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Summer's song ends with familiar schooltime theme

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It could have been those back to school sales posted in almost every department store you walked into.

Or maybe it was your parents, suddenly dropping hints, occasionally asking, "Are you packed yet?"

If you still did not have a clue, it's possible that your attention should have turned to your younger siblings who were discussing future decoration plans for your room.

Yes, its true, summer has ended.

Let the trumpet sound, North Carolina Central is charging full speed ahead into the academic school year.

How about that, not much has changed since last year.

The line to the financial aid is extremely long, you were housed no where near your classes, and if that wasn't enough, due to construction you haven't anywhere on campus to park your car.

Nevertheless, you are remaining strong, school is now in session and you're for whatever comes your way...right?

A progressive year in all areas of academics is the main objective at North Carolina Central.



Construction on campus: A sign of good things to come.

"I hope the university will become as competitive as any other in the country," said Julius L. Chambers, who serves as chancellor.

Objectives for the chancellor range from an increase in money for scholarships to creating a diverse atmosphere on campus.

Needless to say, the chancellor has his work cut out for him, but says that all is done for the benefit of the students at NCCU..

Now that students are settled into dormitory rooms and classes, finally able to see financial aid counselors and

the cafeteria is as good as to be expected, is everyone readjusted to school?

Junior Monica Crooks looks at her remaining two years as a Political Science major with great optimism.

"I'm already gaining a good education, but after graduation I hope to be ready for the outside world," says Crooks.

Kecia Thompson, a freshman from Beaumont, Texas said she hopes her first year will go well. "Its a different experience from being at home," Thompson said.

"But I'm enjoying the year so far."

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Fran leaves rooms in disarray after unwelcome visit to Baynes

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The wind howled, the lights flickered, windows rattled and rooms were so badly flooded that Noah's Arc was in demand.

Hurricane Fran uprooted trees, knocked down powerlines, and demolished homes beyond recognition. The dorms of North Carolina Central also had a taste of her wrath.

Baynes dorm suffered heavy flooding.

However, Hurricane Fran was not totally to blame for the destruction

Pipe failure also contributed to room flooding.

Eugena Stemmers, along with a team of other young women leading the clean up, dilligently swept three inches of water out of rooms into the hall.

Stemmers shook her head and her broom from the accumulated water and appeared weary from the task. "Good Lord," Stemmers said, "Don't get me started. This is ridiculous here."

She was not the only angry resident in Baynes who had questions about water leak-

Students suffering extensive loss from Hurricane Fran should contact FEMA at:

1-800-462-9029

age, lack of preparation and the whereabouts of the administration.

Karla Nelson, the graduate resident assistant at Baynes, was totally awed by a group of residents who refused to cooperate.

"It was just a bad night," Nelson said.

"One thing I did not like was that people did not respect the position of the GRA's and RA's."

Once the doors were unlocked at the student union sometime after 3:30 a.m., the majority of students followed Nelson's advice and entered the Union.

Kenya Thomas, the GRA from Eagleson, said organization and preparation was the main key in helping residents through the storm.

Luckily Baynes was the only dorm with major damage.

NCCU law ranks high among NC schools

Echo reports

Law students rank the quality of student life at North Carolina Central University higher than other North Carolina law students, a recent magazine study reveals.

National Juris, a magazine for and about law school students, gave the Washington and Lee law school first place across the nation.

Of the North Carolina law schools, Wake Forest University ranked 24th overall, Duke University 72nd, Campbell University 83rd, NCCU 92nd and UNC-Chapel Hill 154th.

The survey covered 170 law schools.

Elements of the quality of life survey were the existence of a strong sense of community among students and equal treatment for women and minority law students.

NCCU's score on that scale was 21.79, Wake Forest's 19.95, Duke 20.80, Campbell 19.58 and UNC's 20.23.

The average quality of life score for the overall top ten law schools nationally was 24.6

National Juris' study of women law students last year gave NCCU a number one ranking.

The other two scales used in the 1996 law school study were faculty and facilities.

NCCU students gave a 24.19 rating to their faculty.

Wake Forest students gave

their teachers at 24.42 rating, Campbell students a 23.71 score, Duke students a 23.15 score and UNC students a 22.64 score.

NCCU's students gave their faculty a 3.21 score for diversity, third highest in the nation.

The lowest ranking schools on the diversity question were Harvard, the University of California at Berkeley and the University of Chicago.

In the facilities category, NCCU's students gave the school a relatively low 17.95 score.

UNC students also rated facilities toward the low end of the scale, while Wake Forest's facility ratings totaled 25.31, Campbell's 21.75 and Duke's 21.71.



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Back in the swing of things.

At the beginning of each year, students rush to the University bookstore to check on required texts for class. These students athletes wait in line for book vouchers from the NCCU Student Store.