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Three new members join NCCU trustees

Echo Reports

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors elected three new members of the North Carolina Central University Board of Trustees on (March 14) and re-elected Ralph K. Frasier to the Board.

Frasier, who is a Columbia, Ohio banker, is a member of the NCCU class of 1963 and received his law degree from NCCU in 1965.

The three new members are Maynard H. Jackson, former mayor of Atlanta, who received his law degree from NCCU in 1965; Valeria L. Lee, who was a 1996 Democratic primary candidate for N.C. Secretary of State and is a program officer with Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, a 1961 graduate of NCCU; and Kenneth Olden, director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

Six positions on the Board of Trustees are filled every two years, with members limited to two consecutive terms. Two of the positions are filled by the Governor of North Carolina and four are elected by the Board of Governors of the system.

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Eagles set to leave nest

In less than two weeks, many students will shed their undergraduate garments and take the initiative to join the real world. Yes, the real world. That mystical place that professors haphazardly spoke of, and where daddy gets the funds to pay your tuition. No more late nights at Plum Crazy, no more calling home to mom when the refrigerator has little more than ice. Well, never fear. The Campus Echo will not let you leave nirvana without one last look at the sheer bliss of the past four years. Inhale these pages like fresh air and reminisce.

SGA elects new officers

Echo Staff

Winners of the North Carolina Central University Student Government Association general election, which was held in April, are gearing up to take their positions next academic year.

Catilla Everette, who served as SGA vice president, will serve as president.

Her election by the undergraduate student body makes her a member of the NCCU Board of Trustees, ex officio, with voting rights.

William Bryant, Jr. of Hendersonville will serve as her vice president.

Cheryl Wood, of Roxboro, will serve as Miss North Carolina Central University.

A total of 518 students voted in that contest.

Class officers were also selected:

Temika Smith, Senior Class president; T. Lynette Shackelford, Junior Class President and Faith Anderson, Sophomore Class President.

U.S. Transportation Secretary to address May grads

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Rodney Slater, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, will be the principle speaker for the North Carolina Central University commencement exercises on May 10.

Slater, who grew up in Marianna, Ark., was Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration at the time of his Feb. 14 appointment as Secretary of Transportation.

During his tenure as Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Slater oversaw the establishment of the National Highway System.

This 160,000-mile road network is expected to have a similar impact on 21st century America as the Interstate Highway system has on the present.

He was a member of the Arkansas State Highway Commission from 1987 to 1992, and was chairman of the



Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater
commission in 1992.

He has also served as Director of Government Relations at Arkansas State University, Executive Assistant to the (Ark.) Governor for Economic and Community Programs, the Arkansas Governor's Special Assistant for Community and Minority Affairs, and Assistant Attorney General in the Litigation Division of the Arkansas State Attorney General's Office.

He was also the Arkansas

liaison for the Martin Luther King, Jr., Federal Holiday Commission.

Marianna, Ark., is in one of the poorest areas in the United States. Slater held his first paying job at age six, working alongside his mother in the cotton field in order to buy a bicycle.

He graduated from Eastern Michigan University, where he was captain of the football team and a member of the university's national champion forensics team.

He earned his law degree from the University of Arkansas.

Eastern Michigan University presented Slater its Black Alumni Achievement Award in 1994 and awarded him an honorary doctorate in 1996.

He has received the President's Award from the National Bar Association, and has been named "Arkansas Hero," by the Arkansas Times magazine.



The Sports Year in Review

The Campus Echo salutes all student-athletes enrolled at NCCU who constantly strive to compete on the playing field as well as in the classroom. Now, sit back and read about some of the more interesting and memorable sports moments from this past year! page 18.