

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY



Parking lot in between old Baynes Residence Hall and McLean Residence Hall. The lot is one of 22 reserved lots on campus.

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## 5-0 nix after 7 p.m. parking

Evening parking in reserved lots is a thing of the past

By EBONY McQUEEN  
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Students thinking they can park in reserved campus lots after 7 p.m. without getting a ticket better think again.

According to N.C. Central University police Captain Victor Ingram the department is now enforcing a 24/7 policy in reserved lots.

"At one point, we allowed students to park in reserved lots overnight, but they had to move their car by 7 a.m.," said Ingram.

Ingram said one of the reasons for the stricter enforcement is because students often failed to move their cars in the

morning leaving faculty and administrators without parking.

Ingram said the best solution for students is simply to keep their cars in their designated lots while on campus.

"We need to try and utilize the space we do have efficiently," said Ingram.

But some students are seeing things differently.

"I feel that students should be able to park free after 7 p.m. because there is not enough parking on campus," said psychology senior Tereka Taylor.

According to Ingram security officers are now in charge of traffic enforcement, not campus police. Ingram explained

that this move was done to relieve police officers from writing parking tickets.

This change allows police officers to patrol the campus instead of writing tickets.

"It would be nice if we had a traffic unit, but that would require more personnel," said Ingram.

Some students are surprised to find out that revenue from parking tickets revenues does not end up with NCCU.

In a 2005 court case the N.C. Supreme Court decided in favor of the North Carolina School Boards Association to grant all parking fine revenues to local school districts.

"I understand the public schools need the money, but we need parking lots fixed, and a parking deck," said senior business management major Stakesha St. Clair.

According to the matter is not settled and NCCU may ultimately get to keep a portion of the parking revenue.

"It would be nice of them," said Ingram. "We could sure use it for campus."

Ingram said in the event of an emergency exceptions can be made.

"Call us," he said. "Depending on the urgency of the situation, we can make exceptions."

## Hip hop to enrich curriculum

Summit, record label in works

By SHINESE ANDERSON  
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Hip hop is taking a new direction at N.C. Central University, climbing to new heights going beyond the classroom.

In a Tuesday press conference, Chancellor James H. Ammons announced the launch of a new Hip Hop Initiative which offers a scholarly approach to the music form that University officials believe could provide new opportunities to at-risk males.

The initiative plans to branch off into four different components — a class called "Hip Hop in Context" accompanied with a lecture series, a Hip Hop Summit scheduled for Feb. 9-10, 2007, a record label, and continuing education courses.

"We plan to offer alternatives to hip hop letting students know that it is not all about sex, drugs, and gangs," said Ammons.

Kawachi Clemons, coordinator of NCCU's music industry program, plans to develop programs that will provide primary and secondary teachers with ways to use the genre in their

classrooms.

The plan is to address the University's mission through the Hip Hop Summit according to Clemons.

"We favor a student center approach in planning the Hip Hop Summit," he said.

Business, marketing and art students will be involved by helping plan, budget and market the summit.

Eagle Records is another component in the Hip Hop Initiative, a student record label which plans to expose students to marketing and sales.

"Eagle Records also plans to produce music videos, musical production, and educational programs online and face-to-face," said Clemons.

Race, gender, youth, and class are few issues the Hip Hop in Context class takes on.

The class, which was introduced this semester, surveys the history of hip hop from its beginnings in 1967 through 1997, the year that Biggie died.

It also explores social consciousness and the commercialism of hip hop.

## RANKING

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Mitchell Webson, a mass communication junior said, "I think it's a good thing that Central made the list; it's a slow process, but a process that is happening."

Lolethia Underdue, General Manager for Audio Net, said, "Central has done an outstanding job to be in the top 50. I expect it will be even higher next year."

Chancellor James H. Ammons said that being on the list confirms that NCCU is doing things right.

A comprehensive program has been put in place to increase academic, graduation, and social scores, with an emphasis on closing the gap for students with the highest financial need.

"Many are leaving because they run out of money," said Ammons.

In addition to finding more financial resources,

NCCU has created a living and learning environment that brings students together to study in their dorms.

In an effort to improve the intellectual climate, public figures such as Cornell West, Michael Eric Dyson, ... and Dennis Kimbrel have all been invited and visited the campus.

Furthermore, academic advising has been intensified, and students are attending overseas programs in Libya, Kenya, and South Africa. Soon they will be able to study in Ghana.

"We are going to keep working away until we get to the top of the list," Ammons said. "It is significant. Being an HBCU, you want to be on the list." He said that he was surprised at some of the outstanding colleges that didn't make the list.

## RATING OF TOP COLLEGES FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS

Ranked below are only the public HBCUs, not predominantly white private institutions, such as Duke, or predominantly African American private institutions, such as Hampton.

Rank	School	Social score	Academic score	Grad. rate
1	FAMU	44.2	43.8	46%
2	Howard	43.3	42.6	62%
3	NCA&T	42.0	41.6	43%
17	Tenn. St.	40.0	39.6	47%
27	Prairie View	38.8	38.8	46%
28	Jackson St.	40.0	38.5	40%
30	NCCU	38.1	40.0	50%
34	Morgan St.	40.4	38.8	39%

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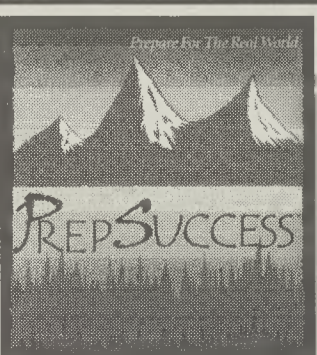
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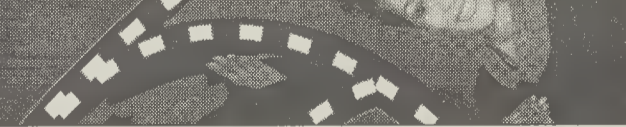
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