

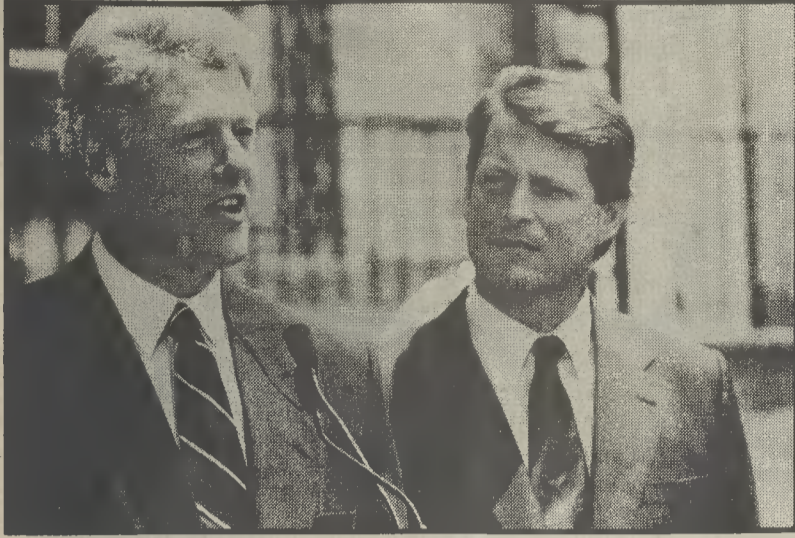
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Bill Clinton and Al Gore

Candidates Address Diverse Audience

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People from across the Triangle came to show their support and listen to Bill Clinton and other Democratic hopefuls speak in the Shepard Library Bowl Monday.

If Clinton had a chance to meet his audience before the buses whisked him away toward Kinston and the other stops on his tour, he would have found his audience to be a diverse group with many different views on the issues.

Alan and Thelma Hicks, for instance, said they were drawn to the rally because they were interested in hearing Clinton's views on social security and because they thought Clinton would make an excellent president.

Gail Alasheo said she supported Clinton for his position on Americans with disabilities: "Clinton is the only way to go and there is no other choice. He feels that there is not a person to waste, so at least I know we will be looked out now and asked how we feel instead of just sitting at home drawing SSI (Social Security Insurance)."

Teresa Vincient, a third-year law student, said that Clinton was the candidate most concerned with African-American issues: "I feel that he has appealed to African-Americans by saying he will consider the needs of the African-American community."

Phyllis Jeffers, president of the Student Government Association, who officially welcomed Clinton

and the other speakers to the campus, also gave her support to Clinton, but she was not so positive: "The African-American students are going to have to vote for the lesser of two evils. Clinton is not an African-American; therefore he cannot sympathize with our struggle, but he does support better education. Therefore we must vote for the candidate who represents the biggest part of our struggle."

Jeffers said the rally would help students by giving the University positive coverage in the press.

Homecoming Show On; Cafeteria Open Longer

By JASON WILLIAMS
EDITOR

Despite persistent rumors of no Homecoming show, SGA leaders said Tuesday that the Nov. 7 concert would feature Ice Cube, Rare Essence, and E Hype.

"I glad we have a show," said NCCU student body president Phyllis Jeffers, "considering all we've been through so far."

Jeffers was referring to the protests and the student concerns that have been addressed since she's been in office. Three concerns dealt with the expansion of the operational hours in the cafeteria, Shepard library, and the financial aid office.

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Chancellor Outlines Security And Computing Improvements Addresses List Of Student Concerns

Saying that she understands that recent student complaints are made "out of a context of love," Chancellor Donna J. Benson and Provost Mickey L. Burnim outlined steps the University is taking to address student concerns at the annual fall faculty meeting Friday.

The University has been working hard to improve campus security, she said. Among the recent or planned improvements, she said, are a campus lighting plan, an emergency telephone system, increases in the University Police staff and in the number of adults staying in the dormitories at night. The University will phase out its use of personnel from the North Carolina Detective Agency as new University

Police officers are hired.

Crime prevention is high on the University agenda. NCCU has joined the Durham Crime Stoppers program and plans to join Neighborhood Watch, she said. University Police Lt. Renee S. Lynch will be visiting each department on campus to discuss crime prevention.

A number of outdoor activities, especially those scheduled at night, have been relocated indoors.

Burnim said that administrators had met with representatives of the Student Government Association three times and had delivered two lengthy responses to their lists of concerns.

Progress has been made on extending library hours, Burnim said. "We told them [SGA] we would

work with them as diligently as we could to extend the hours," he said. A committee studying the problem has already recommended extending the hours during final exam week.

Noting student concern about the number of computers available on campus, Benson said that acquiring computers is the first priority for unrestricted federal funds.

One major computer development project is NCCUNET (formerly known as Smart Campus). This multi-year program will establish an interactive computer, video and voice network that will connect most computers on campus and allow access to external databases. Benson encouraged faculty members to explain to students that the NCCUNET wiring

currently being installed is "not just cable television."

Students and faculty also need to be better informed about financial aid policy, Benson said, so that they will know what the deadlines are and how soon to expect a response to loan applications. Loan applications cannot begin to be processed, she said, until the University receives completed federal tax returns from the applicant and the applicant's parents.

Student protests have raised legitimate issues, Benson said, in regards to the use of facilities for student activities and coeducational visitation policy in the dormitories.

Responding to student demands for the dismissal of some administrators, Benson said, "Students must know that they are not the only ones that have rights."

Benson and Faculty Senate President Bernice D. Johnson also

responded to criticisms in the Raleigh News & Observer of remarks attributed to Student Body President Phyllis Jeffers at the Oct. 1 Black College Day observance in Raleigh. Benson criticized the news coverage of the event, noting that the best speech of the day by William Carter from Winston-Salem State University had not been covered, but that Jeffers' off-the-cuff remarks had received wide attention.

Benson also criticized newspaper coverage of the NCCU student "Racism is a cancer that eats at the core of any institution it attacks," she said, reading from her address. "We will not discriminate against any student or faculty."

In other business Burnim reported that the Nursing School had met two of the three targets it had been given by the Board of Governors.

The passing rate for first-time takers of the state nursing licensing exam was 94 percent, 100 percent, and 100 percent the last three times the exam was given, well above the 75 percent rate required by the board.

NCCU also met the enrollment targets set by the board, but it did not meet the requirement that it graduate 30 students last year; only 17 graduated.

Failure to meet that requirement could mean that the Nursing School will be shut down, but so far the Board of Governors has not acted on the case.

Burnim also announced that 44 of 66 first-time takers from NCCU passed the last American Bar Examination. This 77 percent passing rate was "a notable success" for the Law School, he said.

Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today--Malcolm X