

NCCU Hosts Annual College Language Convention

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North Carolina Central University will host the Fifty-fourth Annual Convention and Fifty-seventh Anniversary of the College Language Association (CLA) April 13-16, 1994.

The College Language Association was founded in 1937. The association consists of college teachers of English and Foreign Languages. The members provide a forum for research and discussion of literature and language and teaching strategies.

Among the early members of the CLA are distinguished former faculty members of

NCCU: W. Edward Farrison, Ruth N. Horry, Charles A. Ray and Richard K. Barksdale, who was the president.

Farrison served as the chairperson of the English department during 1938-60; Ray served as the chairperson of the English department during 1960-1979. Arlene Clift-Pellow, the present chairperson of the English department, is a member of the English Curriculum Committee of the CLA.

In 1957, the CLA founded their official quarterly publication—the College Language Journal—at the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Association which met on April 4, 5, and 6, on the cam-

pus of Arkansas A.M. and N. College in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

The journal's main objectives are to publish scholarly articles of merit on a wide variety of authors and literary subjects in America, England and the other nations of the world; and to open its pages, without restrictions, to members and non-members alike who submit acceptable essays for publication.

The CLA Convention will be held at the Omni Durham Hotel and Convention Center. CLA's 1994 theme is "Language and Literature for the Twenty-first Century: Redefining Theory, Practice, and Pedagogy."

The convention will consist of participants who will present essays from colleges and uni-

versities all over the country including our own NCCU.

Among the NCCU professors presenting papers at the CLA convention are Henri Armand, Eric Gant, Barbara Fulks, Francis Nelson, Minnie Sangster, and John Sekora.

Graduates of NCCU who will present papers include Sybil Le Blanc, with a M.A. in English; Donald Ray Jenkins, Debra Walker King, and Linda McNeely-Strong, with B.A.s in English; and Caroll Young, with a B.A. in Spanish. In addition, Jenkins, Strong, and Young have since received Ph.D.s.

Students are welcome to attend any of the sessions held during the convention free of

charge; however, the banquet costs \$20.00 per student. English majors/minors and Foreign Language majors/minors who are willing to offer their assistance during the convention will be given complimentary tickets to the banquet.

Students are encouraged to join the College Language Association. The membership fee of \$18.00 includes a subscription to the official quarterly CLA journal.

Faculty, staff, and students with questions are encouraged to contact Dr. Arthrell Sanders, CLA host committee chairperson, located in the English department, room 305, or called at 560-5359 or 560-6221.

General Walls Speaks To Students

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ATTENTION! STAND STRAIGHT AND LISTEN UP . . . Yessir! The general is speaking to NCCU after spring break.

General George H. Walls Jr., executive assistant to Chancellor Chambers and a retired U.S. Marine Corps general, will speak to NCCU's entire student body on Thursday, April 17, from 12:40 to 2:00 p.m. at the Walker Complex Auditorium. He will address Air Force ROTC Detachment 585 cadets and all other interested NCCU students

and faculty.

Walls brings a wealth of leadership experience, community involvement and a sense of duty to NCCU's campus for all to emulate. Teamwork, hard work and extremely high standards characterized his 28 years in the Marine Corps.

Just a year before he retired in 1993, he commanded the joint task force which provided humanitarian relief to Haitian immigrants in Cuba.

Walls will speak to some of the leadership challenges involved with the Haitian Humanitarian

Relief effort at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Afterward, he will open a dialogue with the audience and answer questions concerning the Haitian effort, leadership, minorities in the military and other topics.

This spring, AFROTC cadets are surveying the entire campus for handicap accessibility to all buildings, insuring they all have adequate ramps, doors, signs and parking to aid handicapped students and visitors to NCCU.

Even if you are not AFROTC, don't miss Walls' speech. **THAT'S AN ORDER!**

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interest in mind; yet her comment about them not having much say obviously shows that Burnette does not respect the students' wishes. In the same article, Burnette again shows a lack of concern when asked what she would do if a majority of students voted in favor of her resigning. Burnette said she "probably would just laugh." If Burnette truly has the best interest of the students of the school district in mind then it would seem that she would pay more attention to what the students have to say.

I stand in favor of an immediate resignation by LaVonda Burnette from the Board of Education. My position may be viewed unfavorably in the Black community. Burnette, who serves as the vice-president for the local chapter of the NAACP, has the support of that prestigious

organization and the Black community in general. Burnette's supporters have suggested that the issue of whether she should remain on the school board is racial rather than ethical. I challenge this assumption. I remind those supporters that two other African-American board members have never met opposition during their service. LaVonda Burnette misrepresented herself as a concerned young woman striving for an education, capable of serving on the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education.

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