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NEWS BRIEFS

United Christian Campus Ministry To Sponsor Program By MAURICÉ CROCKER NEWS EDITOR

Students and members of the community will hear lectures and discuss racism from a religious perspective in a three-day program sponsored by the United Christian Campus Ministry. First Annual Religious Emphasis Weekend will be held here at NCCU beginning April 16. The event will kick-off, with a banquet held at W.G. Pearson Cafeteria, and will involve members of 20 One objective of the event will be the joining together of 10 churches from the Durham community in worship.

D. Michael Eric Dyson and Rev. Joann Brown Jennings will lecture on "The Continuing Delima on Racism And The Ongoing Challenge." "This will be the first time North Carolina Central has hosted an event of this kind," stated he Rev. William Joseph Barber II, NCCU's United Christian Campus Minister.

The banquet, held 7p.m. in the W.G. Pearson cafeteria, will allow the students and organizers of the program to collaborate, and express their views concerning religious issues, Barber said.

The banquet will be followed by two lectures with the first beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday concerning the issue of racism. Michael Eric Dyson assistant professor of American civilization and Afro-American studies at Brown University. Dyson, editor of Emerge Magazine, and recent winner of the 1992 National Magazine award from the National Association of Black Journalists, has also appeared on several national television programs including The Oprah Winfrey show.

The second lecture will be given by t Rev. Joann Brown Jennings, who is a seminary trained minister and a prominent social worker and consultant in the community. "Both lectures promise to be very lifting," Barber said.

The cost is \$12 for the general public and \$6 for NCCU students. If you have any questions please contact the Rev. William Joseph Barber at 682-1940.

Peace Corps Receives Grant

A Domestic Education Grant of 6.7 Million dollars has been awarded to the Peace Corps Fellows/USA Program. The grant will allow 800 graduates at 15 universities nationwide to earn their master's degree and teacher certification after serving in the Peace Corps. Recruiters will be in the Raleigh-Durham-Chapelhill area and are in search for volunteers upon graduation. Peace Corps Volunteers benefit from all expenses paid and language training for the two years they work.

Brown Wins SGA Presidential Bid By 4 Votes. Cox and Glass Petition For Runoff

By JASON WILLIAMS
EDITOR

Only eight votes separated the top three candidates for student body presidential in the April 1 campus elections, and both the runner up candidates have called for a run off election. More than 1100 student voted.

"It's crucial," said student body president candidate Tyrone Cox as read the results of election.

Student body vice president Derek Brown received 362 votes, junior class president Trina Glass received 358, Tyrone Cox received 354 and Mario Elliott, received 79 votes respectively.

"It was a close race," Glass said. She declined to comment any further.

The vote, which was finally released around 10 p.m. last night stunned many students.

"I was shocked by the results," said Emily Dickens, who won the race for junior class vice-president with 132 votes: "I thought the student body at Central would



Brown

elect a queen with a more positive attitude. But the next year will tell. Derek [Brown] has experience and would be a positive attribute to the University."

During the presidential debate, all of the candidates said they wanted to combat student apathy and wanted to get the student out to vote. Brown has stated that his first concern would be to revise the constitution, a goal he has set since



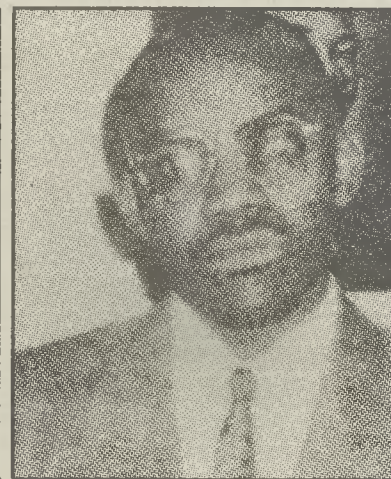
Glass

he served as sophomore class president.

Brown wants to eliminate some of the bureaucracy the legislature faces trying to incorporate rules.

Glass, according to her platform, that "the struggle continues" and that she will focus on the campus, the local community, and ourselves.

Glass's immediate concern



Cox

for the student body is to combat the apathy of students, especially the lack of student participation in SGA's events on campus.

Cox has stated his immediate concern is to set up a campus community service program.

"We at Central do not give enough back to the community," Cox said. "We can't keep all of our knowledge to ourselves," he said.

As the results were read, many students debated the wisdom of a runoff. Some students said that they didn't feel like voting again, while other revelled in the thought of a runoff.

"It's exciting to see the stiff competition," said the chairman of the election board Anthony Cooper. "It shows the candidates worked hard. As a senior, I will be glad to leave NCCU in their hands.

However, the election board was dismayed with the low voter turnout. Only 25 percent of the student body voted, a 5 percent increase from last year.

"The turnout still isn't good," Cooper said. "We were expecting the turnout to be great. We can all but knock on doors and hand students the ballots."

Cooper attributed the increased turnout to the fact that elections were held in the residence halls rather than the Student Union. Off-campus student voted in the Union.

Robinson Wins Bid For Miss NCCU

Students also elect class officers into student government

By JASON WILLIAMS
EDITOR

While some students contended that the race for the title Miss North Carolina Central University would be highly contested, the vote seemed to prove something else.

Laurie Nichole Robinson, from Fort Washington, Maryland, won the title 182 votes over first runner-up Melanie Brown. Robinson had 355 votes



Robinson

compared to Brown's 173. Tania Butler followed with 169 votes, and there was a tie for fourth between Llaakytedide Atkins and Danielle Houston.

Robinson said during her

campaign that she will serve as a "student, friend, motivator, and an advocate in the community." Robinson also ran under the motto "I'm Every Woman", echoing a hit song by Whitney Houston.

"Doubt says, it's hopeless, but Faith says through God all things are possible," Robinson said during the Miss NCCU pageant Monday.

In other pertinent elections, junior congress member Ginja Massey was successful in her bid to become junior class vice president. Massey defeated Louis "Skip" Perkins by 80 votes.

Massey earned 208 votes to Perkins' 128.

Emily Dickens won the junior class vice president office with 132 votes over Eric Mays who had 84.

Kia Lightly, took sophomore class presidency, with 161. Selena Wynn and Christain DuBoise's had 84 and 82 votes, respectively. Cassandra Palmer's 196 votes led her over Teresa Walker's 130 to become sophomore class treasurer.

Kira J. Baskerville and Melanie Page, running as senior and junior class president, were uncontested in their bid.

Baskerville earned 312 votes. Page earned 204.

Only the senior class voted a full slate in student congress elections. They are: Pamela Harris, Lovette Henderson, Christie Hill, Kimberly Hopson, Carmen Mattocks, Sonja Woods, Jerome McNair, Namia Smith, and Juanita Williams. No one was elected to junior class congress. Three members of the sophomore class congress are Leslie Boyd, Michelle Gathers, and Keitra Musgrave.

Victoria Pearson, Affivia "Amy" Davies, and January Williams will serve as senior, junior, and sophomore class queens respectively.

Congressman Watt Delivers 44th Honors Convocation Address

By JASON WILLIAMS
EDITOR

Rep. Melvin Watt, D-12th District, challenged about 300 hundred people in McLendon-McDouglad Gymnasium today to "understand and learn to speak the language of change and make personal commitments and to pay dividends on investments.

Watt told the audience at the 44th Honors Convocation of students, parents, and faculty that blacks have had a history of success and then a period of decline

He said that there is a pendulum swings between the city of Hope and the valley of Hopelessness. "That has swung backward for the last 12 years," he said.

To get the pendulum swinging again back toward hope again, Watt says the government must provide economic stimulus, investment, and earned income tax credit.

"It takes money to make money,"

Watt said. Watt praised President's Clinton's plan to create 700,000 new jobs. Watt recalled the days of his youth when he worked for minimum wage in a factory. "Some of my friends still work there," Watt said.

Another personal point in Watt's 30-minute message had to do with the importance of government investment in education. "The U.S. invested in me with grants," he said. "It allowed me to become a lawyer."

Watt graduated Phi Beta Kappa in the late 60s' from UNC-CH and earned his law degree from Yale University in 1970.

Watt's urged students to give something back to the community. Watt said that he believes that parents are sending mixed signals to today's youth by telling them to move out rather than stay and build their neighborhood.

Watt attributed his his success in the community to his mentor and role model, NCCU Chancellor Julius

Chambers. "With a moral certainly. . . I would not be a congress member and I would not be speaking here today with the role that Julius Chamber played in my life," Watt said.

Watt said that after law school he could of gone anywhere in the world, including Wall Street. However, Chambers encouraged Watt to make a commitment to his community, he said. Instead of going to Wall Street Watt started working in Chambers first law office in Charlotte. "He told the same thing to Harvey Gantt," Watt said. Gantt, former mayor of Charlotte, made an unsuccessful bid to defeat incumbent senator Jesse Helms during the 1990s' campaign.

Its a message that Watt has passes on.

Recently, Watt's son accepted an offer to work with the Children Defense Fund over another position with a \$10,000 higher salary.

Watt says he proud of his son's public spirited decision.

"Shut 'em down-" Public Enemy

SGA Election '93-94 ****Results****

SGA PRESIDENT		JUNIOR CLASS PRESIDENT	
*Derek Brown	362	*Melanie F. Page	204
*Tyrone Y. Cox	354		
*Mario Glass	358	JUNIOR CLASS VICE PRESIDENT	
		*Emily Dickens	132
		*Eric Mays	84
SGA VICE PRESIDENT		JUNIOR CLASS SECRETARY	
*Debrae Glynn	406	*Michelle Gathers	187
*Robert Harrison	26		
*Sophia Hicks	811	JUNIOR CLASS TREASURER	
*Carol Lawrence	45	*Camille D. Joyner	197
MISS NCCU		MISS JUNIOR	
*Llaakytedide Atkins	173	*Odoree Britt	38
*Melanie Brown	173	*Tiffany C. Burroughs	77
*Tania Butler	169	*Affivia Rey Davies	108
*Danielle Houston	167		
*April McCleary	50	SOPHOMORE CLASS PRESIDENT	
*Wendy Kline-Nair	68	*Christain DuBoise	82
*Laurie Robinson	355	*Kia Lightly	161
*Michelle Robinson	78	*Selena Wynn	82
EDITOR OF EAGLE YEARBOOK		SOPHOMORE CLASS TREASURER	
*Faraha Brewer	1040	*Cassandra Palmer	196
		*Teresa Walker	130
EDITOR OF EXUMBRA		SOPHOMORE CLASS CONGRESS	
*Taniquan Williams	986	*Leslie Boyd	72
		*Michelle Gathers	85
SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT		*Keitra Musgrave	254
*Kira J. Baskerville	312		
SENIOR CLASS VICE PRESIDENT		MISS SOPHOMORE	
*Ginja Beverly Massey	208	*January Williams	100
*Louis "Skip" Perkins	128		
SENIOR CLASS CONGRESS			
*Pamela R. Harris	142		
*Lovette Henderson	126		
*Christina R. Hill	134		
*Kimberly W. Hopson	118		
*Carmen Mattocks	147		
*Sonja N. Woods	162		
*Teresa Walker	130		
*Namia Smith	124		
*Juanita Williams	114		
MISS SENIOR			
*Patricia Lisbon	156		
*Victoria Pearson	176		