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Civil Rights Attorney Named Chancellor

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One of NCCU's mightiest eagles will soar home Jan. 1.

Julius L. Chambers, a North Carolina native and world-renowned civil rights attorney, was unanimously selected from a pool of 97 applicants to be NCCU's new chancellor by the UNC Board of Governors on July 31.

"Julius Chambers is a quiet, effective leader, who has much to contribute to his alma mater," said C. D. Spangler, president of the UNC system.

Chambers graduated summa cum laude from North Carolina College in 1958 with a degree in history. North Carolina College became North Carolina Central

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University Dean Remembers Chambers As Bright, Industrious Master of Debate

By JASON WILLIAMS
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Once Julius Chambers returns to NCCU, he'll probably reminisce about hanging out at the "rail."

In the 1950s, The "rail," the area between the Alexander Dunn Building and Shepard dorm, was the place to socialize with friends, just like today's A. Elder Student Union.

The dean of the university college, Dr. Eugene Eaves, who graduated with Chambers, remembers their undergraduate years. "Things were quite different. We had a dress code, the women had a curfew, and living in Chidley was something to be proud of."

According to Eaves, Chidley Main's residence rooms housed three men, had oak-stained doors, and occasional room checks for cleanliness. When

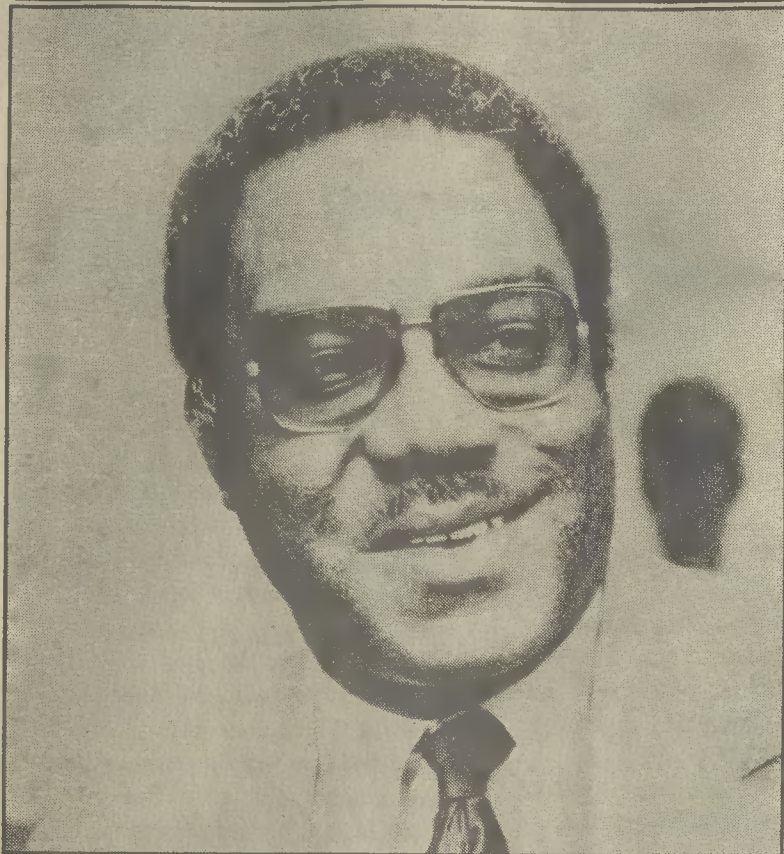
a particular room was unkempt, the housemother could be heard exclaiming, "My God, who belongs to this pigpen!"

Eaves also remembers taking an European history class with LeVonne Chambers "No one called him Julius," he said.

"He was an excellent debater who always had a formatted case. He was bright, and industrious, and he didn't have to study long like some of us. He also had an intellectual curiosity," Eaves said. "Every teacher was an English teacher. We all had to use acceptable language."

But LeVonne Chambers had mastered his articulation skills even further that to become president of the student body and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

With the help of the NCCU community, Eaves believes that Chambers will provide strong, pragmatic leadership.



JULIUS CHAMBERS: NCCU's new chancellor.

Orator Tells Eagles: 'Be Too Legit To Quit'

By JASON WILLIAMS
EDITOR

"Denmark Vessy died so that Nat Turner could revolt. Nat Turner revolted so that Rosa Parks could sit down. Rosa Parks sat down so that King could march. King marched so that Jesse Louis Jackson could run, and Jackson ran so that NCCU could fly."

This message came from "professional orator" Patricia Russell-McCloud, who spoke last Aug. 26 at B. N. Duke Auditorium.

Russell-McCloud, who has a recorded speech in the Congressional Record of the United States, 'If Not You-Who, If Not Now-When?' (H 3661), May 14, 1980, was well known to her audience from previous speaking engagements.

"I heard from a co-worker at Duke University that Russell-McCloud was a very dynamic speaker. I always want to support NCCU, and it's good to hear an inspirational message in times like these," said '89 alumna Tonya Gerald.

Freshman Nate Todd had also heard the same thing.

"It's good to learn something to last throughout the years," he said. Russell-McCloud encouraged

her listeners to be exceptional and to maximize their talents: "Yesterday is a cancelled check and tomorrow is a promissory note. But, today is cash" she said.

She repeatedly exhorted to everyone to be "too legit to quit," and imitated the familiar hand sign Hammer used in the video.

Russell-McCloud reaffirmed the need of education: "You must have a plan. Think about where you going to be in the next five to 10 years. You need to decide."

She reminded everyone at we're "eight years from the 21st century" and yet racism is still prevalent. "Racism is just like rain," she said. "It's either falling or gathering up somewhere."

Yet she is not discouraged. "One person to make the difference and start a chain reaction," she said.

Throughout her presentation, McCloud made many references to the great minds of African-American leaders and artists, such as W. E. B. Du Bois, Frederick Douglass, Alex Haley and Malcolm X. She said thank you in at least eight languages, including Swahili, as she closed her message. "The world is looking for those who are ready to tackle the 21st century," she said. "We are looking for those who are too legit to quit!"

Busy Freshmen Adapt Well To University Life

By DEZMONA MIZELLE
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Anxious, excited, apprehensive; and homesick, but filled with the thrill of new freedom and new experiences—such were the emotions of freshmen as they arrived on campus August 18.

They come from everywhere, with different backgrounds, different attitudes, different ideas and different personalities. But they all want to graduate, and they all want to have a little fun along the



Korie Burrow

way—and they seem to be.

Korie Burrow, 18, a psychology major from Raleigh, speaks for much of the freshman class: "I

already miss Mom and food at home, but there is so much to do, and it is fun meeting new people." She says she has found the students and professors friendly and helpful.

The friendliness of the students and the traditional small college atmosphere also attracted Kimberly Hood to North Carolina Central University from her home in Fort Washington, Maryland. Her father and sister are NCCU alumni.

The class of 1996 was already busy with cultural and social ac-

tivities a week before classes began. Reggae in the Bowl and a Beach Party at Chidley Hall gave freshmen a chance to get to know one another. Kharlon Galbreath, a freshman from Fayetteville, summed up the experience: "There has been plenty to do; this is just a great place to be!"

The best part of the freshman experience may be yet to come. As Korie Burrow put it, the best part of being away from home is "being able to go back home". When they go, they will go as Eagles.

Students: Registering To Vote on Diverse College Campuses

By John Williams

(CPS)- From large organizations to small grassroot efforts, students across the nation are gearing up to get fellow students registered in time for the fall primaries and elections. At the University of New Hampshire and 30 other colleges and high schools in the state, student volunteers working with Rock the Vote got about 3,000 young adults registered to vote in the past year.

"The goal of registering students in the state was to change the 'me generation' to the 'we generation'," said Sarah Broadmeadow, a junior at the University of New Hampshire and who worked extensively with Rock the Vote in the registration campaign.

In 1991, the university's student senate voted to increase voter registration on campus. After getting in contact with Rock the Vote, it was decided New Hampshire was a good state for a test case of the registration movement, since it has a small population of approximately 1 million and the largest school, the University of New Hampshire, has about 10,500 undergraduates. The program was expanded to other colleges and high schools in the state.

Student volunteers went door to door, and Rock the Vote coordinated bringing rock stars and movie actors and actresses to campuses to talk about the political process and

registration.

"The idea was to blend music and entertainment with a push for voter registration," Broadmeadow said. "The psychology behind it was to put the party back into the political so party so students can see they can participate in government."

Mike Dolan, field director for Rock the Vote, said entertainers such as William Baldwin and Sarah Jessica Parker spoke at the University of New Hampshire's main campus at Durham. Film director Oliver Stone appeared at Dartmouth College. Concerts also are planned for this fall, and volunteers will be contacting first-year students for registration.

The entertainers donated their time for the cause "to fight the whole conservative issue," Broadmeadow said. "It was a cultural identification so young people could see that people they respected were involved in voting and voter registration."

The program was not without its detractors, however. Tony Zagotta, national chairman of College Republicans, said his party's efforts to register voters—obviously for the Republican Party—won't resort to using rock 'n' roll singers and movie stars to help in the cause.

Rather, GOP volunteers will be mostly contacting the individual students to try to persuade them to

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Get Them On The Rolls, Get Them To The Polls

By JOHN WILLIAMS

(CPS) - Democrats want you. Republicans want you. Rock stars and celebrities want you. Public affairs organizations want you. Politicians want you.

What those organizations want from you is simple: If you are 18 or older, you can vote. But to vote, you must first be registered. And if you are the typical college undergraduate, between the ages of 18 and 24, you represent a segment of American culture that is perceived as being not likely to vote or to participate in the political process.

So college and university campuses nationwide have been targeted by private and public interest groups to register students and to get them to the polls on Nov.

"Students tend to feel left

out. Candidates don't appear to be addressing issues that are of concern to students," said Becky Cain, president of the National League of Women Voters. "On the 20th anniversary of the right for 18-year olds to vote, this group has the least percentage voter turnout than any other group."

"Get them on the rolls, get them to the polls," said Mike Dolan, field director for the California-based Rock the Vote, a non-profit, non-partisan organization that has organized student voter registration drives nationwide.

Top issues that appear to be of concern to college students on the national level include the economy, the environment and abortion rights, activists say.

If students want to address these concerns, they must first register to vote, registration organizers say. That way, they can vote

for candidates who most closely represent their ideals and ideas of what government should be, and what issues the representatives should address.

According to the Census Bureau, 26 million men and women in the 18-24 age group are eligible to vote, and approximately 40 percent of this group is registered. Among college students who are registered, 80 percent vote, said Jamie Harmon, president of the College Democrats of America.

"Many students don't feel they are a part of the American community. They don't have families yet, they don't have sunk-in roots, so they are not as politically active," Harmon said. "Political participation increases with age. We want to show students today that the political and governmental system isn't a joke."

The College Democrats are

organizing a Victory Vote program on campuses nationwide, with the goal of registering 50,000 students this fall—ideally as Democrats. Having targeted about 500 college and universities in 15 states, the College Democrats plan to hold rallies, get publicity and have politicians from the local and national levels speak to students.

Harmon said national polls show students identifying with the Democratic Party, and said main concerns on campuses include educational issues and student loans, abortions and the environment.

Tony Zagotta, national chairman of the College Republicans, said polls indicate the 18-24 age group is "not comfortable" with abortion.

Dolan, field director of Rock the Vote, said his organization is also working at the grassroots level

to get students to register. Rock the Vote was founded in 1990 by leading record labels and musicians in response to perceived threats to artistic expression. It has since been broadened to include voter registration, especially for young adults, Dolan said.

Musicians and movie celebrities will go to campuses and hold rallies to make students aware of the political process and urge them to register.

"Having stars and musicians involved is intensive. It makes voter registration sexier," he said, and many young college students are included in the numbers. What concerns young people, he said, is having access to "the system," or being heard by politicians.

"We have seen the basic issue, and that is empowerment and access to the system," Dolan said.

"Many politicians don't want young people voting, since young people have no patterns of voting and are unpredictable. That makes politicians nervous."

The minimum legal age to register is 18. If a student goes away to attend school, he or she may register to vote in the town or city where the school is located. However, the states have varying laws for residency requirements; there is no national law establishing uniform laws for all 50 states. An option is to vote by absentee ballot if students are registered in their home states, Cain said.

Since the 1970s, the League of Women Voters has actively sought to get young people to register. It has also published material on voter rights, especially for college students who may be going to an out-of-state institution and want to vote in primaries and elections.

"A journey of a million miles begins with a single step." -- Mao Tse -tung