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Campus Echo

Too many bodies, killers

Violence often random in Iraq

By SOLOMON MORRE AND PETER SPIEGEL
WASHINGTON POST

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Some are intact — the flesh torn only where the bullets entered. Others are perforated by drill holes or slashed into ragged pieces. They lie in dusty ravines and pools of sewage, deserted roads and abandoned torture chambers.

In a normal country, the bodies that appear every day in Iraq — 142 over the last five days, including more than 32 on Friday, Interior Ministry officials said — might be examined for clues by someone interested in solving the crimes.

There is no shortage of potential evidence: handcuffs pulling the inert shoulders taut, blindfolds, a crowd of witnesses who saw the dead man before masked men gunned him down in the street or stuffed him into a police car.

But in Iraq, there seems to be neither interest nor time for that. There are too many bodies and too many killers with too many ties to the nation's warring political factions.

Usually, the best anyone can do is point to a vague actor — Shiite militias, Sunni insurgents, criminals and gunmen. The murderers are often as nameless as the victims.

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Program gets kids started early

By LISA ROCHELLE
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If the person sitting next to you happens to be at least four years younger than you, don't be surprised. N.C. Central University's Early College program presents an opportunity for 240 high school students to attend their first year of college at the University.

"The program is a unique opportunity to expose students to positive education that is much easier than normal," said Nicholas King, principal of the early college program.

Supported by the Quotes Foundation, the program is funded by a \$400,000 grant from Secem, Inc.

The school has to meet state and federal requirements and needs major support from the surrounding community.

"In order to really see the success of this program, parents, teachers and all support staff need to come out of their comfort zone and help push it along," said King. The students attend classes

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Lunch at Childley's

NCCU WILL GET A STATE-OF-THE-ART CAFETERIA, TILL THEN IT'S A WALK UP THE HILL



A worker walks along the installation of modular units located off Alston Avenue east of Childley Residence Annex. The units will serve as a temporary replacement for Pearson Cafeteria beginning Oct 24.

RODERICK HEATH/Echo Photo Editor

Pearson Cafeteria will get a major facelift costing \$9.5 million. The renovation will be funded by a North Carolina bond passed in 2000 for UNC and state community colleges.

By JEAN ROGERS
ECHO STAFF WRITER

Students can expect to start hiking to the east side of campus to eat meals after fall break.

For the next 14 months Pearson Cafeteria will be closed for renovations and students will be served in a makeshift building next to Childley Hall's parking lot on Alston Ave.

The temporary building, which will open on Oct. 24, is composed of modular trailers.

Pearson, which was originally scheduled to be redesigned in 2002,

will undergo a complete renovation that will take 14 months to complete.

The temporary building will seat 364 people, but Pearson seats 450.

The inside of the trailers will have ceilings 8-9 feet high and the floors will be carpeted.

The entrance and outside of the modular units will be fully lighted and a canopy will cover the entrance.

The menu offered will be almost the same as what is offered in Person Cafeteria.

The prices and the hours will remain the same according to

Lawrence Lisburg, Sodexo's general manager.

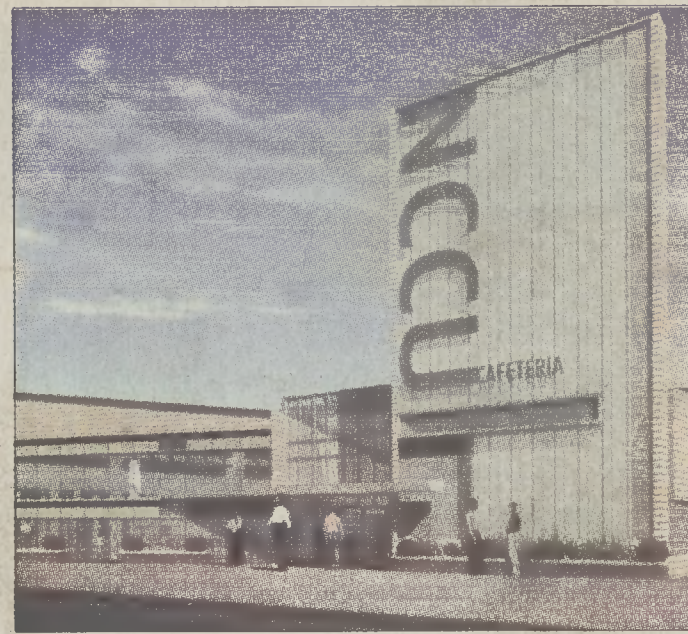
"We are going to try to keep the menu as close as possible but that depends on the health department and insurance," said Lisburg.

The new café, will cost \$9.5 million dollars.

The funds come from a \$3.1 billion North Carolina bond passed on Nov. 7, 2000 for the UNC system and the state's community colleges.

Originally only the inside of the café was

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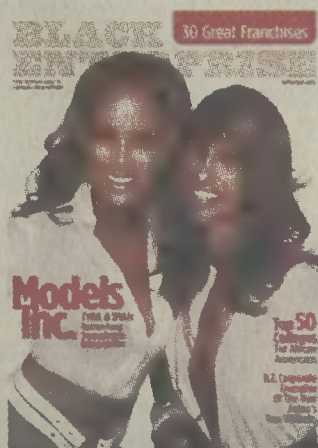


Architectural rendering of the proposed W.G. Pearson Cafeteria. The cafeteria is scheduled to be completed in 14 months.

Image courtesy of Moody Nolan Inc

NCCU ranked 30th by magazine

Black Enterprise rated the top 50 schools for African Americans



Sept. issue of Black Enterprise Magazine list top schools

By VANESSA JACKSON
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N.C. Central University ranked 30th among the top 50 colleges for African Americans in the September issue of Black Enterprise magazine.

The ranking represents a 12 spot increase since 2001 and an average trend since the list's first appearance in the magazine's 1999 January issue.

A total of 1,423 colleges and universities met the criteria established by BE and Thomas A. LaVeist, Ph.D., CEO of DayStar Research.

The survey was completed by more than 500 African American

higher education professionals, including presidents, chancellors and directors.

They rated each school based on a scale from 1 (strongly recommended) to 5 (strongly discouraged).

The schools surveyed were accredited four-year colleges with an African American student enrollment of at least 3 percent. Their enrollment data was to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education.

The variables considered: black student graduation rate; average survey score for the school's academic environment; average survey score for the school's social environment; total black undergraduate enrollment; black undergradu-

ate students as a percentage of total undergraduates (credit for this variable was capped at 50% for HBCUs).

Florida A & M topped the list, Howard University placed second, and North Carolina A & T University came in third.

It was surprising to some students that N.C. A & T University ranked higher than N.C. Central and that Duke University was listed at all.

"We should have been up there with A & T," said Elementary Education sophomore Ashley Tedde.

BE surveyed universities from across the country.

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