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The low representation of minorities in college is no accident. It is the living legacy of a long national history of private and governmental discrimination, a legacy that today finds Blacks and Hispanics in poorly funded and ill-equipped secondary schools that are segregated in fact, if not by law.

**A PARTIAL SOLUTION**  
In the 1980s, under Reagan/Bush, federal aid to students sharply declined, while college tuition and fees rose. These changes doubled the burden on Black and Hispanic Americans, who, in the best of times, are disproportionately unable to afford a college education. Minority scholarships, which have provided about \$135 million in aid to nearly 35,000 students across the country, have been the key to making a college education a reality for many young people.

Minority scholarships also send a powerful message from white institutions to minority students. (As recently as 1968, 90 percent of the college degrees earned by African Americans were awarded by historically black colleges and universities.) As Donald Stewart, President of the College Board, recently testified, such scholarships help persuade minority students that "the way is open, and that their presence is...desired in the educational community, and necessary for our national social and economic well-being." For these reasons, most colleges and universities offer minority scholarships, and over 80 percent of college administrators consider such scholarships important to the recruitment and retention of minority students.

George Bush, who claims to be the "Education

President," asserted recently that his commitment to education reform required him to oppose the Civil Rights Act of 1991 because it would undermine reform by barring employers from setting minimum education standards for job applicants. We reject this analysis. But if the President is seriously committed to education for all the people, the least he can do is instruct the Department of Education not to oppose minority scholarships. They are legal — and they work.

### English Department To Hold Speech Competition

The English Department is sponsoring a speech competition on Thursday evening, November 19th, at 7 p.m. in the Music Auditorium. The contest will feature six contestants who will compete for first, second, and third place trophies. The evening's Toastmaster, contestants, and judges are all current students of Fundamental of Speech.

There is no admission charge for the competition, and all are invited. Anyone who will be taking English 2100 in the Spring is especially encouraged to attend.

## Vampires Call Campus Blood Drive Needs Your Red Cells

By MAURICE CROCKER  
STAFF WRITER

Halloween has come and gone, but the Health Education Club is looking for a little blood before Christmas.

NCCU's health education department and the Health Education Club are sponsoring their annual blood drive Dec. 1 at the Health Science Building.

The drive will collect blood for patients with sickle cell anemia, AIDS and cancer.

These are diseases blacks suffer from in great numbers, according to Kwain Bryant, president of the Health Education Club. "This is an opportunity for African-Americans to help their own by donating blood which helps a brother or sister in need," he said.

Bryant urged students who have never donated blood before to participate in the drive this year to make up for a shortfall in last year's drive.

The goal for this year's drive is 100 pints.

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\*COST: FREE!

PLEASE REGISTER IN ROOM 318 OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUILDING BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 4:30 P.M.

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