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## Mass Meeting

### SGA Calls For More Homecoming Money, More Say About Fees, New Student Center

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At a mass meeting in the Alfonso Elder Student Union at which a number of campus issues were discussed, the Student Government Association called for an additional allocation of \$20,000 for the Homecoming show.

At the Thursday, Sept. 24 meeting, SGA President Phyllis Jeffers and SGA Business Manager Eathan Johnson asked for a list of student grievances to be presented to the chancellor the next morning.

Johnson said that the Homecoming show may have to be canceled unless more money can be raised. "We have to seriously consider not having a show," he said. "We won't have any activities in the Spring if we blow it all on Homecoming."

Student government is allocated \$40,000 a year for Homecoming, but the Sept. 5 concert featuring Chubb Rock cost \$15,000 which leaves roughly \$25,000 to stage



Student body president Phyllis Jeffers reads list of "students concerns" to the chancellor's consultant Gerald McCants while junior class president Trina Glass and SGA member Jason Evans look on.

the Homecoming show and other activities for the academic year, according to Johnson.

SGA believes that the additional money will allow the booking of Mary J. Blige, Super Cat and A Tribe Called Quest for the show.

Student leaders also questioned the financial management of many campus departments, including the office of the vice chancellor of student affairs, the library, and Campus Security.

#### Parking

Also on the agenda was student dissatisfaction with recent ordinances restricting parking in residential neighborhoods around campus.

According to Jeffers, several residential areas around NCCU's campus will begin to restrict parking to two hours on certain blocks of Peco, Duncan, Concord, Formosa, Dupree and Lincoln streets.

Support for student activities  
Another issue was the \$100,000 allocated to the Shepard Library for study rooms. Jeffers says she wants to make sure that this money is used wisely. "If we can't study, then there's no reason to be here," she said.

Jeffers also said that students should pursue obtaining the old Law School and Summer School office in the William Jones Building as a center for student activities. The building now stores office supplies that campus organizations ought to be able to use, Jeffers said.

The building should not be used as the new chancellor's office, because "the administration already has a building," Jeffers said, while "the SGA office doesn't even have a typewriter."

The University needs to look toward the future, Jeffers said. "We gotta have the same vision. We aren't going into the year 2000

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## Chancellor's Office Receives Demands

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On Friday, at about 9 a.m. student body president Phyllis Jeffers and other student leaders marched on the chancellor's office with a three-page list of student concerns.

Jeffers read the first page with junior class president Trina Glass and student body vice-president Derek Brown read pages two and three, respectively.

"I feel good that we got the list out. It shows that the students can't get together. I hope it expands," Jeffers said.

Jeffers also said that she plans to send a copy of the list to Julius Chambers, who will become chancellor Jan. 1 and to the board of trustees.

The list of demands wants an "evaluation and reorganization of the financial aid office" and improved living conditions in the dorms. The letter also states that \$20,000 needs to be allocated from student affairs to "provide a student oriented Homecoming Weekend."

Leaders also desire a greater access to the Walker Complex, the Union, and BN Duke Auditorium.

The list also says that "advisory committees including students be set up for every administrative organ and campus department on campus with full voting power." Students are also requesting an expansion of business hours in the cafeteria, Shepard Library and other departmental computer labs.

One of the most controversial parts of the letter calls for the removal of Roland Buchanan as vice-chancellor of student affairs.

"I did not alone make that decision," Jeffers said, "that decision was made by those individuals who sat on the session after the meeting."

However, Jeffers said that as she supports the decision.

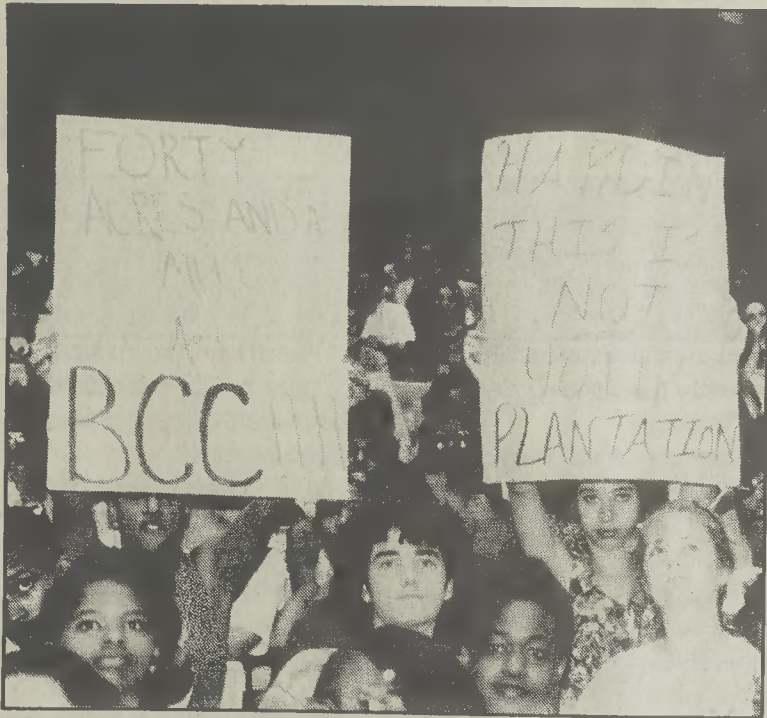
Jeffers said that Buchanan hasn't yet acted on a similar list of concerns issued in 1990 by Paul Woodson, then SGA president.

"Buchanan has not been at home when things have gone crazy around here," Jeffers said. "He has also threatened the SGA."

Jeffers would not specify what those threats were.

"We'll pass it along to the chancellor. What can be done will," said Benson's consultant Gerald McCants, who received the list. Benson was not in the office at the time.

## Spike Lee Cheers UNC Students' Fight For Free-Standing Black Cultural Center



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After a 14 year-fight for a free-standing culture center, students at UNC-CH have given their chancellor an ultimatum.

The letter signed by the Black Awareness Council, said that Paul Hardin, UNC-CH chancellor, must present concrete proposal for the building to the Board of Trustees by Nov. 13. According to the letter, this position is NON-NEGOTIABLE and "failure to respond to this deadline will leave no other choice by to organize toward direct action."

The letter follows a Sept. 3 march by 300 students on Hardin's home.

Student supporters of a black cultural center have caught the attention of the nation, with the New York Times ran a story on their plight, which caught the eye of filmmaker Spike Lee, who supports the center and spoke to roughly 8,000 people in the Smith Center Sept. 18.

Although Lee was scheduled to speak at 10 p.m. the doors opened at 8:30 p.m. because of the large crowd expected.

Before Lee spoke, members of the Black Cultural Committee were rallied the crowd with African and English chants of "Black Power!" Public Enemy's "Fear of a Black Planet" played over the speakers and signs of crossed fist appeared in the crowd. The crossed fists symbolizes bondage and support for the philosophy of Malcolm X.

There were many students at the rally from schools all over the Triangle, especially NCCU.

#### NCCU

"I'm here as a representative of NCCU," said student body president Phyllis Jeffers who is a BCC VIP, "an ambassador to show them our support. Their issue is similar and can be used on our own campus. We [students] want our campuses back. Students don't have control over the campuses all over the country."

Some other NCCU student's agreed. Junior marketing major Lamar Walton said that he supports the black students at UNC. From his understanding the current BCC, an office in the Carolina Union which can seat 50 comfortably, is about half the size of NCCU's student government office. "They shouldn't be deprived," Walton said. "Black students need something they can relate to and something to have pride in."

Junior political science major Dwayne Houston also thinks they should have a center. "It's a shame that the chancellor passed on offer to build the center at no cost to the university," Houston said. "It's a known fact that Jordan was going to donate funds for the building."

The Michael Jordan Foundation has offered to pay the estimated \$3 million construction cost of the BCC, according to BCC director Margo Crawford.

"They have gone through proper procedure with no result," Houston said.

**Forty acres and a mule**  
About 3,000 people were already in at the Smith Center by 9 p.m. BCC leaders were busy

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## Mrs. Clinton Explains Clinton-Gore Agenda



Hillary Clinton

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Hillary Clinton said Tuesday that her husband's platform includes more issue confrontation, more economic opportunity and employment advantages for African Americans.

Clinton spoke with seven representatives of the college media for about forty-five minutes in the Senate Room at North Carolina State University.

Clinton said that she wanted to

use the opportunity to talk with reporters and editors of college newspapers to reach out younger voters, since voters between the ages of 18-24 normally vote in low numbers.

"We are looking towards your future," she said, "If all my husband were doing in this campaign was to move from one house to another and go the Camp David for the weekend it would be worth doing."

According to Clinton, what they will be doing is working to build America's economy again and be voices for children and the working poor.

"The children that suffer the most are the children of the working poor," she said. Clinton then quoted statistics that one in five children are in American lives in poverty and with children under six its one in four.

Clinton also stressed the need to get rid of Bush's "trickle-down economics."

"Trickle-down economics hasn't worked for anyone," she said stressing the need to get rid of Bush's economic policies.

Clinton also questioned the tax

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## Fayetteville Man Charged In Sept. 12 Shooting on Campus

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Bernard N. Martin, 24, of 524 Rock Canyon Road in Fayetteville was arrested Friday in connection with the Sept. 12 shooting of six students on campus.

Martin faces six counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, and one count of possession of weapon on campus. He is being held under \$100,000 bond, the Herald-Sun reported Sunday.

Martin allegedly shot former NCCU lineman Rodney Edmonds and five other students after a dispute. Three others, including two students, were injured as they fled the scene.

All of those injured were treated and released from area hospitals.

"We are glad that an arrest has been made," said NCCU police chief Anthony B. Purcell. "But, it doesn't stop there. We need to go to trial and get a conviction."

Interim Chancellor Donna J. Benson could not be reached for comment.

"To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield" -- Alfred Lord Tennyson