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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

Ansel Brown received the Alex M. Rivera Scholarship Award for 1997-98....Shayla Nunnally, a senior political science major from Petersburg, Va., interned with the North Carolina Attorney General's office in the Consumer Protection department last summer....Kamora Avent, a senior theatre major from Durham, N.C. interned with the U.S. Geological Survey in Raleigh during the summer....Orlando Culbertson, a senior chemistry major from Cleveland, N.C., critiqued computer programs as an intern at Los Alamos National Laboratory from May 17-Aug. 1, 1997...

Faculty and staff

Dr. Thomas Hammond, chair of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, is president of the College Language Association for 1996-98....Dr. Elwood Robinson, chair of the Psychology Department, has been awarded a \$400,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health to study the use and abuse of alcohol in minority communities....Dr. Bernice Johnson, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, led a contingent of seven NCCU faculty to the Telelearning '97 Conference held in Scottsdale, Ariz., Sept. 28 to Oct. 1. The national conference offered workshops, seminars and addresses on "distant education": courses offered off-campus via teleconference. The Public Broadcasting System is considering NCCU as a distant-learning pilot site. Others attending from NCCU were Mary Hawkins (Health Education), Arcelia Jeffreys (Physical Education), Freddie Parker (History), Debra Parker (Human Sciences), Sher Teer (Nursing) and Carlton Wilson (History).

Alumni

Rotella Jones, '80, was one of four finalists in the Teacher of the Year/ Gold Star Award sponsored by Carolina Bank....Dennis Walker, '83, recently took the position as principal of Albemarle Middle School in Charlotte, N.C....Michael Arnold, '84, is a licensed chaplain with a master's degree in divinity from Morehouse School of Divinity; currently, he is working toward a master's in marriage counseling....Harry Southerland, School of Law '84, has opened a second law office in Raeford, N.C....Navy Seaman Teresa M. Johnson, '86, was recently aboard the U.S. Sixth Fleet flagship USS La Salle for a 17-day multinational exercise....Talise Young Morris, '87, is a budget analyst at Glaxo Wellcome....Timothy Elleby, '92, has been named vice president and city/ market executive for First Union National Bank of Virginia....Debbie G. Baker, '94, was sworn in as assistant public defender in Scotland County Superior Court....William T. Wilson, Jr., '94, recently received the N.C. Council of Community Program's 1996 area Board Member Leadership Award....Ensign DeMichael T. Morgan, '95, was commissioned a naval officer upon completing Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Fla.... Luis Franco, '96, is a web page designer at SASS Institute in Cary, N.C....Jeremy Ardrey, '96, is vice president of sales and finance at Ty Cox Accounting and Business Services, Inc. Ardrey is a former Student Government Association president at NCCU....Tiffany Cole, '96, is a sales representative with WSRC radio in Durham....

New dormitory may be coed

Student life administrators support the idea, but Chancellor Chambers is not convinced.

by Mari McNeal
Staff Writer

The new dormitory that will replace Chidley Hall, North Carolina Central University's only all-male residence hall, may not exclusively house male students when it is completed. Of the seven dormitories at NCCU, only two are coed: Annie Day Shepard Dormitory, which

houses honors students and was all-female when it was first built, and McClean Dormitory, which became a coed dorm for graduate students this year.

Chidley Hall has been all-male since it was built in 1951.

Those who support housing females in the new dorm (without a name so far, but known informally as the new Chidley Hall) say it might deter male students from sneaking females into their rooms after coed visitation has ended.

But others, including Chancellor Julius Chambers, are concerned about the more than 100 male students who would be displaced if female students were allowed to move in.

Chambers is also concerned that parents who believed NCCU had predominantly single-sex dorms could be upset by the proposal.

The dorm is scheduled to be completed by next fall, and NCCU's Board of Trustees will make the final decision whether the dorm will be coed.

Timothy Greene, a 21-year-old junior from Roanoke Rapids, N.C., said he supports the coed possibility and believes it would prevent students from breaking coed visitation policies in single-sex dorms.

"It will give [men and women] a chance to see if they can live beside each other," Greene said.

Campus officer still waiting for promotion

She won her sex discrimination lawsuit, but Campus Police Lt. Renee Lynch hasn't received the promotion or back pay NCCU was ordered to give her.

by Secret Melvin
Staff Writer

Three months after the State Personnel Commission ruled North Carolina Central University denied Campus Police Lt. Renee Lynch a promotion because she is a woman, Lynch hasn't gotten any of the money or the promotion which the commission ordered the university to give her.

Last month a Wake County Superior Court judge agreed with the commission and ruled that NCCU must promote Lynch, a 24-year veteran of NCCU's police department, to police chief and pay her \$20,000 in back pay.

But NCCU has appealed the commission's decision, and is waiting for the results of an appeal it filed in July.

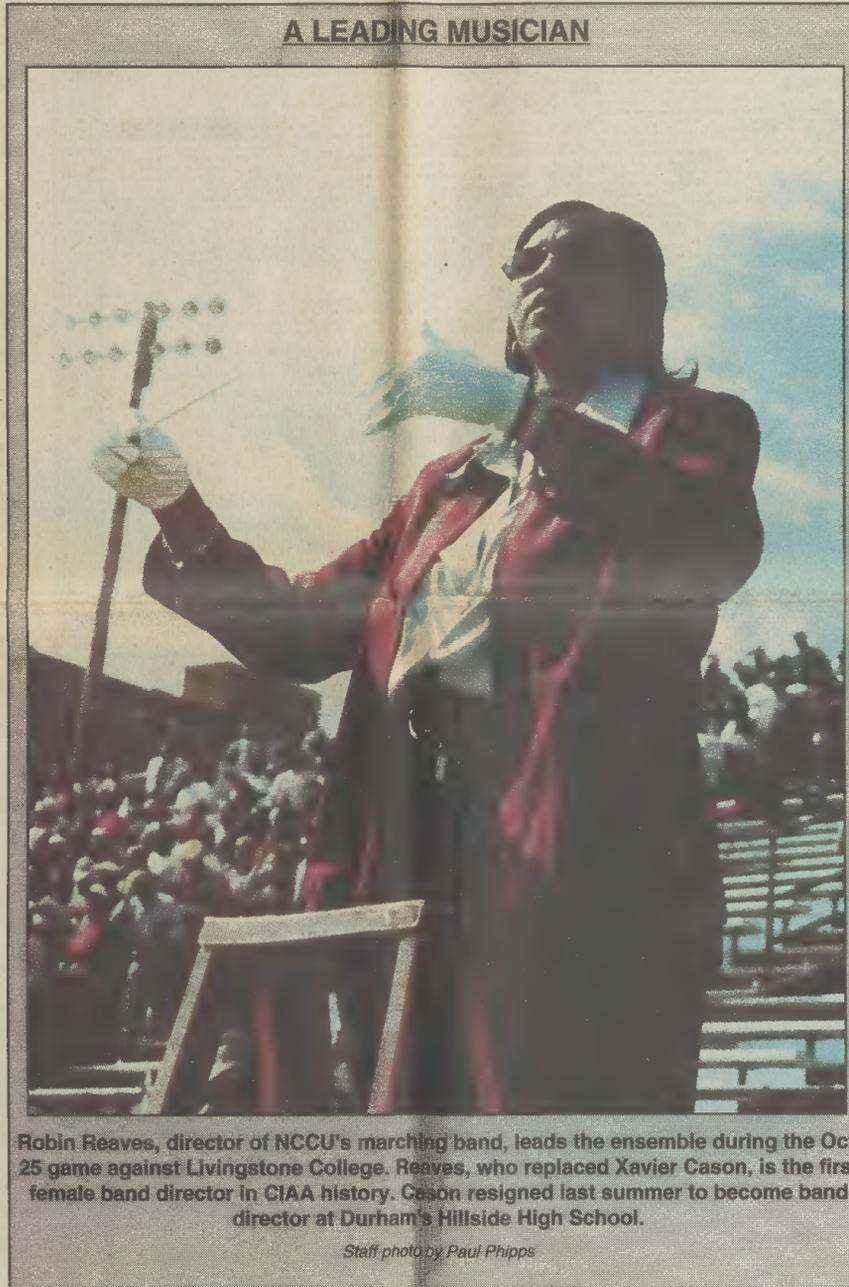
The commission's ruling came after five years of legal battles between Lynch and NCCU.

"I think they are trying to harass and irritate me," Lynch said. "They don't want to do what's right."

Alan McSurely, an attorney for Lynch, was quoted in *The News & Observer* as saying: "They do not want to put Lynch over men, that's just what it boils down to. That's the resistance."

Kaye Webb, NCCU's attorney, would not comment on when the university will comply with the Wake County judge's order, but she did say the university "would abide by the court's order."

Lynch, however, still waits. "They haven't said a word to me," she said.



A LEADING MUSICIAN

Robin Reaves, director of NCCU's marching band, leads the ensemble during the Oct. 25 game against Livingstone College. Reaves, who replaced Xavier Cason, is the first female band director in CIAA history. Cason resigned last summer to become band director at Durham's Hillside High School.

Staff photo by Paul Phipps

Ban on 'lewd, obscene' behavior OKed

Homecoming concert generates concerns among school officials

by Evelyn Howell
Staff Writer

People who engage in "indecent, obscene and lewd" behavior on campus are now subject to discipline, according to a policy approved Monday by the the University Planning Council.

Behavior of some students at last month's Homecoming concert spurred North Carolina Central University officials to consider adopting the policy.

The policy, which is effective immediately, applies to "students, faculty, staff and non-university members while on university premises or university-related premises or when involved with off-campus university activities."

According to vice chancellor for student affairs Dr. Angela O. Terry, a former NCCU student jumped on stage during the Homecoming concert and stripped to his boxers while dancing provocatively with performers onstage.

The concert, which kicked off NCCU's Homecoming week, featured rapper Li'l Kim and Luther "Luke" Campbell, former leader of the controversial rap group 2 Live Crew.

Shortly after the concert, Terry developed a draft of a code of conduct proposal. Terry said that when she learned two days before the

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Homecoming concert that Campbell had been arrested in Virginia for lewd acts, she took precautions to make sure the concert did not get out of hand.

"I learned only two days before the concert that he was arrested at Virginia Union University," Terry said. "That's when we decided to film the concert."

Terry said a review of the videotape identified "five or six" students who behaved in lewd and obscene ways during the concert.

"We are now dealing with all students who were involved in any lewd and obscene behavior at the concert," Terry said.

Under the policy, which will be added to the Student Handbook, the vice chancellor for student affairs or the chief of Campus Police will have "the authority to prematurely end an event/activity wherein lewd, indecent, or obscene behaviors are evident."

In addition, the policy will prohibit people who do not attend NCCU from taking part in lewd behavior while on campus.

The Office of the Dean of Students also will have the authority to prevent student groups from sponsoring performances for one semester if any behavior deemed lewd, indecent, or obscene were to occur at any of their sponsored events.

The Office of the Dean of Students will have the right to terminate privileges of student groups that sponsor activities where students and performers had violated the proposed obscenity code.

Individual students or student groups accused of violating the obscenity code will have their cases tried and decided by the Student Judicial Court.

Terry said she discussed the proposed policy with student leaders on campus. "I have tried to reflect some of their input as to minor modifications of the proposed code," the vice chancellor said.

Terry said that the purpose of the code is not to censor activities, but to hold event sponsors accountable for the content of their programs.

"The policy is fair," said William Bryan, Vice President of the SGA. "It is to my understanding that this is not censorship but rather a form of responsibility."

"This is necessary to ensure everyone act according to policies and procedures," Bryan added.

Members of the University Planning Council, which meets in open session on the first Monday of each month, include Chancellor Julius Chambers, vice chancellors, six deans, the Faculty Senate chair and SGA leaders.

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