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NCCU Requests Ph.D Programs

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North Carolina Central University, with four new academic programs in formal planning stages, hopes to request permission from the University of North Carolina system to add another six undergraduate programs and 15 graduate programs before the end of the 20th century.

Those programs are listed in a Review of the Institutional Mission submitted to UNC President C.D. Spangler, Jr., earlier this year. Before they are formally requested, they will be reviewed by a team of consultants employed by the system.

Included in the list of programs NCCU wants to offer in the next century are six doctoral degree programs. If one of more of those programs win approval, NCCU would offer its first doctoral programs since the early 1960's, when a short-lived Ph.D. program in education was discontinued.

All 16 of the constituent institutions of the UNC system were asked to submit a mission review by President Spangler. The document does not constitute a formal request for the programs, but is intended to show the direction in which each university intends to move over the next decade.

The consultants will review all 16 plans.

The review submitted to President Spangler in January by NCCU Chancellor T.R. Richmond includes four programs which reflect NCCU's character as a historically black university. It is proposed that the NCCU School of Law offer the Master of Laws degree (LL.M.) in the area of civil rights, and that the department of his-

tory and social science develop a Ph.D. doctoral program in Afro-American and African History. Baccalaureate and master's degree programs in ethnomusicology are suggested for the department of music.

Proposed programs also include a baccalaureate program in hospitality services administration to be housed in the department of home economics and a Ph.D. program in biophysics, which would be housed in the department of biology.

Other proposed programs lead to bachelor's degrees in public administration and in individual and family development, master's degree programs in art education, computer science, nursing, theatre arts, and decision sciences, and doctoral programs in information management, information sciences, special education, and counselor education.

The university also lists plans to establish program tracks within other disciplines. Program tracks are located within larger departments and are generally described as fields of concentration rather than academic majors.

Proposed baccalaureate program tracks for NCCU are jazz education and security management. A master's level program track in security management is also proposed, as is a learning disabilities track leading to a master's degree from the School of Education.

The mission review report pinpoints the years in which NCCU expects to request formal permission to plan the individual programs. Permission to plan, which must be requested from the UNC Board of Governors entails the expenditure of university funds for planning. A detailed plan must be prepared

and approved before the Board of Governors permits an institution to begin to offer a degree.

Requests to plan the new programs will be forwarded to the UNC General Administration over the next six years.

Planning permission may be requested during this calendar year for eight of the programs and program tracks.

Planning permission will be requested in 1993 for three programs.

The university will ask for planning permission in 1995 for six programs.

NCCU will seek planning permission in 1997 for the remaining programs it hopes to establish before the beginning of the 21st century.

NCCU has completed the authorized planning procedures for two new programs, which are currently under review by the University of North Carolina General Administration. They are programs leading to the bachelor of social work degree and the master of science degree in earth sciences.

State budget problems are expected to delay permission to establish those programs, however, universities in the system have been asked not to establish new programs unless they are funded by external sources or replace existing programs at no increased cost.

Planning permission has already been received for two additional programs, and planning is proceeding for a bachelor of science program in environmental science and a bachelor of arts program in interdisciplinary studies. Also in progress is a plan to establish a Center for Biomedical Research and Technology, for which planning permission was requested in 1989.

Permission to plan a Center for International Studies will soon be requested.

NCCU Students Form African -American Future Teachers of America

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NCCU student Harry Lucas, Jr. helps youngsters with their homework.

James Ham, Lamar McQueen, and Ronald L. Travis have established the African American Future Educators of American, Assoc. out of concern for the future of young black students.

"Our children are losing ground on the SAT scores," said Travis. "They're the most likely to drop out of school, and the least likely to graduate."

The three founders have addressed many issues such as having recently sent a letter to the Chief of Police of Los Angeles protesting the beating of Rodney King by a crowd of police officers.

However, the organization's main purpose is to better the education of younger students. It established a tutorial program serving elementary and secondary school students which offers four sessions a week. Weekend sessions are held Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons at the Campus Hills Recreation Center. Several of the NCCU volunteer tutors provide in-home tutoring to students who can't

make the sessions at Campus Hills and NCCU.

Fliers distributed at churches and schools throughout Durham have brought 75 or more students to the tutorial sessions, and some 45 NCCU students have volunteered to offer assistance with lessons ranging from reading and arithmetic through social studies and advanced math courses. Area radio stations and newspapers have also publicized the program. A recent letter to the editor of the Durham Herald-Sun has also given unsolicited tribute.

What the founders and the volunteer tutors want to do, Travis said, is to restore hope in these young children.

"We want to say even though your teachers and parents may not have time for you, we do have time for you," said Travis.

"In the long run, we want to have an impact on the children's lives. When a kid graduates from college ten or 15 years from now, we hope he'll look back and say the African American Future Educators gave him his start."