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Chancellor Chambers, former head of the NAACP's Defense and Legal Education Fund.

"Julius Chambers is one of this country's greatest champions of civil rights," Smith told the N&O. "You would expect NCCU to have a zerotolerance level for this kind conduct."

The university leaders told the N&O that the campus police department has treated women fairly and follows a strict policy against sexual harassment

"One of the great things about our system is it gives people the chance to make an allegation, and it gives people a chance to defend it," Chambers told the N&O. "We will see what happens."

So will Flora Brunson McBroom, the plaintiff in the most recent case. Sgt. Harvey McClain, 27, was charged in December 1998 with assaulting McBroom, 43, a former security guard, and exposing himself to her while the two were in a squad car in March, the N&O reported.

McClain said it never happened. "The incident is not true," he told the N&O. "I did not do it. I never ever rode around in the police car with her. I never spoke to her in that way."

McClain was placed on administrative leave with pay, the N&O reported.

McClain has since been promoted to sergeant. McBroom was fired in May because she was told she came to work late and left the student union unsecured.

"I felt like I was taken advantage of," McBroom told the N&O. "I don't feel good about NCCU. I was looked at as a low person."

McClain predicted he would be vindicated.

The cases form a dark cloud over the NCCU police department. According to the N&O, more than a dozen women have either quit or been fired by the police department in the past two years. The N&O also reported that in July 1997 the N.C. Personnel Commission ruled that 23-year veteran Lt. Renee Lynch had not been promoted to chief because she is a woman. Lynch appealed NCCU's decision to Wake Superior Court.

In August, Chambers hired Meredith College Police Chief Michael Hoke to investigate a number of allegations against NCCU Police Chief McDonald Vick, including that he stalked and harassed female officers and used a state vehicle without authorization. Within a month, Hoke's report exonerated Vick.

"Three or four people made allegations, but none of it was first-hand," Hoke concluded. "There was no corroboration. There is no doubt in my mind that everyone is carrying out their duties professionally.'

Vick declined an Echo request for an interview.

In November, a former NCCU security guard filed a sexual-harassment lawsuit saying that a former NCCU officer had fondled her in the bathroom of Baynes dormitory in April of 1997.

The guard said former Lt. Robert Moore had fondled and sexually molested her during her second day on the job. Moore was initially charged with misdemeanor assault on a female, but the charges were dropped after lawyers for the alleged victim decided that it was not in her best interest to pursue the case criminally, the N&O reported.

"I believe they knew the sexual harassment was happening, and they looked the other way," Lynn Fontana, the lawyer representing the woman, told the N&O. "They set up the atmosphere that allowed this to happen."

Chancellor Chambers said the university will offer more counseling, increase training in understanding the nuances of sexual harassment. and require new employees to review NCCU's antisex harassment policy.

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for support of the mall, developers have promised to bring water and sewer services to the predominantly black community.

Supporters vied with shouts of "No Mall, No Mall" from the opposition outside council chambers. At times, protesters had to be quieted to allow the meeting to proceed.

According to fire marshals, an estimated 425 people turned out for the hearing, spilling over into adjacent hallways.

A second room was opened to allow visitors to watch the developments on closed-circuit television.

Floyd McKissick Jr., one of the council members who voted in favor of the project, told The News & Observer that the positive aspects of Southpoint outweighed the negative aspects of the project.

McKissick joined Langley, Cox, Kim Griffin, Brenda Burnette, Mary Jacobs, Howard Clement, Paul Miller, Eric Larson and Pamela Blyth in agreeing to the rezoning of the land that is necessary for commercial development ..

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Council members Cynthia Brown and Virginia Englehard and Mayor Nick Tenison voted "no."

Langley told the Echo she is not convinced that the mall will mea the death of South Square Mall. She pointed out that when Northgate Mall was built, South Square's businesses were not affected.

Langley also noted that Urban Retail Properties had promised that 40 percent of the Southpoint construction work will go to minorityowned businesses.

Urban Retail Properties predicted that the new mall will be one of the

finest retail establishments in the state. Southpoint is scheduled to open no later than spring 2002. It will compete with Crabtree Mall in Raleigh, one of the larger malls in the Triangle area.

City officials said the \$220 million project will generate approximately \$9 million in tax revenue yearly and produce about 3,000 retail jobs. A separate 100 acres will be developed by Midland and is expected to provide \$203,000 in tax revenue and another 2,000 new jobs to Durham's economy.

NEW PHYSICAL PLANT DIRECTOR AT NCCU



For the past month, Ed Eng has served as director of the Physical Plant at North Carolina Central University. He comes to NCCU from Fort Meyers, Fla., where he worked in that city's public works department. In addition to assisting with work on new campus buildings, the physical plant is responsible for repairs, grounds and building maintenance and controlling heating and cooling systems of all the facilities on campus. Eng said he hopes to change the negative perception that many people have about the physical plant. One goal, Eng said, to "create an atmosphere where the workers of the physical plant department and the campus community can work together and achieve some things."

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hours."

"It happens in the real world,".Spicer said of the many recent personnel changes at NCCU. "When adjustments and changes in personnel are made at the top level, it effects lower level personnel,' says Spicer.

Former Director of Purchasing Joyce Page also left NCCU early this year, and has accepted a state position with the NC Department of Health & Human Services Diabetes Control Program.

Other new hires at NCCU recently include Physical Plant Director Edward Eng, Housekeeping Administrator Laverne Leak and Safety Inspector Mark Taylor.

Thomas said that in his interim position, setting and maintaining expectations for his staff is a big challenge.

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