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Chamber Lauds Basketball Team

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Julius Chambers met with the basketball team on Tuesday to congratulate them on an outstanding season. Now that the season is over and the end of the semester is near, the chancellor wanted the team to concentrate on their grades.

Chambers told the team that he wanted to provide "any assistance the team needed" to maintain their grades. He also stressed that he wanted the entire team to graduate, saying, "Do not hesitate to ask for help if you need it." Chambers asked returning players to "come back and go all the way next year!"

At the same meeting, Coach Jackson expressed his pride in the Eagle Storm's season. Jackson said, "It was a pleasure to represent the chancellor, as well as the University, in the tournament this year, and we look forward to an outstanding 1993-94 season."

Despite the great accomplishments this year, Jackson has great expectations for next year but says, "They still have a long way to go. I want them to leave feeling they have accomplished something."

The basketball team, along with Coach Jackson and staff assistant coach, R. E. Traynham, had their picture taken with the chancellor in front of the Hoey Administration Building.

Several players expressed high hope for the next season. Junior Larry Crowder speaks of the season as being "great, successful; we all gave 100 percent. I'm disappointed in the way it turned out, but I hope to take it all the way next year."

Bon Vivant Reveal Spring Fashion

By RONDA ROBINSON
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NCCU's fashion society, Bon Vivant presented its Spring Fashion Extravaganza on Monday. The Bon Vivant society consists of over fifteen members and holds one fashion show per semester. The spring fashion show featured Central's best dressed in seven scenes: All Back on Black, Good Ole Days, Daisy Dukes, Present Day Casual, Swimwear, Future, and After 5:00 (male and female). Freshman, Sunshine Anderson and Junior, Jim Harper were show stoppers!

Bon Vivant officers are: president, Lamont Freeman, vice-president, Jim Harper, Secretary, Juanda Scotland, Treasurer, Tania Butler, Commentator, Junelle Gist, and Fashion Show coordinator, Shea Scott. For more information or fashion show details contact a Bon Vivant officer.

Business Major Recieves Chancellor's Award

By JASON WILLIAMS
EDITOR

Congressman Melvin Watt received top billing during the 44th Annual Honors Convocation two weeks ago, while another Eagle received her top billing and soared above the rest.

Marice Grissom, a senior from Winston-Salem, proved that the Eagle isn't any "ordinary barnyard fowl" by winning the Chancellor's Award-



the highest awarded given to an undergraduate student who has the highest GPA after seven cu-

mulative semesters.

Grissom, a Business Administration major concentrating in computer information systems, has a 3.92 GPA and 125 hours.

She's also a Spanish minor and is using this semester to finish the requirement.

"I was very surprised," Grissom said. "I didn't expect it. Because I haven't received straight A's for the past two semesters," she said.

Grissom said she has re-

ceived three B's in Business Law, Decision Sciences, and Spanish's Advanced Grammar and Composition.

Grissom insists that she has no secret for her success.

"There's no secret. I attend class regularly and I do the work assignments. I try not to let the work build up because I'll get very nervous," she said.

After graduation, Grissom will begin her career in computer programming with Wachovia branch in Winston-Salem working with in the Pro-

grammer Associate Training Program with a starting annual salary of \$25,000.

Grissom also plans to pursue a career as a system analyst and eventually own a computer consulting firm—goal she sees achievable within 10 years.

"I've been really lucky," Grissom said. "I've gotten some of the better professors. They've made learning fun."

It also seems they've built upon the assets of another Eagle and have given her some powerful wings so she can fly.

Chambers To Make Final Decision on Runoff Today

By JASON WILLIAMS
EDITOR

Junior Class President Trina Glass and former SGA Vice President Tyrone Cox, both unsuccessful candidates for SGA president, have written letters to Chancellor Chambers appealing the Election's Board's decision denying them a runoff.

After the April 1 election, current SGA vice-president Derek Brown won the election by less than 1% margin. He received 364 votes while Glass and Cox received 358 and 354 votes respectively.

"I think they [the election board] made a decision based on the facts that they found," Brown said. "The people on the board are problem-solving, decision making, credible people."

Brown also said that in a meeting with the chancellor last Wednesday, Chambers said he would review each case and review the constitution found in the Eagle Eye Handbook.

Chambers is scheduled to render his decision today.

Cox's appeal lists four reasons for

a runoff. Cox cites the margin of the election, and claims that some polling stations ran out of ballots and that some ballots were left unattended, the voting time change, and students not being informed of the voting procedures.

To help back his claims, he has gathered 900 student signatures on a petition backing him.

"I, as a student voter, was not properly informed of the new voting process," Cox said.

Rather than all student voting in the Union, students voted in their respective residence halls and off-campus students voted in the Union.

"Taking into consideration the voting time change, the shortage of ballots, and the location of voting, this does not prove to me that only concerned students voted," Glass said.

"I had no reason to believe there wouldn't be a runoff because there was one last year," Cox said, referring to two runoffs last year in the races for sophomore class president and vice president.

However, Brown is against a runoff and questions the petition.

"From my understanding they are just saying, 'sign this,' it would be valid if the people voted," Brown said. "I would poll the people who voted and see what they wanted. The only thing that I'm hearing that it wasn't fair. We were all under the same constraints."

Brown said that the constraints were the four reasons in Cox's letter.

Although the election runoff is still a viable possibility, Brown is making plans for next year.

"If you win you have a responsibility... the next step is setting up the structure of the government—the cabinet and making proposals for the constitution. The overall focus is making SGA a viable part of the university. Right not it's not. It's more promotional. We need to be more governmental and less programming," Brown said.

Although these candidates

have submitted their appeal, student body president Phyllis Jeffers is "adamantly opposed" to a runoff.

In a letter, Jeffers says: "the students who do care have already voted and have indicated that Derek Brown is to be their president."

Jeffers then questions whether the runoff is for "election legitimate or for someone's personal gain."

The Election Board also voiced the same concern: "The students who were concerned have already voted, and they have elected Derek Brown to be their president."

Cox and Glass disagree. "Contrary to what the Election board and the SGA president have stated, a student that did not vote for Derek Brown is not necessarily one without care or concern. Therefore, one must stay away from such generalizations which are based merely upon speculation," Cox said.

"I thought the letter would be objective and not 'adamantly opposed'," Cox said. "These state-

ments are inappropriate for a president to make before an Election board decision."

Jeffers letter is dated April 4, and the Election board met on April 5.

"Why would an 'objective' president make a comment before getting all the information. She shouldn't have imposed her personal views upon the election."

Cox admits that Jeffers had the right to make a decision however, her position was "unethical and partial and had a tremendous impact on the Election Board."

Glass also said that the Election Board merely read their letters and didn't give them the opportunity to voice their opinions in person.

Jeffers also states that there is no "position on runoffs" in the Handbook. Cox and Glass say there is and cites Article IX, Section 2:6 and that the Election Board can

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Jesse Jackson Lends Voice To UNC Black Cultural Center Battle

By RHONDA REESE
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Reverend Jesse Jackson spoke at UNC-Chapel Hill's Memorial Hall last night to lend support to the student's fight for a free standing black cultural center.

Jackson, who recently withdrew his name from consideration as the head of the NAACP, congratulated the students on their initiative and commended them on their perseverance.

"What excites me about this movement is that there you sit in a non-racial peaceful demonstration for change," said Jackson to a packed house.

Jackson also chastised the university's administration.

"The reality is that this battle should be an administrative incentive, not a student protest," he said.

He was quick to point out that most of the university's success in sports has been due in great part

to African-American athletes, yet they are still excluded from front office positions.

"We have not made progress if we have gone from picking cotton balls to simply picking up basketballs, footballs and baseballs," said Jackson urging the students to continue in their fight.

For the past few months, Jackson has actively campaigned against Major League Baseball, urging them to open up their front-office hiring practices to include more minorities.

He and a group of about 300 protestors staged a rally outside of Oriole Park at Camden Yards on opening day to get the attention of President Clinton, who was inside throwing out the first pitch for the Baltimore Orioles.

"You must come alive and send a message to the rest of America that you want a black cultural center, that you want an equal education and that you will not stand for any injustice," said Jackson.

Three leaders in the fight for

the black cultural center, John Bradley, Tim Smith, and Jimmy Hitchcock also spoke.

"We don't have a black cultural center all we have is rhetoric," said Bradley, who is also president of the Black Student Movement. "This system is refusing to educate us about one another, they only want to educate us about one thing."

Hitchcock down played rumors that the protest would get out of control and explained the intentions of the students.

"I am not going to burn down anything, I am not going to tear up anything, but I will sit in, I will scream and I will march until there is a free-standing black cultural center," Hitchcock said.

Bradley said of Rev. Jackson's presence; "I'm excited about the evening, because it will bring a lot of people out and that's what we need."

NCCU's Honda All-Star Champions Venture To California To Compete For National Championship Title

By ROBIN TUCKER
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Some snappy answers have North Carolina Central University's Honda All Star Challenge Quiz Bowl team singing "California, Here I Come."

The team defeated six other collegiate teams to win the southeast sectional tournament and advanced to the national competition in Los Angeles next month.

The NCCU squad, captained by senior political science/History major Randy Johnson defeated Dillard University, West Virginia State University, Shaw University, St. Augustine's College, N.C. A&T State University, and South Carolina Central University in its route to the week long national tournament beginning May 13. Also on the team were senior Business Economic major Joe Smith, sophomore Political Science major Roderick Allison, and freshman biology major Tanisha Tootle (alternate).

NCCU hosted the March 25-28 sectional tournament and was the overall winner, but Morehouse College, Dillard, and West Virginia State also advanced.

The Quiz Bowl challenges four-member collegiate teams to answer questions on a variety of subjects, such as history, literature, national affairs, and popular culture.

The NCCU team, coached by Shirley Harper, an assistant professor in the physical education department, worked hard to prepare for the event, practicing twice a week all semester with an official buzzer. Harper said the team studied from a number of reference books—everything from the Bible to the "Jeopardy Quiz Book"—to prepare for the quiz sessions. The preparation paid off, Harper said. "I felt it was very important to go into the game relaxed; they are a strong group and they worked together."

The team will be going to Los Angeles in the same relaxed mood says team member Allison. "I have never been to California. I'm so excited. I'm going thinking we're going to win."

"Leave bitterness in someone else's cup—"Notozake Shange