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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

Amber Corzine, Lashawnte Holloman, Corey Manning, Christopher Sanders, and Joseph Wright were inducted into Alpha Psi Omega (a national dramatic honor society) for the Fall semester....Reco Armstrong, Michelle Austin, Tisha Coley, Tajuana Greene, Joy Harris, Tjir Moore, Sedric Parker, Jamie Patterson, Kandy Sutton and Tamika Willimas were inducted into NCCU's Iota Tau Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda (national business fraternity) for the Fall semester....first-year student Tinnika M. Hankerson is one of four college students from Durham awarded \$1,000 in scholarship assistance grants from UDI Community Development....

Alumni

Beverly Parra, '97, is a student at the University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ where she is working toward a doctorate in American literature....Colanda Barnes, '95, is a substitute teacher in Prince William County, Md....Andrew Sherman, '94, teaches English at Jordan High School in Durham....Wallace Sellers, '94, teaches at Rogers Herr Middle School in Durham....Paulina Poe, '94, teaches English at Orange High School in Hillsborough.... Sabrina Hill, '94, teaches English at New Hanover High School in Wilmington, N.C.Ronnie Hopkins, '82, is the author of *Educating Black Males: Critical Issues in Schooling, Community and Power*, published in 1996 by the State University of New York Press. Hopkins teaches in the Department of English and Foreign Language at Norfolk State University. He also is president and chief executive officer of A World of Difference, a multicultural education consultation group located in Chesapeake, Va....

Safety violations discovered

The state Department of Labor has ordered NCCU to correct 130 on-campus safety violations by Dec. 19.

By Gaysha Kelley
Staff Writer

Chancellor Chambers invited the state Department of Labor Department to the campus of North Carolina Central University three weeks ago; now NCCU has 130 safety hazards to fix.

The Department of Labor has given Central

officials until December 19 to fix faulty electrical wiring as well as repair or replace hazardous equipment. Labor officials found hazards in 20 of NCCU's 58 buildings after a sixteen-day investigation.

The 130 violations will cost NCCU quite a bit of money.

"The best estimate will be \$250,000 to \$1 million to fix these problems," said Chancellor Julius Chambers. "We're waiting on a list for a better estimate."

"The money will come from state appropriations," he continued. "I am certain we will not only fix [repairs], but we will keep it safe."

With December 19 around the corner, Chancellor Chambers said that workers began during the Thanksgiving break to fix the safety violations.

Also, a temporary staff has been hired to assist the university's workers.

This is not the first time NCCU has been caught with safety violations. In November of 1996, a state building inspector found broken fire alarms in nine buildings on campus,, including B. N. Duke Auditorium and W. G. Pearson Cafeteria.

If NCCU does not have the hazards and violations corrected by the Dec. 19 deadline, the university could face fines.

Reaching Out

Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity has made community service its mission.

Antwon Fogle, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, helps decorate a Christmas tree at Blevin's House, a residential home for people infected with HIV. Alpha Phi Alpha volunteers twice a week at the home as part of their AIDS Community Outreach Program.

Staff photo by Paul Phipps

by Shelvia Dancy
Editor-in-Chief

If you ever thought college fraternities were all about beer and parties, think again.

Members of N.C. Central University's Gamma Beta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity devote two days a week to volunteering at Blevin's House, a residential home in Durham for people infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

"Some days we do a lot of housework," said Daron Satterfield, a senior psychology major and president of Alpha Phi Alpha. "We play cards, get their minds off their troubles. We can't do as much as far as money is concerned, so if there's any work that needs to be done, we do it."

The men have been volunteering at Blevin's House since mid-semester.

"It's our fraternal mission to do service," said Antwon Fogle, a senior criminal justice and psychology major who is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha. "We're not looking for any reward. We're doing it because it's the right thing to do."

"It's the creed of our university, and we try to

live up to that creed," he added.

Aside from their AIDS Community Outreach Program, Alpha Phi Alpha has spearheaded a number of other service projects during the Fall semester.

"We tutor at Shepard [Middle School], and we've done numerous campus cleanups," said Satterfield. "We had a clothes drive last month, and we got about 15 large bags of clothes and donated them to Durham's homeless shelter."

Satterfield said Alpha Phi Alpha's work in the community is a "re-affirmation of purpose."

"This year we really took it upon ourselves to really carry out the mission of our fraternity," he said.

"We didn't really see any other Greek organization doing anything, so we decided to be a real presence on campus," said Fogle.

Forty-one-year-old Reginald, a resident of Blevin's House, said he looks forward each week to the fraternity's visits.

"It's a good feeling knowing that the youth in Durham are putting forth an effort to give people living with the virus hope and love--mostly love," he said. "We love to see them every week."

Vice chancellor Perry to retire next semester

from staff reports

N.C. Central University's highest-ranking female official will retire at the end of the academic year after 38 years with NCCU.

Patsy Perry, interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, has held the position for the past two years.

Perry was the successor to Mickey L. Burnim, who now serves as chancellor of Elizabeth City State University in Elizabeth City, N.C.

Perry has also served as chairperson of NCCU's department of English from 1979 until 1990. And she is a former director of the university's Honors Program.

"I would hope that any person in university teaching would have enjoyed the experience as much as I have," Perry said in an interview with the Durham Herald-sun. "I've had a full and satisfying stay here."

Perry received a bachelor's degree from NCCU in 1954, and later earned a master's degree from Central. She received a doctoral degree in American literature from UNC-Chapel Hill.

Magazine CEO to speak at winter graduation

from staff reports

Earl Graves, founder of *Black Enterprise* magazine, will deliver the commencement address at North Carolina Central University's winter graduation ceremony on Dec. 17.

The ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. in the McLendon-McDougald Gymnasium. Graves is president of Earl G. Graves Ltd., the parent corporation of the company that publishes *Black Enterprise*.

Graves established *Black Enterprise* in 1970, after having served as Administrative Assistant to then-U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy from 1968 until 1968.

Graves holds honorary degrees from 37 universities across the nation, and has been a visiting lecturer at Yale University.

He is also chairman and chief executive officer of the largest minority-controlled Pepsi-Cola franchise in the United States (based in Washington, D.C.).

During his service in the U.S. Army, Graves rose to the rank of Captain as a Green Beret. He also earned the U.S. Army Commendation Medal, and served from 1978 until 1980 as a civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army.

In 1995 Graves was recognized as New York City Entrepreneur of the Year by Ernst & Young, one of the world's largest accounting firms.

Admissions director Rowland dies in S.C.

by Danny Hooley
A&E Editor

North Carolina Central University's Undergraduate Admissions Director, Nancy Yvonne Rowland, died Sunday in Myrtle Beach, S.C. She was 58.

Rowland suffered from a massive heart attack while on a recruiting mission in Myrtle Beach.

Monday afternoon, B.N. Duke Auditorium was filled with faculty, friends, staff and students who had come to pay tribute to Rowland during a memorial service.

Among the speakers were Chancellor Julius Chambers, who drew a chuckle from the audience when, referring to Rowland's energy and enthusiasm, he said, "I recall the last orientation program, and how she even had me singing--that's quite a task."

Rowland began working for NCCU in 1979, and during the years became a well-known figure

on campus for her hard work, compassion and concern for the students.

Rowland was born in Sims, N.C. on March 28, 1939. She attended St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, and was elected the college's first female student government association president.

Rowland earned an undergraduate degree by the time she was 20, and went on to receive a master's degree at NCCU.

Co-workers say they will remember Rowland for her warm and personal approach to recruiting students.

"Everybody who came through [her] door got a hug," said NCCU admissions counselor Terry Teelucksingh.

Teelucksingh pointed out that Rowland had a tough side to her caring nature. Teelucksingh said she gave students with low SAT or ACT scores a chance, but expected returns.

"When [students] came and talked with her, she had them sort

Happy Holidays

from the staff of
The Campus Echo.

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