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Eagles in flight

Editor's note: The Campus Echo will publish in this column brief news items on current and former members of the NCCU community. Our goal is to let you know about significant and interesting achievements of the university's students, faculty, staff and alumni. We will publish news of awards and honors, internships, full-time jobs, graduate study, significant out-of-state travel and other information that will show the full range of activities by the Eagle family. If you have something you would like to be included in Eagles in Flight, please call us (560-6504) or drop by our newsroom in 319 Farrison-Newton Communications Building. We prefer to have submissions in writing, and you must include your name and local telephone number so that we can verify information.

Students

The Institute for the Study of Minority Issues at North Carolina Central University has published *Deliver Us From Pollution: The Warren County PCB Protests* by **Victor Blue**, a graduate student studying history....**Joy Harrell**, a senior English major from Asheville, N.C., and **Tim McMillan**, a graduate student studying public administration from Lumberton, N.C., have been awarded the Ted L. Drain Community Service Award, worth \$200....**Bria Culp**, a sophomore English major from Washington, D.C., interned with the Department of Labor-Mine Safety and Health Administration last summer, and designed a Certificate of Training database used to certify miners nationwide....**Tonia A. Cutchin**, a senior business major from Rocky Mount, and **Amanda I. Harvey**, a senior business major from New Bern, N.C. received \$1,500 each from the Raleigh-Durham chapter of the National Black MBA Association last May....

Faculty

Kyle Serba, sports information director, has been selected as the 1996-97 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Sports Information Director of the Year....Five faculty have received NCCU's Awards for Teaching Excellence, worth \$2,500 each: **Dr. Kofi Amoateng**, School of Business; **Xavier Cason**, department of music; **Dr. Francesina Jackson**, School of Education; **Dr. Mary F. Volger**, department of modern foreign languages; and **Dr. Carlton Wilson**, department of history....**Dr. Courtney Ferguson** of the School of Business received the Board of Governors Award for Teaching Excellence from the University of North Carolina system; the award is worth \$7,500....

Alumni



Dena Moss, '96, a first-year student at Southeastern Theological Seminary, worked with students at the Katito Baptist Church in Kenya last summer. She lives in Raleigh.
Tonya M. Gerald, '97, was one of 37 graduate and undergraduate students, postdoctoral fellows, medical students, and medical school residents who received the 1997 AACR Minority Scholar Awards in Cancer Research....**C. T. Woods-Powell** has been named acting director of Duke University's Mary Lou Williams Center for Black Culture....**Pam Jackson** is a candidate for the Wake County Board of Education 7th District seat....

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NCCU appoints new director of Biomedical Research Institute

by **Melody Edwards**
Staff Writer

After a two-year search, a leading research scientist has been chosen to head the new Biotechnology/Biomedical Research Institute at North Carolina Central University.
Dr. Ken R. Harewood, who currently teaches molecular biology at Florida A&M University, will officially begin his new position in January 1998.
"I feel really honored," Harewood said. "This is a unique opportunity to make a difference."
Originally from Barbados, Harewood first became exposed to the sciences while in New York. He said since then he has always had a desire to expand his interest in the biological world.
Harewood received his undergraduate degree in biology from New York University, and his master's and doctoral degrees from the City University of New York.
Harewood said one of his goals for NCCU's

'We should expose kids as early as possible to the many options available in the biological sciences. There is a whole other world out there that students do not get exposure to.'

Ken Harewood
Director, Biomedical Institute

collaborating," he said. He pointed out that research projects are usually carried out by more than one person. "There is no scientist who has accomplished anything on their own," he said.
Besides teaching at Florida A&M University, Harewood also serves as director of the Hughes Program, which provides students with grants for outreach support and more access to experts in the sciences.
Harewood has contributed much in the area of biological sciences. From 1971 to 1994, he worked as a research scientist with Pfizer, Inc., conducting research related to viruses, retroviruses, biotechnology and molecular biology.
Harewood established the first recombinant DNA laboratory at Pfizer and developed the first FDA-approved recombinant DNA process for a food ingredient, bovine chymosin.
In 1989, Harewood was named one of the highest achievers among black executives in the pharmaceutical and health-care industries.
From 1971 to 1994, Harewood managed a
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UNC system head visits campus



UNC system president Molly Broad, right, meets Chancellor Julius Chambers during a reception in honor of her visit to North Carolina Central University during the semiannual Board of Trustees meeting on Sept. 24.
Staff photo by Paul Phipps

Building projects get funds

From staff reports

North Carolina Central University will receive about \$14.8 million for much-needed building renovations and repairs as part of the General Assembly's budget approved last month.
NCCU will get \$3 million NCCU received to help renovate B.N. Duke Auditorium. The university also received \$10.5 million for repairs on five other buildings on campus.
Another \$1.3 million will be used to help renovate the Lee Biology Building.
More than \$180 million were allotted to the 16 colleges and universities in the UNC system.
Several buildings under construction on campus, including the Biomedical-Biotechnical Research Center and new Chidley Dorm, are being financed with state money from last year's budget.

NCCU awarded NEH grant

From staff reports

North Carolina Central University received a \$24,648 competitive grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.
NCCU will use the grant to help Durham school teachers and visiting scholars conduct a study about free blacks after the Civil War.
NCCU is one of three Triangle institutions to receive the grant. UNC-Chapel Hill and the National Humanities Center at Research Park also received grants.

Bledsoe heads for Wesleyan College

From Staff reports

Dr. Tyrone Bledsoe, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs at North Carolina Central University, will leave his post this fall and head to N. C. Wesleyan College, in Rocky Mount.
At N. C. Wesleyan College

Bledsoe will work as vice president for student life.
Bledsoe is scheduled to leave NCCU on November 4. He replaced **Arthur Afflect**, who now works as president of Education Consulting Services.
Bledsoe, who arrived on campus in 1995, has held the post of vice

chancellor for student affairs for less than two years.
Before coming to NCCU in 1995, Bledsoe worked at Georgia Southwestern State University.
While at NCCU, Bledsoe was instrumental in organizing a chapter of the Student African-American Brotherhood.

New dining services debut in student union

by **Evelyn Howell**
Staff Writer

Students who want a variety of dining services will no longer have to leave campus. Beginning Oct. 1, The Eagle's Nest will open a food court featuring four eateries: Pizza Inn, Li'l Dino's, Strutters Chicken and Firehouse Grill. The food court will be located in the lower level of the Alphonso Elder Student Union.
Robert Bechdol, Operations Director of FDY Marriott at North Carolina Central University said the food court is "a whole new program."
"This should enhance our dining program at NCCU," he said. "This seems to be what the students want."
The Eagle Nest menu will offer a variety of foods, including chicken, roast beef, steak, club sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs and french fries.

The food court will also have a beverage bar that will offer hot and cold drinks, and gourmet coffee.
"Our goal is to provide equitable service to faculty and students at NCCU," Bechdol said. "Faculty and students will be privy to competitive prices as well as be able to fax in their orders."
Students will be able to use their eagles express cards at the court.
"It's about time!" said **Janelle Morrow**, an NCCU graduate student. "This will bring variety and convenience to students because not everyone goes to the cafeteria."
"It's a nice change from what we are used to," she said.
"It's best to have a variety, and it will be right here on campus," said **Thomas Blakely**, a sophomore English-Electronic Media major.
Although The Eagle's Nest opened yesterday, its Grand Opening is scheduled for next Friday.