

THE CAMPUS ECHO

Campus Radio Station Gets Approval

By JOHNNIE WHITEHEAD Associate Editor

After two decades of vying for a frequency in the airwaves, North Carolina Central University has finally obtained a license from the Federal Communications Commission for a campus radio station.

granting us a right to use the frequency. The process will be complete when the FCC sends us a construction permit." In past years there have been rumors that the University had a license. However, Baker maintains that the Public Broadcasting Station gave the University equipment, there was never a license. All citizens have a right to apply and have a right to compete for the available air space. Hence, the litigation process ensues and the FCC determines which applicant

is best suited to serve the community. NCCU applied for the space that a station in Warren County, WBSP, the largest minority public radio station in the country when it went on the air in 1975, abandoned recently, leaving 100,000 watts available in its protected area. Donell Lewis, program director for the station, maintains that NCCU programming will address issues that affect the 30 percent minority population the station will serve. "Minorities will be our

principal audience but not to the exclusion of others," he says. Also, says Lewis, the station intends to use the African News Network, which operates out of Durham and reports information about Africa, to give the station a "stronger flavor." "Athletics at historically Black colleges, hypertension, AIDS, cancer and teen pregnancy will too receive attention because of their immediate effect on the Black

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Law School Dean Urges Blacks to 'Resume Struggle'

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Is the deck is stacked against Black Americans? Are blacks are sliding backward rather than forward in looking to the legal system for redress?

Joyner maintains that the purpose of the district is to give blacks a chance to have "one" seat on a legislature that has 11 seats—all filled with whites. The VRA is to designed to maintain a "level playing field," and that any attempt to redress past wrongs is called "re-

"When the police concentrate solely on our community as the problem with drugs in this country and refuses to arrest whites in the same manner makes this entire process illegal, unfair and unconstitutional." In Wake County, 95 percent of

statistics. "In 1990, in Greensboro, 90 percent of the arrests were of black persons. In 1991, 99 percent were black. In 1990 in Durham 100 percent of those arrested on these charges were black. In 1990 in Fayetteville 98 percent were black."

Drug trafficking does not begin with the Black community, Joyner points out. He says that law enforcement efforts are grossly misdirected. "Blacks are at the end of the process. Television covers and praises the police for seizing \$53.16 worth of drugs. Police resources need to refocus. Twenty-five percent of African-American men are in prison or on parole. Guess why?"

Also contributing to the erosion of civil rights in this country is the recent confirmation of Justice Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court, says Joyner. "He is our biggest enemy, and that's a shame. But I don't feel ashamed to say it. He has betrayed the struggle, which has been consistent with the Supreme Court."

Moreover, Thomas' biggest supporter, Strom Thurmond, Sen.—S.C., has throughout his career worked to prevent the VRA from coming to a vote. "Many blacks felt proud elevating Thomas to the Supreme Court. But if it wasn't for these rights he defiantly oppose he wouldn't be able to live in his neighborhood and wear his white wife."

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Dr. Irving Joyner

verse discrimination" by the Republican Party says Joyner. The judicial system, says Joyner, focuses primarily on blacks for their so-called "War on Drugs."

those arrested for alleged drug involvement were black says Joyner. The anti-loitering ordinance which is designed to prevent on-the-street corner drug dealing has arrested blacks only, according to Joyner's

Students Protest Department of Education's Policy on Minority Programs

WASHINGTON (CPS)- About 300 students rallied in protest of the Department of Education's policy on minority scholarships and called on Congress to increase the amount of money available for financial aid programs. The Rev. Jesse Jackson joined the United States Student Association in a March 9 news conference calling for legislation that would preserve the legality of minority scholarships and make Pell Grants an entitlement.

that scholarships can continue to be used by colleges to attract students if the scholarships are based on a number of factors, such as economic background, geographic location and race. The primary result of the move will stop predominantly white colleges from offering scholarships based solely on race to encourage the enrollment of minorities. Race

can still be considered in a scholarship, as long as it is "one factor among several." About 2 million students minority scholarships, but only 45,000 have race-specific scholarships. "As students we will not be divided and conquered. We want access to higher education for all," says Stacy Leyton, vice president of USSA and a graduate of Stanford

University. "Students know that the answer to the crisis in higher education is not to abolish minority scholarships, but to strengthen the student aid programs so that they serve the needs of low- and middle-income students." According to a statement by USSA, Pell Grants now cover less than 25

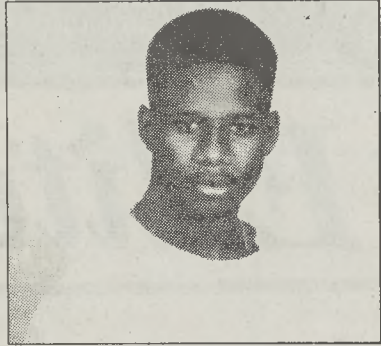
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Banquet For Children: More than 300 children were honored earlier this month when the Academic Help Center held its third-annual recognition banquet at the North Carolina Central University's W.G. Pearson Cafeteria. The center is a non-profit computer tutorial program for children of low-income homes. From left are Jaenise Johnson, from Triangle Day Care; Chauncey Covington, from Burton Elementary School. Standing from left, are Dr. Beverly W. Jones, chairman of the board of the center; Dr. Jeffery Elliot, vice chairman; Martha Carlisle, vice president of the Melvin R. Lane Charitable Trust and keynote speaker; William Bell, chairman of the Durham Board of Country Commissioners, and Howard Clement, Durham city councilman.

Campus All Stars Dominate Competition

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Captain: Randy Johnson

Sheer domination. The most overall points—1,900. An undefeated record—9-0.

After reading a number of various almanacs, dictionaries and encyclopedias, as well as studying 10,000 questions for the past five months, North Carolina Central University's Ron Brinson, Kia Hardy, Randy Johnson, Will Moore and Joe Smith, with Jarwin Hester serving as alternate, have claimed their share of the Southeastern Sectional Honda Campus All Star Challenge Championship. "I was happy for the team, especially for the older members," says Johnson, team captain and 21-year-old political science major from Fayetteville. "We lost in the final game last year and it feels good to be able to vindicate that."

Hard work is also a key to why the team won, says Hardy, a 20-year-old Spanish education major and one of two new members [Ron Brinson is the other] on this year's team. "All the work has paid off," she said. "I am very proud of the team and it was a well-deserved victory."

In addition, the experience of the returning members proved to be valuable. "Their experience pulled us through," says Hardy. "They taught us a lot. We tried to stay

ahead and make them come to us." Eighty students from historically Black colleges and universities in the region competed as they tested their general knowledge against one another over approximately 12 hours of questions and answers.

Also, Johnson said Ms. Constance Roberson of the Alfonso Elder Student Union who serves as campus coordinator and coach with Dean Milton Lewis who is responsible for preparing the team for competition, plays an integral role in the team's success.

The event is a modified version of the College Bowl television show. It pits 64 teams from the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education against each other in this battle of intellect.

Three of the schools that NCCU See Page 3/All Stars

Chidley Hall Project: New Co-ed Dorm by 1995

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is 24 million dollars, which would required a "ballpark" thirty year annual mortgage of between five and eight hundred thousand dollars, Smith says.

By 1995, North Carolina Central University will have a new three story co-ed dorm between Chidley Hall and the track, once the North Carolina legislature approves the project.

The Chidley Hall Project has three phases. The first phase is the building of the additional dorm. The second phase involves making Chidley Main a conference center for student government and recreational activities. The third and final phase is the renovation of Chidley's Annex for seniors and married students.

The present design for the Chidley Hall Project has been approved. "We [NCCU & builders] are currently waiting for the final vote from the general legislature," says Robert Smith, assistant vice-chancellor for business operations.

The new dorm will be suite-style, with three or four rooms sharing one bathroom. It will also have two separate sections, one for the males and the other for females.

The project's total estimated cost

Although the Chidley Hall Project was removed March 27, from financial affairs and placed under Dr. Roland Buchanan of student affairs, Smith states that changes could occur.

The yearly mortgage will be paid by using student housing fees. After the new dorm is built, the housing fee at the new dormitory will be higher than that for other dorms.

"The North Carolina legislature will vote on the issue sometime after June 30," Smith says. Also, he notes that NCCU is still paying for renovations completed on Chidley and Latham Hall from 10 years ago.

The dorm will be built by Gantt Huberman Architects.

NCCU also has a proposal to upgrade the other dorms within the next three years. The proposal calls for additional and better lighting and improved water and heating conditions.

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