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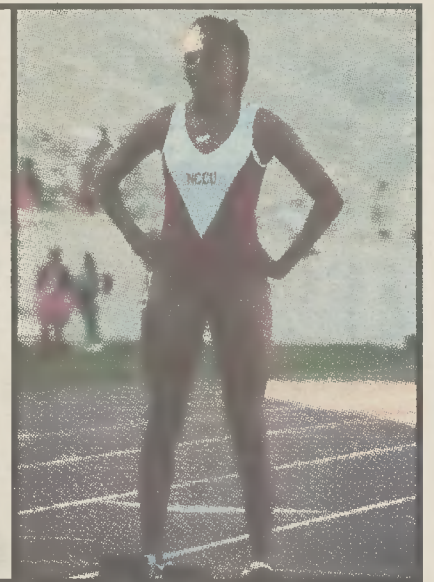
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*Editor's note: The Campus Echo will publish in this column brief news items on current and former members of the NCCU community. Our goal is to let you know about significant and interesting achievements of the university's students, faculty, staff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

**Douglas G. Johnson II**, a junior English major (with a concentration in media communication) from Raleigh and a staff writer for *The Campus Echo*, has received a summer reporting internship with the *Winston-Salem Journal* in Winston-Salem, N.C....**Cheryl Woods**, a senior psychology major from Roxboro, N.C. and the reigning Miss NCCU, has been awarded the W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship to attend SUNY-Stony Brook in New York. She will receive a full scholarship (plus a stipend) while pursuing a Ph.D. in health psychology....**Culver Clark**, a senior finance major from Kansas City, Missouri, has received an internship with the City of Durham Budget Department....**Keith Sexton** and **Mona Campbell**, both senior business majors from Winston-Salem, N.C., and **Yolanda Blizzard**, a senior business major from Fayetteville, N.C., have received internships with Durham Hilton Hotels....**Sheena Suggs**, a junior accounting major from Rich Square, N.C., and **Camille Curvan**, a senior business major from Lago, Maryland, have received internships with the Ty Cox Accounting Firm....**Robin Swindell**, a senior accounting major from New Bern, N.C., received an internship with Dunbar Realty....**Helen Wiggins**, a senior accounting major from Durham, N.C., has received an internship with CCB bank....**Kacee Conley**, a senior business major from Raleigh, N.C., has received an internship with Business To Business Inc....**Sebrena Rudd**, a senior computer information sciences major from Sharpsburg, N.C., and **Nikki Dunn**, a senior computer information sciences major from Hookerton, N.C., have received internships with Veterans Administrative Hospital....

**Faculty**

**Marie Ewing Keeler** has joined the staff of WNCU FM as Development Director. Keeler has previously worked at WQOK FM as Promotions and Marketing Director, at the Independent Weekly as Sales Operations Manager and an account executive, and as Project Coordinator for Clear Channel Radio Works....

**Alumni**

**Denise Moye** (B.A., '95) has been elected a banking officer for Wachovia Bank, N.A....**Ann Marie Nicholson** (B.A., Dec. '97) has been hired as an assistant in the advertising and sales department with the *Atlantic Monthly* in New York City....

**Civil Rights lawyer guest speaker at annual Honors convocation**

by **Shelvia Dancy**  
Editor-in-Chief

Hundreds of North Carolina Central University students were honored at the university's 49th Annual Honors Convocation held April 1 in the McLendon-McDougald Gymnasium.

Elaine R. Jones, president and director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund since 1993 was guest speaker.

Jones earned a bachelor's degree from Howard University, served in the Peace Corps in Turkey, and became the first African American woman to graduate from the University of Virginia School of Law. She has been a fellow at Harvard University's Institute of Politics, and in 1989 she became the first African American elected to the American Bar Association Board of Governors.

"This is your day," Jones told students gathered in the gym. "Be inspired with the belief that life itself is a great and noble challenge...not a mean thing we ought to shuffle through as best we can."

"You are here because you understood that at an early age. You have prepared yourselves so that you deserve honors."

Among the honorees were Monekia Gause, a senior political science and English major from Sunset Beach, N.C. Gause was honored with the Chancellor's Award, given annually to the graduating senior who has maintained the highest grade point average during all four years at NCCU.

Gause has been awarded a full scholarship to attend UNC-Chapel Hill's School of Law.

Jones concluded her speech by urging students to remember NCCU once they have graduated. "Help to endow some academic chair, make a contribution to a capital campaign," she said. "Institutions like NCCU cannot flourish without active alumni. Remember that for the future."



Elaine R. Jones, the first African American elected to the American Bar Association Board of Governors, was guest speaker at NCCU's 49th Annual Honors Convocation.

Staff photo by Paul Phipps

**Headed for the House**

**David Smith, a third-year law student at NCCU's School of Law, juggles the demands of school and a full-time job as he campaigns for a seat in the N.C. House of Representatives.**

by **Shelvia Dancy**  
Editor-in-Chief

It's not easy being a student. Especially when you're campaigning for a seat in the state House of Representatives.

David Smith, a student at North Carolina Central University's School of Law, is campaigning for one of three seats in the North Carolina House of Representatives.

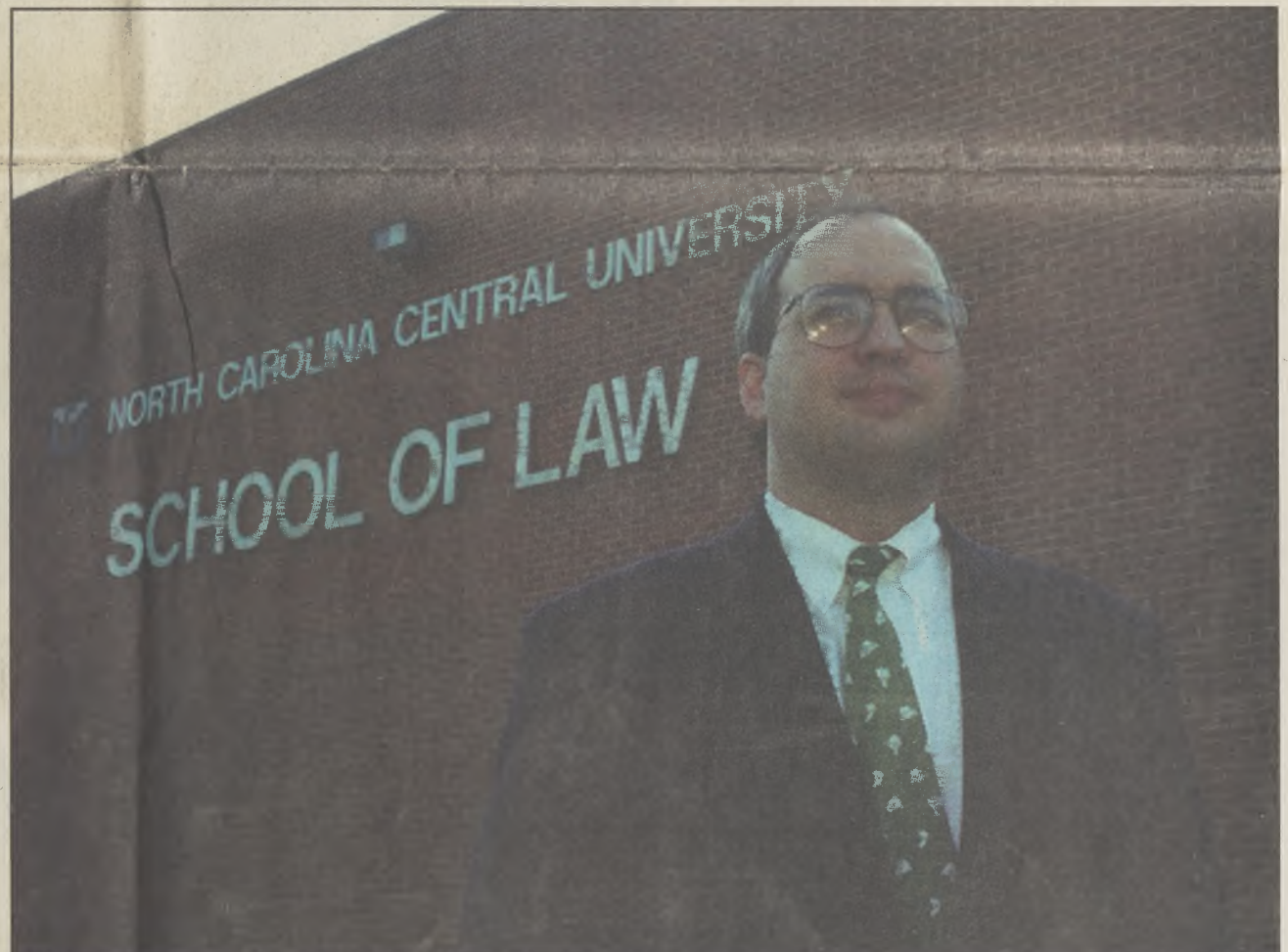
"Here in Durham I see a lot of people whose needs aren't being met," said Smith. "It was obvious to me there was a lot of opportunity to make a difference in Durham, and people were willing to support me as someone who could bring about that difference."

Juggling the demands of school and a political campaign is no easy task, he said.

"I stay up very late at night — there are always things that need to be done," said Smith. "And running for office you have to show up for a lot of things so I wind up going to a lot of things on weekends. This has been a big sacrifice for my family."

"My wife has been my number one resource and I couldn't do this without her. I also have a great campaign committee of friends who are also supporters."

Smith, who took a lighter course load this semester to devote more time to his campaign, spends about 25-30 hours per week planning his campaign. Much of that time, Smith said, is spent fundraising. He said he has managed to raise \$15,000 in just the past six months.



David Smith, a law student at NCCU, says it is difficult juggling school, family, work, and a political campaign. But he says he's up to the challenge.

Staff photo by Paul Phipps

Among the candidates Smith will face off with in the primary elections scheduled for May 5 is incumbent Mickey Michaux, who received both his bachelor's and law degrees from N.C. Central.

Smith himself is no novice to the political world. He has worked on several local political campaigns, worked a year for the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee, and served as a policy advisor to the current Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina for two years.

"I got really great exposure to a lot of different issues: drunk driving, education, health care — you name it, if the state was in it I looked at it," he said. "I was helping people out and

solving problems for them, and I liked it."

Smith said that as a student at NCCU and a candidate for political office, his perspective is a unique one. He said he too is concerned with issues many students care about, such as tuition hikes and the lack of adequate parking on campuses.

"The state ought to just say if you want to build a building at the university, integrate parking into the design of the building," said Smith. "If the state provides an incentive for universities to think about parking when they build buildings, then they will. Right now, they don't. Those are real issues that I never hear anybody talking about."

**NCCU sponsors community cleanup**

by **Dinky Kearney**  
Staff Writer

Students at North Carolina Central University will help provide a healthier environment in Durham through a university-sponsored community cleanup along Fayetteville Street at noon on April 18.

Volunteers will meet at the W.D. Hill Recreation Center at 8 a.m. and work until noon. They will help pick up litter and remove dense vegetation.

Yolanda Banks Anderson, director of NCCU's environmental science program, is in charge of the event.

"The neighboring community wanted something done to their neighborhoods and they

asked if NCCU wanted to do it," she said. She said NCCU agreed to support the cleanup.

"The university is dedicated to service, and is happy the community cares about the environment and happy the community and the appearance of their neighborhood," she said.

Rosa Anderson, a member of the community service office staff, said students who participate in the cleanup will receive 15 hours of community service. At the end of the event, organizers will sponsor a cookout for the volunteers.

Shonita Alford, a sophomore political science major who will participate in the cleanup, said she cares about the environment and the appearance of the community. "I want to clean up because your community is your home away

from home," she said. "The campus or surroundings do not need to look in disarray. It should be intact and people will come and respect it. I plan on participating until I graduate and students should take the initiative [to do the same]," she said.

Herb Williams, a senior environmental science major from Durham will also participate. "By taking the initiative, other people might get involved with their community," he said. "This clean up will help other neighborhoods stage their programs because they will see other people helping their neighborhood," he said.

The District 4 Partners Against Crime, a volunteer group from Durham, and the Young Marines, a volunteer group from Fayetteville, will also participate in the clean up.

**This will be the final issue of  
The Campus Echo for the  
1997-'98 school year.**

**We will resume publication fall  
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**Have a safe and happy summer!**

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