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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.

Students

Damian L. Tucker, Dawn Baxton Michael Williams, Elsa Marte, and Elaine Bingenheimer, members of the trial advocacy team of NCCU's School of Law, won the title of Regional Champions in Region IV of the National Trial Competition.

Faculty

Gen. George Walls, special assistant to the chancellor and retired brigadier general in the United States Marine Corps, was honored at a Black History Month ceremony at the Pentagon on Feb. 5.

Alumni

Ernie Suggs, former editor of The Campus Echo, recently was awarded North Carolina's highest press award for his series on the plight of American's historically black colleges and universities.

University Observes Black History Month with lectures

by Douglas G. Johnson II Staff Writer

February marks the national recognition of Black History Month at North Carolina Central University.

Dr. J. Renaldo Lawson, an associate professor in the History Department, will spearhead the university's Black History Month activities.

"We are hoping for a large turnout this year," said Lawson. "We've done alright in the past, but this year we are trying to have some community-based activities at places like the Hayti [Heritage Center] so that more people will be attracted to the events."

"It doesn't matter if you're an NCCU student or you live in the community because the program is open to the public," he continued.

Black History Month in Brief

•Established Feb. 12, 1926

•Originally began as Black History Week

•Founded by Carter G. Woodson, known as the "father of black history" and founder of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History

--compiled by Bria Culp

Lawson said Black History Month should be included in mainstream American society.

"It's a case of Human Rights vs. Property Rights," he said. "History should all be inclusive. We wouldn't need times like a Women's History Month, Black History Month or a Native American History Month if everyone were represented in history properly."

Activities scheduled at NCCU for Black History Month will include a lecture by Susan Taylor, editor-in-chief of Essence magazine, Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. in the B.N. Duke Auditorium, and a discussion titled "A Generation Blessed or a Generation Vexed? Hip Hop Culture, Rap Music and African-American Youth" on Feb. 19 at 1 p.m. in room 146 of the A.E. Student Union.

"Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend the events."



North Carolina Central University guard Michael Hadley calls signals to teammates in a rivalry game Jan. 29 against NC A&T at Greensboro Coliseum. The Eagles defeated the Aggies 58-54.

Staff photo by Paul Phipps

Campus crime topic of forum

Campus safety is student responsibility, too, says Chancellor.

by Evelyn Howell Staff Writer

Three armed robberies within a ten-day span last month on North Carolina Central University's campus spurred campus security and administrators to participate in an Open Awareness forum on crime held Jan. 28 in B.N. Duke Auditorium.

At the forum (organized by student Langdon Johnson IV) students and representatives from NCCU administrators and security discussed what crime prevention measures can be taken to make students feel more secure on campus.

"We need you students to show up at these crime prevention forums so you can know how to protect yourself," said McDonald Vick, chief of NCCU's campus police.

He also said that sometimes crimes at NCCU are committed by people who are not students here.

Chancellor Chambers advised students to be more responsible and more careful walking around campus. He suggested that students take the campus escort service which operates from 6 p.m. until 1 a.m.

"Walking to the library alone at night may not be a good idea," he said.

Chambers also mentioned the possibility that NCCU may establish a campus bus system to transport student around campus.

The transportation system would entail a student fee of \$40, but Chambers asked students to support the fee.

"This is a great investment," he said. "It will cost the university \$193,000 to fund this transportation program. We will have two buses running throughout campus from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m."

Another measure proposed to increase campus security was the installation of additional outside lighting around campus, especially in areas near the library and Latham and Baynes dormitories.

"It's important to have the campus well-lit," said James E. Tyson, executive assistant to the Chancellor. "We plan to install an additional 20 or so lights around campus."

Also in attendance at the forum were Dr. Angela O. Terry, vice chancellor of student affairs, student government association president Catilla Everette, and student government association vice president Bryan Williams.

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Happy Valentine's Day!

from the staff of

The Campus Echo.

Out for the season: 5 women basketball players suspended

by Shelvina Dancy Editor-in-Chief

More than a month after being accused of assaulting a former NCCU student, five members of North Carolina Central University's women's basketball team have been suspended for the remainder of the season.

The ruling came a little more than two weeks ago, after an administrative judicial hearing to decide the fates of the players.

"Five were suspended," said Roger Bryant, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs. "Two were found not guilty. One was given community service." Bryant would not release the names of the suspended players.

A player who had red-shirted for the season (taken a hiatus from play for the year) was ordered to perform community service, and will

not be allowed to compete in the first three games of next season.

"I think that most of the young ladies are appealing [the decision]," Bryant continued. "They appeal to Dr. [Angela] Terry [vice chancellor for student affairs] and if the appeal is granted it goes to the University Appeals Committee."

The ruling arose from an incident in McLendon-McDougald Gymnasium on Jan. 6, according to campus police reports, during which 25-year-old Shawn Wallace was attacked by several members of the Lady Eagles basketball team after, according to NCCU campus police reports, sitting on the foot of a player's mother. That player was Danya Nelson, a freshman from Charlotte.

Wallace, who claims he suffered a black eye and must now see an ophthalmologist, did hire an Durham attorney Larry D. Hall.

Bryant said two of the players, whom he did not want to identify, were identified by witnesses as participants in the fight.

"The first two were identified because they were seen attacking the gentleman," said Bryant. "Because we had two names which people had seen them involved in the situation they were suspended from the team for, I think, three games."

Bryant said after two women had been identified, others involved in the altercation came forward voluntarily.

"We got names of the other six people that had from the ladies themselves," Bryant said. "They didn't want one person to take the blame."

The suspension comes at a critical time for the Lady Eagles. The team will head into the Central Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Tournament Feb. 23 without the suspended players.