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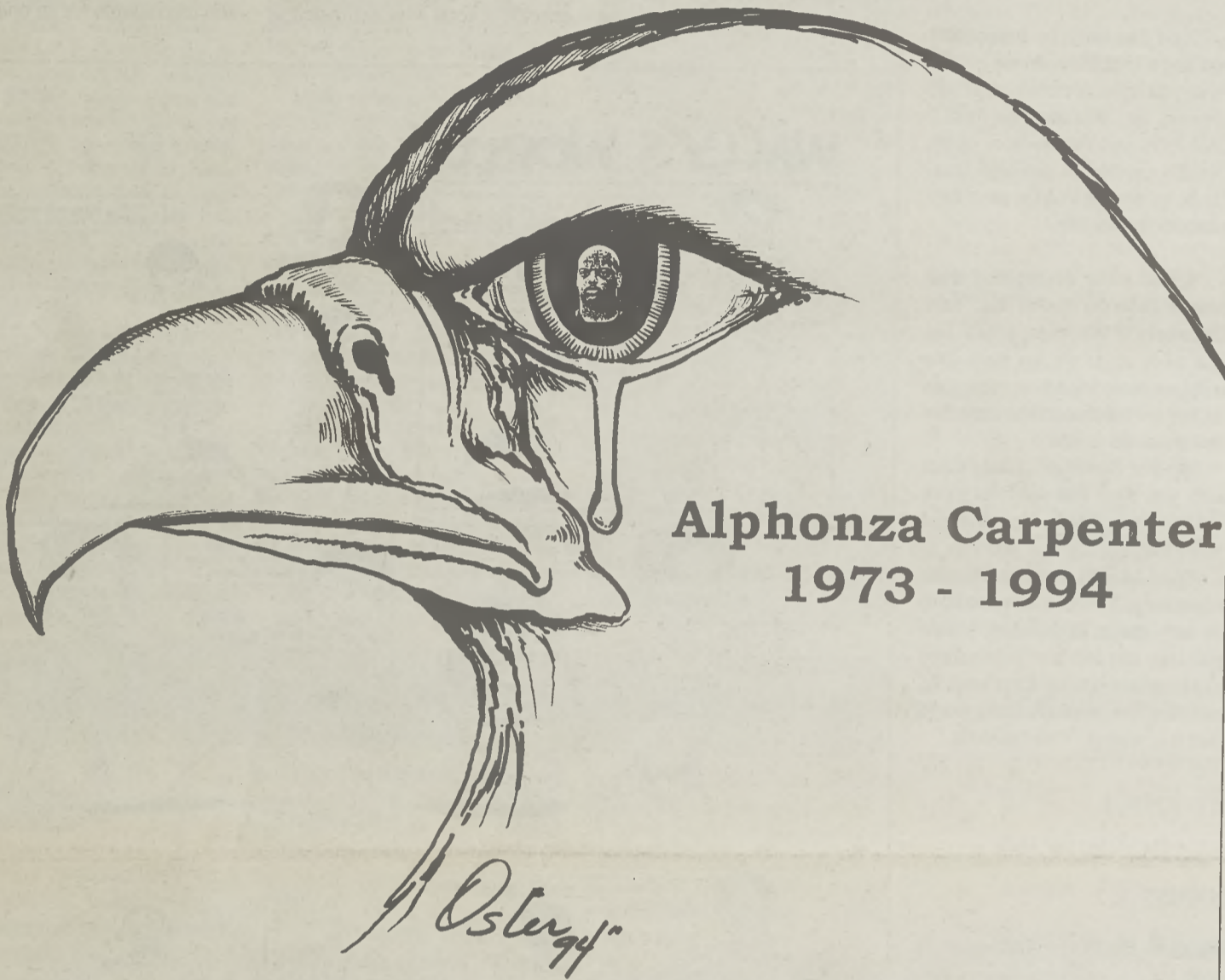
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Alphonza Carpenter  
1973 - 1994

The artist, James Osler, is a Durham native who earned his B.A. degree in 1990 and his graduate degree in Educational Technology in 1991, both from NCCU. He is the assistant director of the Learning Resources Center. He uses his

artistic ability for University-related endeavors, and has a portrait of Martin Luther King on permanent display in the Elder Student Union. This drawing will be presented to Al Carpenter's family in memory of our fellow student.

## Congressman to speak Saturday at NCCU

NC Congressman Mel Watt headlines speakers at a conference in the Research Triangle area on global and domestic violence.

The conference, "FACING OUR OWN GUNS: The True Cost of Weapons Proliferation at Home and Abroad," will be held at NCCU's Student Union on Saturday, October 8, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Other speakers include Vincent Cobb of the Institute of Policy Studies and Dallas Jackson, Project on Militarization and Democracy.

NCCU Chancellor Julius Chambers will open the conference.

The conference will focus on educating participants and their communities on the links between violence in our streets and weapons sales abroad.

Particular stress will be placed on the politics of power and inequality, on developing new strategies and alliances to work for domestic and international peace, on creating ongoing plans to continue education around these issues, and on pressing for legislative initiatives.

Workshop topics cover arms manufacturers and sales, linking arms trade and guns at home, moving to a peace economy, violence in our communities, and ending nuclear weapons proliferation.

They will be led by the listed speakers as well as by Barbara Earls from NC Fair Share, Timothy McKeown from UNC-Chapel Hill, and Scott Nathanson from Peace Action's national office.

The final session will include a panel of students from area universities and is designed to develop strategies for future action.

Addressing the problem of weapons proliferation, Bill Towe, conference organizer and state president of NC Peace Action states, "We flood the world with weapons and suffer a flood of weapons at home. We employ the use of force to solve international problems and live in an increasingly violent culture.

"We spend billions of our tax dollars on all the security weapons can buy and suffer an insecure future.

"The questions that will be addressed in this conference are not just timely, but overdue as a major problem of our day.

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## NCCU honors true Eagle

By Terri Boykin  
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NCCU gathered for the second time in as many years to mourn the loss of one of its own, Alphonza Carpenter.

B.N. Duke Auditorium slowly filled with students, faculty, staff, family and friends of Al, who died Tuesday, Sept. 27, from a blood clot in the lungs, resulting from his broken leg.

The rich burgundy curtains around the stage and the softly gleaming silver organ pipes made the auditorium seem more of a church than stage. People came in quietly, alone or in groups, dressed up or in jeans, but all hoping to come to grips with this unforeseen tragedy.

The audience stood respectfully as Al's two families - blood relatives and teammates - filed in together. Milton Lewis, assistant dean of student Life, set the theme

of the service with his prayer: "May we be inspired to live the kind of life Al Carpenter did."

Born May 5, 1973, in Raleigh, North Carolina, he joined the Pilot Missionary Baptist Church at an early age and served faithfully.

Al graduated from Athens Drive High School in Raleigh, competing with the football, wrestling and track & field teams, and earning Academic All-Conference honors in his senior year.

Roderick Allison, president of the senior class, read from the Old Testament scripture, Isaiah 40: 27-31. Then Victor Davis, resident director of Eagleson Dormitory, read Phillipians 4:4-16, a New Testament scripture.

The N.C. Central University Choir sang several songs, stirring the souls of those gathered, making their emotional control give way. "Soon will be done" began

to break the walls, and halfway through the second selection, "Ring dem Bells," soloist Ayanna Smith's heart-rending voice had people sniffing and eyes wet. Tears rolled down men's cheeks as they listened to the choir raise everyone's spirit through their sound. "That is still the best choir in the world," said Chancellor Julius Chambers.

Al was a senior criminal justice major at NCCU. He played center for the Eagle football team and provided a valuable leadership role as the team's co-captain. He was a member of the American Criminal Justice [Honor] Association Lambda Alpha Epsilon (Alpha Chi Omega Chapter), the Raleigh/Apex Chapter NAACP, and was recently inducted into the National Honor Society.

He worked as a Team Leader for two Summer Youth Programs for the City of Raleigh, as a security guard at York Properties, as a volunteer with the Homeless

Shelter in Raleigh, and was a member of Explorer Post No. 6, a junior academy for the Raleigh Police Department.

Tonia Hicks, president of SGA, read a resolution from the SGA and the administration of NCCU. She also announced that the SGA and the senior class would make a contribution to the scholarship fund in Al's name. The chancellor then gave a similar resolution from NCCU Board of Trustees. These resolutions are a formal acknowledgement of Al's contributions and of how much he will be missed by the organizations. A copy of each will be given to his family.

Al planned to attend either law school or graduate school after graduation.

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