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Six students reveal their souls.

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# Campus Echo

#### Biz school on track

Accreditation by May likely

By JEAN ROGERS
ECHO STAFF WRITER

After projecting that 12-18 months would be needed to regain accreditation with the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs, N.C. Central University's School of Business could possibly regain accreditation as early as the first week of May.

According to Provost Beverly Jones, the school's staff worked tirelessly to provide the required data to the ACBSP.

"I want to take my hats off to Dr. Sahoo, [interim school of business dean] faculty, and students because they have really achieved a lot in a short time," said Jones.

The school lost its accreditation from the ACBSP Dec.

15 when former dean
Benjamin Newhouse failed

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#### 800 Eagles to fly May 6

BY SHINESE ANDERSON ECHO STAFF WRITER

Approximately 800 students are expected to graduate from N.C. Central University at 8 a.m. Sat., May 6 at O'Kelly-Riddick Stadium.

According to Carlton, Wilson, chair and associate professor of the department of history, the number of graduating students always fluctuates

fluctuates.

"This is ... one of our larger classes," Wilson said. "We are now getting into a time where we have a larger amount of graduating students. We don't expect for the

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#### **GRADY TATE I JAZZ FESTIVAL**



Grammy award winning Jazz trumpeter Tereil Stafford peforms a solo at the Grady Tate Jazz Festival in the B.N. Duke Auditorium April. 21

Khari Jackson/Echo Staff Photographer

#### HONORING TATE

n evening of true music, American born and bread, better known as jazz was given its time in the spotlight at N.C. Central University, April 21-22. Trumpeter Terell Stafford and vocalist Kevin Mahogany were the distinguished guests performing with NCCU's jazz department at the 16th Annual Grady Tate Jazz Festival hosted by NCCU Jazz Studies Program in the B.N. Duke Auditorium.

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#### SGA heady herey headydssfsdsdyy

By LARISHA STONE
ECHO STAFF WRITER

The results are in.
Students who voted for SGA leaders last month, now know who won.

The results were announced April 17.

"More students showed up than I've ever seen at an election," said Mukhtar Raqib,

whose term begins July 1.

"I'm just ready to move for-

ward," said Raqib.

However many students



Mukhtar Raqib SGA president-

elect

Tomasi Larry vice presidentelect

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### Pantiel to head UNC student association

By Rony Camille ECHO STAFF WRITER

Derek T. Pantiel, a N.C. Central University biology junior from Durham, is the newly elected president of the University of North Carolina Association of Student Government for the 2006-07 academic year.

Pantiel, who made an unsuccessful bid for student body vice president at NCCU, was one of four contestants for the UNCASG



Pantiel UNC ASG president elect

leadership
position last
weekend at
the association's meeting at East
Carolina
University in
Greenville.

As president, Pantiel will play a large role

large role allocating a \$180,000 annual budget and sit on the UNC Board of Governors.

# City awaits lab results

Nifong suggests that blood tests may show date rape drug. Other dancer speaks. Two lacrosse players charged.

BY DENEESHA EDWARDS
ECHO EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

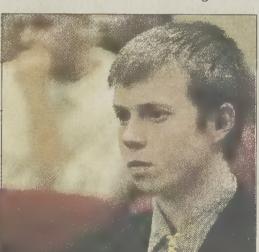
Newsweek reported in an April 10 story on their website that District Attorney Mike Nifong hinted to the magazine that a blood and urine test of the N.C. Central University student who was allegedly raped by three members of the Duke Lacrosse team, would reveal the presence of a date-rape drug.

Sophomores Reade Seligmann, 20, of Essex Fells, N.J. and Collin Finnerty, 19, of Garden City, N.Y. turned themselves in to Durham police on the morning of April 18.

Seligmann and Finnerty will will appear in court on charges of first-degree rape, sexual offense and kidnapping, May 15.

In North Carolina, each offense carries a sentence of 12-30 years for offenders with no previous criminal record.

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Duke lacrosse player Collin Finnerty at his preliminary hearing at the Durham County Judicial Building Tuesday morning, April 18.

JEFF SINEER/Charlotte Observer/KRT

## E-mail records rape responses

By WHITNEY BULL

One measure of how high feelings are running about the Duke lacrosse rape allegations is the number and content of emails about the case sent to the Campus Echo

Some of these e-mails support the allegations, others don't. Some e-mailers provide accounts of their experiences as rape victims. Some accuse the Echo of taking sides. Others are critical of the black community as a whole. One sends research findings on the symptoms of date rape

All have taken a stand on the question of whether the alleged rape occurred at all.

And one even purports to be from one of

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