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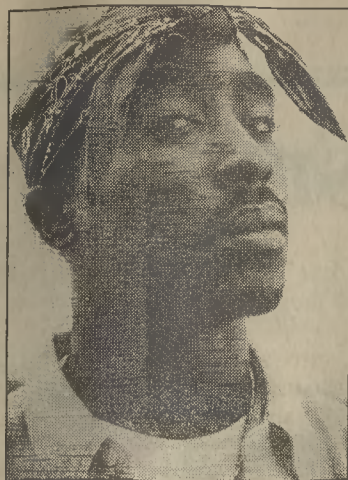
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Editor's note: The Campus Echo will publish in this column brief news items on current and former members of the NCCU community. Our goal is to let you know about significant and interesting achievements of the university's students, faculty, staff 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

Lateefah Williams, a senior English major, and Shayla Nunnally, a senior political science major, represented NCCU at Ohio State University's Minority Graduate School Visitation Program Nov. 2-4....NCCU honors students Laura Bethea, Michelle Austin, Shanitra McNealy, Chenita Rountree, Cheryl Woods, Oyinkansola Ogunrinde, Kara Jackson, Jennifer Rayner, Tamela Jeffries, Jerome Sampson, Kenneth Paul Fauntleroy, Caesar Otieno, Elisabeth Harrell, Jocelyn Scurlock, Patricia Johnson, Brian Mills, Harry Lawrence III, Jamil Spain, Robert Rusher, and Marcus Funchess have traveled to Alcorn State University in Jackson, Mississippi to represent the university at the National Association of African American Honors Program Conference held until Nov. 23....

Faculty and staff

Dr. Jean Spaulding, a professor in the department of psychology, has been named vice chancellor for health affairs at Duke University....

Alumni

Valeria Frederick Cooper, '75, is a supervisor at the Hertford County, N.C. Alternative School....James Johnson, '77, is head of the Urban Investment Strategies Center and the Urban Enterprise Corporation, which promotes business in inner-city communities. Johnson is also founder of the Durham Scholars Program, which helps tutor middle school students and provides scholarship money to graduating high school seniors in Durham....Wendell Tabb, '85, teaches drama at Hillside High School in Durham, N. C. and is the founder of his own entertainment production company....Arthur Yancey, B.A. '86, J.D. '91) is assistant district attorney in Chatham and Orange counties, N.C....Hope Newton, who holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from NCCU, has been appointed by the Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council to the position of field director for Orange County.... Jessica Johnson, '92, and a former Campus Echo editor, recently received her doctorate in educational psychology from Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio....Tracy Creech, '94, teaches at Neil Middle School in Durham....Allen Cross, '94, teaches at Carrington Middle School in Durham....Vanessa Abernathy, '94, entered Duke University Divinity School in the fall of 1996....Paige Barnes, '95, is an administrative assistant at the American Dance Festival in Durham....Michael Salerno, '96, teaches English and film studies at Jordan High School in Durham....Khrisli Dunn, '96, teaches English at Cary High School in Cary....

Publication update

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the next issue of *The Campus Echo* will be distributed on Thursday, Dec. 11, instead of Thursday, Dec. 4.

The Campus Echo wishes everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

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Hate crime teleconference brings president to NCCU

by Shelvia Dancy
Editor-in-Chief

North Carolina Central University found its way into the national spotlight Nov. 10, participating in President Clinton's White House Conference on Hate Crimes. NCCU was one of 70 live satellite feed sites, and the only site in selected in North Carolina. Among those in attendance were NCCU Chancellor Julius Chambers and outgoing Durham Mayor Sylvia Kerckhoff. The 17 speakers at NCCU focused on reducing and eliminating hate crimes in North Carolina as well as nationwide. Some even

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crimes in the country. He warned that all citizens in America must not be hesitant to take an active role in the attempt. "Whether we like it or not," said Clinton, "our futures are bound together, and it's time we acted like it." Also participating in the president's panel were Attorney General Janet Reno and several citizens, including high school students, from around the country. The conference was co-sponsored by the Committee on Racial Understanding, the Institute for the Study of Minority Issues, and the Durham Human Relations Commission.

attested to their own run-ins with racism and hate crimes.

President Clinton, who spoke via satellite to NCCU's audience in the Farrison-Newton Building Auditorium, urged listeners to do their part in helping to eliminate racism and hate

Alumni show honors Art Museum



by Danny Hooley
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The NCCU Art Museum observes its 25th anniversary with "Re-Connecting Roots." Pictured: *Hurdler* by 1972 NCCU graduate George E. Mitchell.

Upon entering the North Carolina Central University Art Museum, a visitor's eyes are immediately drawn to the right, where a wood and pigment African mask flanks three wooden antelope headaddresses and a "Female Cult Figure" in wood, sculpted by an unknown artist in Senofo. The display sits on a rock garden with a backdrop of three beautifully carved wood door panels from Nupe, depicting lizards and birds.

These works represent only a part of the museum's permanent collection of African and Oceanic art. There are also many American works in the collection that pay homage to Africa; for example, as the eyes move left, the object of focus is undoubtedly Caryl Henry's 1994 mixed media sculpture *Ancestral Home*, which sits in the foreground of the museum's entrance center.

A work of remarkable depth that gives the deceptive impression of simplicity, Henry's piece consists of a rectangular wood column painted with various hues of blue, orange-yellow and blood orange, and decorated with shells. It depicts Africa as a home where snakes adorn the sides of the "house" and the front door is open to reveal the faces of its citizens. The back door is also open, revealing a beautiful sun goddess figure.

These and other works in the museum's permanent collection,

which are displayed in the front section of the museum on a rotating basis, are currently sharing space with works in the "Re-Connecting Roots: The Silver Anniversary Alumni Invitational." This show, which runs through Dec. 7, commemorates the NCCU Art Museum's 25th anniversary by focusing on the art of former NCCU students, some of whom have risen to prominence.

An example is photographer Joseph E. Maynard, who attended NCCU from 1966 to 1968. Maynard's black and white photographs of African American figures including Miles Davis, James Baldwin, artist Romare Bearden and anonymous people as well, have been displayed throughout the world, widely published and auctioned at the prestigious Sotheby's of New York.

The existence of a freestanding museum that would house student art as well as a permanent collection that honored works of African American cultural significance was a longtime goal of early university administrators. Unfortunately, they were prevented by financial realities from even starting the project until 1958. During the previous three decades, two buildings destroyed by fire had to be replaced, which took precedence over the construction of an art See ART SHOW, page 6

Law students form council on race

by Mari McNeal
Staff Writer

Twenty students at North Carolina Central University's School of Law have banded together to form the NCCU Law School Race Relations Initiative.

Yvette Walker, a second-year law student, formed the group in an effort to improve race relations on NCCU's campus.

The group held its first meeting two weeks ago at the home of NCCU School of Law professor Irving Joyner. In an interview with the *Durham Herald-Sun*, Walker said she plans to schedule meetings once a month so group members can discuss various racial issues and hopes to include guest speakers who will introduce new topics for discussion. A core group of students — three black, two white and one Asian —

was also formed to include the viewpoints of other ethnic backgrounds in the discussions. The objective of the core group is to determine what types of activities can include all races that make up the student body.

Although NCCU is predominantly black, the School of Law is one of the most diverse in the country: 42 percent of the law school's 360 students are white, 52 percent are black, and 2 percent are of other races.

Still, Walker said she believed the Race Relations Initiative is necessary.

"Certainly, there is a need for a group like this," Walker said in an interview with the *Herald-Sun*. "The whole concept of integration is to integrate."

Walker also said about the School of Law: "It's not a chilly environment, and it's not a hostile environment."

"But it's no different than what's going on in society right now. We need to break out of the traditional mode of separating black and white."