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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.

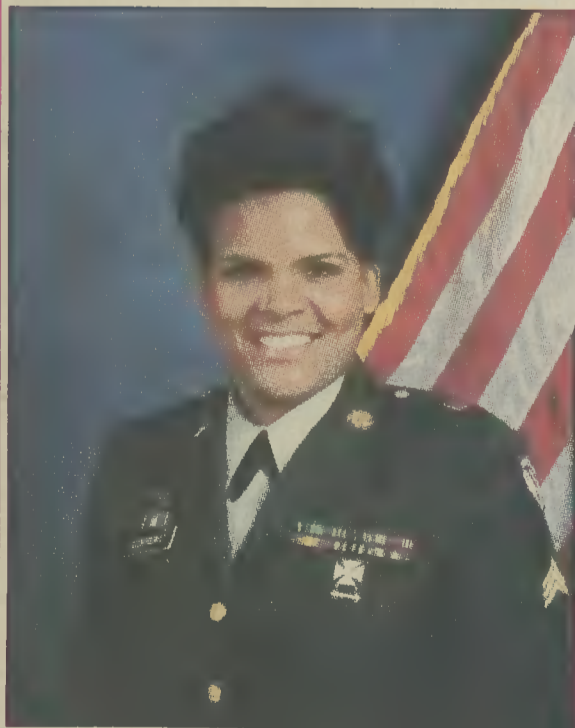
Students

Virlyn Ellis, a senior management major from Durham, has been chosen for a co-op with Pitney Bowes... Christina Anglin, a senior computer information sciences major from Durham, has an internship with Nortel... Hodgie Aiken, a freshman computer science major from Durham, has been chosen for an internship with Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance company... LeCarston Chestnut, a senior computer information sciences major from Raleigh, has a co-op with Fujitsu... Shelvia Dancy, a senior English-journalism major from Jacksonville, N.C., is one of six finalists nationwide for the Newhouse Graduate Fellowship for Minorities at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y.

Faculty

Dr. Angelo O. Terry, vice chancellor for student affairs, will assume chair of the Enrollment Management Network at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) convention in Philadelphia. Terry has also accepted an appointment on the Editorial Board of the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals (NASAP) Journal... Dr. Sylvia M. Jacobs, chair of the department of history, received the Mary McLeod Bethune Service Award and the Lorraine A. Williams Leadership Award while attending the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Afro American Life and History in L.A. last fall and a meeting of the Association of Black Women Historians held concurrently with the ASALH.

Alumni



Gloria M. Stevens-Conyers, '92 (B.A., political science), has been named N.C. National Guard Outstanding Soldier of the Year. She is currently with 30th Corps Support Group at the National Guard Armory in Durham.

UNC system affirmative action policies topic of forum

by Tomeka D. Ruffin
Features Editor

Students and administrators from local universities gathered in B.N. Duke Auditorium March 3 to discuss the future of affirmative action within the UNC system.

Panelists included N.C. Central law professor Irving Joyner, Durham city councilman Howard Clemmons, and Richard Robinson Jr., assistant to UNC system president Molly Broad.

Student representatives from NCCU, Duke University, UNC-Chapel Hill, and N.C. A & T were also there, including Arthur Smith, SGA president at N.C. A&T, Toby Whaller, president of Duke University's Black Student Alliance, Mo Nathan, SGA president at UNC-CH, and Anthony Wright, a law student at NCCU's School of Law.

William Bryan, vice-president of SGA facilitated the discussion.

The panelists discussed their concerns about the UNC system's investigation of admissions procedures and scholarship programs within the UNC system.

Joyner said that with the investigations by the UNC system of scholarships currently offered by UNC schools, the UNC system will take away scholarships and programs designated to help minorities.

"There is going to be an examination within the system of any program or effort that benefits minorities, and the efforts toward affirmative action are going to go the other way," said Joyner.

"From a legal perspective, the courts are going to be antagonistic [to affirmative action programs] and if these programs are challenged, they will be overturned," he continued.

Robinson said that UNC system president Molly Broad is only concerned with admissions policies, and wants to ensure that universities are not giving preference during the admissions process.

"We have not abandoned affirmative action, we are continuing to follow the affirmative outreach program," said Robinson. "The press would have you to believe differently."

Robinson said that the UNC system wants to ensure that universities are attracting an equal number of students of all races.

Robinson repeatedly said Broad is trying to ensure that everyone has a fair chance at gaining admittance to UNC system universities and that no one is being admitted unfairly.

Some students expressed concern that the investigation of UNC system affirmative action programs will result in the abolishment of minority scholarships.

Students said they needed to band together to protest and write letters and petitions to ensure that they have a voice in the outcome of the examinations.

Catilla Everette, SGA president said students at NCCU need to work with students at other universities to devise a plan of action to protest setbacks in the UNC system's affirmative action



William Bryan, NCCU's SGA vice president for the 1997-98 school year, addresses the crowd at the SGA-sponsored affirmative action forum held March 3.

Staff photo by Dawn Bowling-Wallace

policies. and we need to link ourselves together with other universities."
"We are working pro-actively on affirmative action," she said. "[NCCU] is a small population

University's capital campaign gets closer to \$50 million goal

Five years into its most ambitious capital campaign yet, N.C. Central expects to surpass its \$50 million goal, says NCCU's vice chancellor for development.

by Shelvia Dancy
Editor-in-Chief

North Carolina Central University is one step closer to reaching its \$50 million capital campaign goal, thanks to the more than \$1 million in contributions that have poured in from corporations and university friends and alumni within recent months.

At a press conference held last month at the Museum of Life and Science in Durham, university officials announced a dozen new contributions to the fundraising drive, including \$1 million from the William R. Kenan Foundation, and \$333,000 from NationsBank.

The press conference was held in conjunction with a dinner for scholarship recipients and their sponsors.

"The golden rule of fundraising is people only give to people, so its critical for us to get in front of potential donors students, faculty members and administrators who truly believe in the causes and the education at Central," said David Hoard, vice chancellor for development at NCCU.

"I think we're beginning to present the case for N.C. Central in a way that people's lives are being touched, and they wish to support the university and our initiatives," he continued.

Since its inception five years ago, the Capital Campaign has raised

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David Hoard
NCCU's vice chancellor for development

about 40 percent of its goal, with more than \$20 million raised to date, said Hoard.

"We've surpassed the \$20 million mark," said Hoard. The campaign officially ends in the year 2000, said Hoard, but he intends to raise more than the \$50 million called.

"We're working with alumni, friends, and corporations to raise the dollars. I'm looking to exceed the goal," he said.

Among the contributing alumni are Carl Biggs, owner of C & E services Inc., based in Virginia and a 1974 graduate of NCCU. He

contributed \$50,000 towards scholarships at NCCU..

The money will establish a scholarship in honor of Dr. Vernon Clark, a biology professor at NCCU who once taught Biggs.

Robert Massey also contributed \$5,000 in support of the Nancy Rowland scholarship fund, established in memory of the former director of undergraduate admissions who died in December.

Hoard said the current capital campaign gain is the most ambitious in NCCU history, and is one of the largest capital campaign drives of any historically black college and university in the state.

Hoard said he is confident the university will meet and surpass the goal, saying he expects to receive at least \$15 million more by the end of December.

"I project we'll have cash and commitments in the \$35 million range," Hoard said.

Money raised during the capital campaign will be used to support such projects as scholarships and endowed chairs at N.C. Central.

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