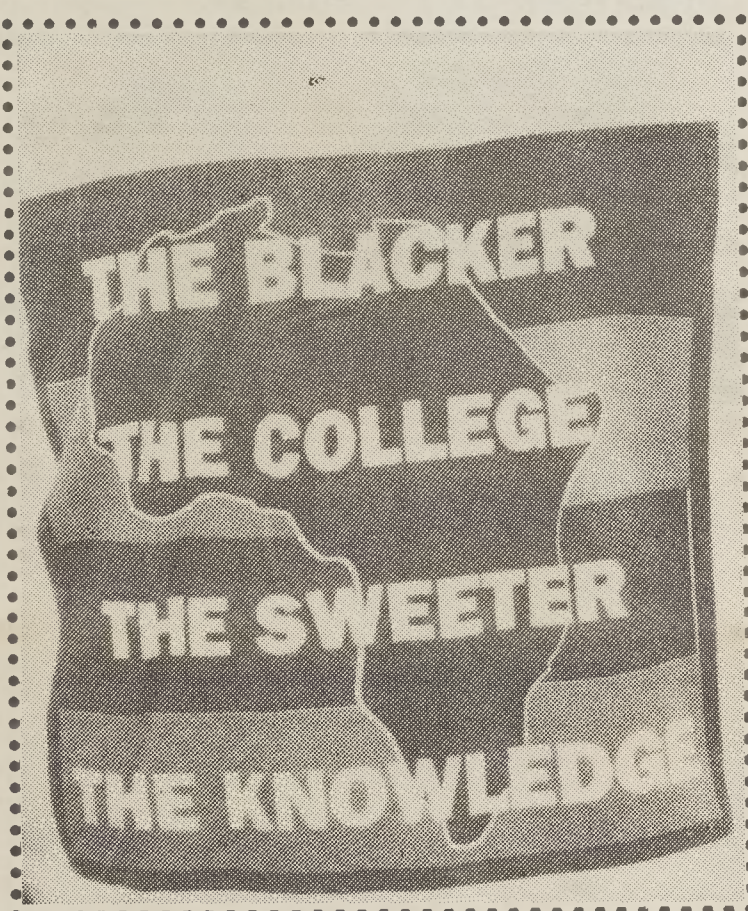
However, McKnight contends that the long lines seen during registration will reduce by approximately 90 percent with the office's new enhancements and student co-

operation.

"We want students to go home in May and know what their tentative award is going to be," said McKnight.

Moreover, McKnight acknowledged that sometimes students records are lost or held up, and it is not always the student's fault. Because of the heavy work load, it is very difficult to give them the adequate help they need when there are over a thousand students who need deferments because they sent their loan applications in late.

In order to alleviate the many problems that exist with registration and financial aid, McKnight believes that it will take a joint effort from both the students and the office.



T-shirts are no longer just for casual wear. They now have racial messages that students proudly sport. What do the messages mean? Find out on page 4.

NCCU Is Established As A Voting Precinct 49

By Fred Feely
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After five unsuccessful attempts to get North Carolina Central University a voting precinct, it has now become a reality thanks to a local activist and an NCCU professor.

Dr. Lavonia Allison, renowned political activist in local, state and national politics, said she and Dr. Joseph Aicher, chairman of the political science department, were finally successful in getting NCCU as voting pre-

inct number 49.

Dr. Wilson, chairman of the criminal justice department, said he was pleased to have the Criminal Justice Building serve as the official voters site. Ellis Allen, NCCU dormitory supervisor, has been appointed to serve as the registrar.

Students and other members of the University community only have until Oct. 8, 1990 to register to vote.

"Student voter turn-out should increase greatly. The students of NCCU must take advantage of this opportunity for leadership development and this unique chance to participate in the political nominating and selection process of those elected to govern their lives. Students should wake up and do the right thing," said Allison.