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**Eagle Country** by Dustin Harewood



**Speak Your Mind!**

**Get Involved**

"Did she contact the disease from the library and is it safe?" is the question surrounding the death of J.E. Shepard Librarian Patricia Cole Haith.

Lack of research on the origin, causes and treatment of Legionnaire's disease has baffled the general public with the question, "Where can you come in contact with the Legionella bacteria?"

Take a Deep Breath...and Relax.

In order to reassure the safety of its students and faculty, N.C. Central University voluntarily closed the library and contacted Pathcon Laboratories to perform safety tests within the library on August 18, 1995.

Unfortunately, results did confirm the presence of Legionella bacteria in eight, out of an unspecified number of samples. University officials immediately implemented safety procedures, such as those suggested by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

An air quality compliance program was implemented, cooling and heating systems were checked, entry of air contaminants was restricted, cooling towers were decontaminated and carpets were thoroughly cleaned.

So what does this information mean to the general public? Quite simply, it means that the university was only performing precautionary measures when they closed the library to complete their safety analysis.

All this information and technical talk is not intended to make people psychosomatic, but to regain the confidence in the university's ability to provide a safe learning environment.

After all the recent procedures implemented at the library, it is probably the safest place on our campus.

But, a funny thing happened while I was doing research for this editorial. Several problems "came to light" about inadequacies of the library. One major concern is the vast amount of books that are out-of-date, and those that lack the information they originally contained because they have been cut out!

Stop having anxiety attacks regarding the safety of the campus library, and focus more attention on helping Chancellor Chambers generate funds to upgrade the educational materials that it contains.

Derrick Armstead,  
Features Editor

**OPINIONS**

**Apathy wreaking havoc in our lives**

By T. Anthony Frazier

The twin evils of "I don't care" and "I don't know" invade our community like cancer and eats away until it chokes the very life out of our community.

Accountability can't be disregarded in our communities and racism is no excuse for not exercising personal responsibility in your own life. The very structures that should be about the business of providing a normal well-being for all its citizens in any community are deficient. This cancer which draws its strength from ignorance and apathy wreaks havoc on our value system.

Where is our outrage at the fact that AIDS is the number one killer of young African-American women, our mortality rate at birth is higher than some Third World nations.

The number one killer of young African-American men is other young African-American men. Their greatest threat isn't people with hoods and sheets but someone who looks just like them.

Where is our outrage at the fact

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that we are being destroyed inside our own communities?

The use of scapegoats prevents us from confronting reality and finding solutions to kill this cancer. We're the majority of people locked up in the penal institutions in America and the building of prisons has become a national pastime.

If we can be so outraged at forces outside our community, why aren't we outraged for allowing conditions such as these to exist?

Let us eradicate the word "generation gap" from our vocabulary. The younger generation does great harm to itself when it disregards past achievements of the older generation. We must understand the blood, sweat, toil, and tears wasn't for nothing. The

privileges and rights we have today didn't come easy and we stand on the previous generation's shoulders.

We, of the younger generation, must weave what occurred yesterday and what occurs today into a new garment. When we put this new garment on our backs, we will be able to face tomorrow with a new vision and a renewed purpose.

Life isn't a remote journey or a thrill ride. Just as we were born in the daylight, our nightfall shall come. When nightfall arrives it will be too late to ask for more daylight. You must give meaning and purpose to your life while daylight exists. To base your life on material possessions with no substance in your soul is fruitless. Values are the tools by which you

succeed in this life.

Our community's real achievement and greatness will only be derived from a positive self-image.

No community is destroyed without first destroying itself from within. This cancer of apathy and ignorance produces seeds which give life to a bitter harvest for which we have ourselves to blame.

I'm reminded of a quote by the Jewish theologian Abraham Joshua Heschel concerning moral outrage in this society. "We must continue to remind ourselves that in a free society, all are involved in what some are doing. Some are guilty, all are responsible." It is all too easy to stand aside or look the other way and claim it doesn't affect you. Even in your silence, you're implicated in whatever ills befall our community.

The challenge and the task lies in front of each of us to complete the mission of those who came before us. Let us draw strength from the words of the old spiritual "Walk together children, don't you get weary."

**Now's the time to conquer foreign language phobia**

By Michael J. Johnson  
Spanish Instructor

Do you suffer from foreign language phobia? If so, don't be upset because there are several hundred students who have this fear.

Foreign languages are somewhat intimidating, confusing, challenging, and of course "foreign." For your information, there are more than 376 million Spanish speakers in the world today, and this number is increasing. This makes Spanish one of the fastest growing languages in the world and in the United States.

We are living in a global society. A society that consists of many people. And languages are part of society. An article by Rep. Toby Roth, says there are more than 100 languages spoken in the city of Chicago alone. This leaves Americans in a very debatable situation.

Should the United States have one language?

According to the American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, phobia is defined as a persistent, illogical fear of a specific thing or situation, or any strong fear, intense fear or aversion. Do you have any of these symptoms?

Foreign language phobia can occur in the early stages of education, but it is known to be more noticeable in the teenage years.

This fear can continue for years especially among adults and college students who are required to study, speak, write, and read a second language.

Here are several suggestions to treat this phobia. Dr. Thomas Hammond, professor of French for more than 19 years and department head at North Carolina Central

University, "strongly believes that it is imperative to practice daily in the classroom as well as out of the classroom setting, but most of all foreign language learning is a lifetime process that takes dedication and repetition."

Another suggestion by Dr. Pellow, Professor of French, "states that it is necessary to learn and study daily, learn cognates immediately, and study at least five expressions per day so that at the end of the semester your ability to speak the language is satisfactory."

Dr. John Harrington, Professor of German, "states that it, clearly a phobia, it takes application, the more you practice the better you are with it; practicing the target language and hearing it spoken is important especially during leisure time."