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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

Nzinga Poteat was selected to be on the 1997 All-CIAA women's cross country Team....Tim McMillan, a graduate student studying public administration from Lumberton, N.C., has been awarded the Ted L. Drain Community Service Award, worth \$200....Daffny Jones, a senior biology major from Roanoke Rapids, N.C. studied biology at the University of Singapore for 12 weeks during the summer as a MARC Scholar....Zarrah Forbes, a senior volleyball player, has been named CIAA Rookie of the Week....Rena Armwood made the USCA volleyball All-Tournament team in Aiken, S. C. Oct. 17-18....

Faculty and staff

Dr. George P. Wilson Sr., chair of the Criminal Justice department, was awarded during the summer the Mary Church Terrell award for Activism for Positive Change in Criminal Justice from the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice....Dietrich Morrison, director of leadership development, was inducted into the Order of Omega, the highest honor a Greek lettered person can receive, at the National Panhellenic Conference in Mobile, Ala. earlier this month....Dr. Trevy McDonald, assistant professor in the Department of English, will receive a 1997 Outstanding Young Alumni Award from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Saturday....Carmen Dorsey has been appointed interim director of Career Services at NCCU....Dr. Randolph Umberger, professor of theatre, was honored for 30 years of service to NCCU's theatre department during the department's annual Opening Gala on Oct. 1....Dr. Yolanda B. Anderson, director of NCCU's Environmental Sciences program, will be principal investigator in the university's work with the Tri-County Community Health Center, serving Harnett, Johnston and Sampson counties, to help farm workers reduce risks from pesticide exposure. The \$249,193 grant is from the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Justice

Alumni

Joyce Siler-Howers, '67, is chairperson of the Department of Management, Computer Applications and Public Administration at Medgar Evers College--City University of New York....Sonya Laws-Scott, '89, received her master's degree in technical communication from Colorado State University and is working on her second master's in agency counseling at North Carolina Central University....Jason Williams, '93, is a reporter and columnist for the *Salisbury Post*....Tyra Leazer, '90, is pursuing a doctoral degree from UNC-Chapel Hill....Jamaal Horton, '92, is Sports Editor at the *Macon Telegraph*, one of five major daily black newspapers in the country....Alton Tyre, '78, teaches history and coaches football, cross country and track at Southern Nash High School in Bailey, N.C....Mark Farrish, '97, has been commissioned a lieutenant in the United States Air Force and is now stationed in England....Tommy Dorsey, '97, is a linebacker with the Kansas City Chiefs....

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Smith will chair Trustees

by Shelvía Dancy
Editor-in-Chief

William G. Smith, senior vice president and market executive of First Union National Bank in Durham and Chapel Hill, has been elected chair of the North Carolina Central University Board of Trustees.

"It's an extreme honor," said Smith. "It shows that people have confidence in me."

Smith has served as acting chair of the Board of Trustees since July 1, when Peggy Ward of Charlotte completed her term on the board. His appointment was confirmed

at the trustees' meeting on campus Sept. 23-24.

Smith said one of his priorities is to get students more involved with the trustees.

"They need to know what's going on," he said. "One of my favorite committees is the student-trustee relationship committee. I'm very sensitive we do what's right for the students."

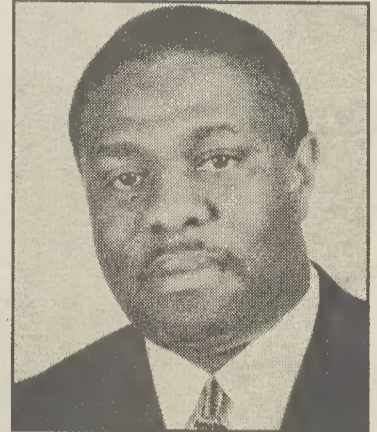
Smith said he also wants to make sure the board kept true to its 1995 pledge to raise \$250,000 in scholarship money for NCCU students.

"We're going to raise that \$250,000," said Smith. "That's a

very important goal of ours. Hopefully, we'll have it done before my term on the board is up."

Smith graduated from NCCU in 1977 and began his banking career with First Union National Bank. He was named senior vice president and market executive for first Union's Durham/Chapel Hill market in 1992.

"I love the university," said Smith. "I really do. Because of the university, I'm where I am today in my professional career. I want to continue to make sure NCCU is great. I support the chancellor in trying to make this school one of the top in the country."



William Smith

PICTURE PERFECT



Bon Vivant, the university's fashion troupe, held its annual fall fashion show Tuesday. Bon Vivant is ranked No. 1 among fashion troupes at state HBCUs. Members are (front row, from left) Erica McCray, Natishla Royster, Shannon Boney, Andrea McMillan (back row, from left) Cory McLinnahan, Rhonda Everett, Davon Harris.

Staff photo by John Patton

Central buys Hillside High School

The old high school, which relocated to Fayetteville street two years ago, is the future site of a sports complex.

by Shelvía Dancy
Editor-in-Chief

One of Durham's older high school campuses will soon become part of North Carolina Central University's campus.

During the summer, NCCU's board of trustees voted to spend \$250,000 to purchase the old Hillside High School, located less than two blocks from the university on Concord Street. Two months ago the University of North Carolina Board of Governors approved the university's purchase.

The use of Hillside High School is a part of the university's "master plan", completed three years ago, which calls for an athletics complex and possibly more dormitories on the Hillside property.

The site will also be used to house science classes, and will be used as a meeting place for the university band.

Gen. George H. Walls, special assistant to the chancellor, said NCCU will first use the part of Hillside that requires the least renovation, the side of the school that faces Lawson avenue.

"That will be used for what we call 'swing space,'" said Wall.

"We'll make it usable for departments that are displaced by renovation on campus. [For example] the biology and chemistry departments would move over there for the time of renovation, and once that is complete move back to the newly renovated building," he said.

Walls said the purchase of the high school is important because it allows the university to expand.

"We're landlocked," he said. "Once you go past Lawson, Cecil, Fayetteville and Alston [streets], there is no place for the university to grow but up, so you have to build high-rise or multi-floor buildings."

"Once Hillside was closed a logical thing for the university to do was grow outward, down

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United Negro College Fund head to speak at Founder's Day

by Shelvía Dancy
Editor-in-Chief

Fifty years after the death of James Shepard, founder of North Carolina Central University, the university will honor the man and his legacy in the annual Founder's Day ceremony Friday.

The ceremony will be held from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. in B. N. Duke Auditorium. All classes are cancelled from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. so that students can attend the

program. Classes resume at 1 p.m.

A wreath-laying ceremony will follow the program at the foot of the statue of Shepard in front of the Hoey Administration Building.

William H. Gray III, president and chief executive officer of The College Fund/UNCF since 1991, will be the guest speaker.

Gray, the highest-ranking African American ever to serve in Congress when he served as Majority Whip, co-sponsored the Black College Act, which helps allocate federal funds to enhance

historically black colleges and universities.

Gray was also the first African American to chair the House Budget Committee and during 1994 served as President Bill Clinton's special advisor on Haitian affairs. Two years ago Gray received the Medal of Honor from Jean-Bertrand Aristide, president of Haiti.

Gray, who has more than 50 honorary degrees, has master's degrees from Drew Theological Seminary and from Princeton Theological Seminary.

On the drawing board: nightly shuttle service to transport students

by Kendall Jenkins
Staff Writer

Students concerned about walking alone on campus at night may soon have their fears put to rest.

"Getting from point A to point B on campus at night as quickly as possible and as safely as possible is a main concern for most students," said Dr. Tyrone Bledsoe, assistant vice-chancellor for student affairs,

who helped draw up plans for a North Carolina Central University shuttle service. "This is why we're starting the service."

The university will start a shuttle service that would operate from 6 p.m. until midnight during the week.

The exact date the service will get off the ground has not yet been decided upon, but campus police Lt. Renee Lynch, who will supervise the program, said the service should be up and running in a few weeks, as

soon as the university installs a separate phone line for the shuttle service.

"We had hoped to start [Friday]," said Lynch, "but we will be running by Nov. 1."

The program will cost \$20,000 annually to operate. One seven-seat passenger van will transport students back and forth across campus.

Student drivers will be trained in

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