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# Model U.N. comes to NCCU

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From March 2- March 5, NC Central University will play host to the sixth annual Model United Nations. This year's Model U.N. will be held at the Omni Hotel and Convention Center. It will include representatives from 12 of North Carolina's historically black colleges and universities.

Properly called the North Carolina Consortium for International Intercultural Education / Triangle Universities Securities Seminar Model United Nations, the model U.N. gives students an opportunity to become familiar with international issues, providing a hands-on, realistic approach towards how the United Nations operates.

"There will be bargaining based on diplomatic trade off," said Eugene Eaves, dean of University Colleges and director of International Programs. "Rather than read about it, you get to know."

Eaves added that the Model U.N. is a simulation of the real United Nations in which students become ambassadors or delegates for a U.N. country.

As ambassadors, they will be required to act in ways befitting that country, to be played out in a series of meetings of the three committees of the U.N. General Assembly and the Security Council.

Student ambassadors were encouraged to research on the culture, government, economy, and history

of their chosen country as well as watch the news and read the newspaper.

"They have to get in the mindset of that country," said Eaves.

Among the students participating are Kipchoge "Kip" Ryan, Anthony Mitchell, Gilbert Sherwood, Crystal Jones, and Steve Allen.

Ryan, who is the Secretary General, will open the session, and give the welcoming address. This will be his fourth straight Model U.N.

Highlights of the Model U.N. include greetings from Chancellor Julius Chambers and the keynote address by Amos Bernard Muvengwa Midzi, ambassador to the United States.

Eaves hopes to continue to raise an awareness of international issues after the Model U.N. He plans to help form a U.N. club or International Studies Club as well as submit a proposal to internationalize NCCU.

"We should look beyond," says Eaves. "We should have a climate that is more intellectually inquisitive."

This year's Model U.N. also marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the U.N. Association. Founded by Robert Ryan, the model U.N. has over 60,000 participants in the U. S. Two-thirds of them are high school students.

Collegiate model U.N. programs began to grow only recently. "The number of chapters has nearly

doubled in the past decade from about 500 in 1985 to nearly 1,000 today," according to Jim Muldoon, director of Model United Nations and youth programs at the U.N. Association of the United States of America.

"Chapters range in size from 12 members at Saint Louis University to more than 250 at Harvard University."

Since the end of the Cold War, rising interest is being focused upon the model U.N. This, in addition to the rapid turn to democracy overseas, has made it a force to be reckoned with.

The purpose of the U.N. Association is to promote awareness of the United Nations and its programs. It is a non-profit group.

## Education gets dean

By Angela Lindsay  
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A new dean for the School of Education was approved Feb. 22 by the Board of Trustees. An interim dean has filled the position for over two years, since the retirement of Walter Brown.

Sammie Campbell Parrish spent three years as assistant state superintendent for the N.C. Department of Public Instruction and became superintendent of Cleveland Public Schools in 1992. She is taking over for interim dean Carolyn Whitted.

Parrish, a native of Washington, D.C., earned a bachelor's degree from Illinois State University, a master's from Virginia Polytechnic, and a doctorate of education from the University of Virginia.

She has been accredited with a Cleveland school-reform package that establishes 26 community model schools with curricula designed by parents.

## Going round and round . . .



Students from NC Central's Child Development Lab play on campus with their teachers, from left: Kim Moore and Sarah Straud. The NCCU-CDL provides Early Childhood Education majors an opportunity to get practical experience, while giving the children an abundance of one-on-one attention.

## Trustee nominated for UNC board

Echo staff

A member of N. C. Central University's Board of Trustees has been nominated for a seat on the University of North Carolina Board of Governors.

David Stith's appointment, if approved, would fill one of the 16 vacancies on the 32-member board, which governs the 16-campus UNC system.

Stith is currently serving his second two-year term. He is chairman of the Trustee-Student Relations Committee.

Stith's stint on the NCCU Board of Trustees has had moments of controversy. In 1968, two armed bodyguards accompanied him to a board meeting when it was reported that he was the target of threats.

Stith has also been critical of the use of campus facilities, university police and towing activities.

## Honors convocation rescheduled

By Terri Boykin  
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The date for the 1995 Honors Convocation has been changed from Friday, April 7, to Wednesday, April 5, in McLendon-McDougald Gymnasium at 11 a.m., according to the Honors Convocation Committee.

The guest speaker, Samuel D. Proctor, who spoke at the Chancellor's inauguration in 1993, is a professor of the practice of Christian ministry at Duke Divinity School.

Proctor has also served in ad-

ministrative positions with the Peace Corps in Nigeria and Washington, and is a member of the governing boards of the United Negro College Fund. He has been awarded honorary doctor's degrees from 45 colleges and universities.

The parents of those receiving awards will be mailed an invitation, but all parents are invited to attend, said Ruth Kennedy, chair of the Honors Convocation committee.

Hundreds are honored at each convocation, yet student participation has been low, said Kennedy.

To encourage more student turnout, Kennedy said a class procession will begin the festivities.

Each class of the University will march as a group into the gym. The class with the most students present will have an academic scholarship donated in its name.

A new award this year will recognize a student who has attended college against tremendous odds, regardless of academic achievement, leadership or service, Kennedy said.

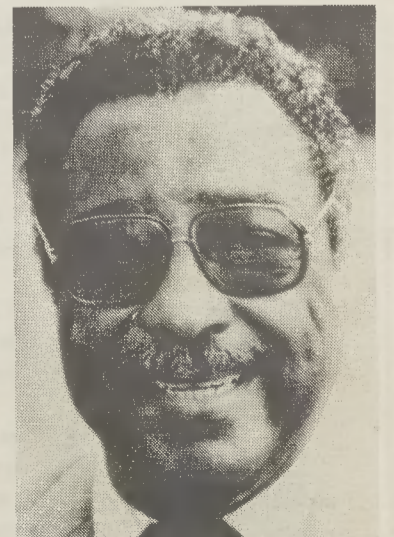
Honors week will begin with a talent show on Mon., April 3. The

convocation committee is recruiting a major talent, said Kennedy.

The Undergraduate Research Symposium will be held on Tuesday.

*ho's Who in American Colleges and Universities* award winners will be honored on Thursday at 10:40, and the leadership and service awards banquet follows that night at 7:00.

Friday, April 7, is Student Appreciation Day. Each teacher has been asked to do something that day to show all their students they are appreciated.



Samuel D. Proctor