

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

Lack of home training?

Mess in the nest wearing on students, staff

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There is a problem in the halls of Eagle Landing — there is trash everywhere.

Even though there are trash rooms on each floor and dumpsters outside, residents continue to throw their trash on the floors.

This problem is not only going on in the residence halls, but also in the classroom buildings. Candy wrappers, drink bottles and even chicken bones litter the steps and the floors.

There is a no-littering policy in the residence halls.

The no-littering policy for the resident halls states that a particular floor, or the entire building, is supposed to be fined when large amounts of trash are found outside of the proper

areas.

However, this policy is not being enforced.

"I think that it is degrading to our university... there are trash bins all over campus, so you can just throw it in the trash and stop polluting our environment," said mass communication senior Ebony McQueen.

Some students believe that throwing trash on the floors gives people a poor impression of NCCU's students.

"When someone visits NCCU and sees trash all over the place, the first thing they will think is that the people are nothing but trash," said biology junior Adam Spencer.

Students are not the only ones affected by the littering. Members of the school's housekeeping staff also have to deal with this prob-

lem. Housekeeping supervisor Tyrone Wilson says students have a misconception about what housekeepers are here for.

"Basically, it shows that they have a lack of home training," said Wilson. "They have a misconception that housekeepers are the same thing as butlers or maids — We're not."

Wilson said that students need to take responsibility for their environment.

"Mom and dad aren't here to pick up behind them."

Wilson believes that this problem can be dealt with by telling students when they first enter the university that they should treat the dorms and other buildings with respect.

"This will be their home for the next four years," Wilson said.

CLUSTER

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for Blue Cross and Blue Shield, said in order to eliminate disparities, it is necessary to understand where the disparities are, then involve the people in underserved communities in discussions on how to address the conditions of healthcare.

The keynote speaker for the cluster was Dr. Donald W. Bradley, executive medical director of Blue Cross and Blue Shield North Carolina.

"Health disparities have been there for a long time...we need to understand it's a real problem," said Bradley.

Bradley said that being able to collect data that focuses on disparity issues, relating that data to specific conditions and involving the entire healthcare system, will allow healthcare providers to intervene.

Tracey Burns-Vann, director of corporate and foundation relations, works as liaison between corporations and foundations that invest in the university.

"There's much research regarding health disparities taking place on campus," said Vann.

The Nursing Department, along with the HBCU

Alliance, is researching cardiovascular risk.

She said the cluster makes it possible to introduce students to the industry for internships and other opportunities.

The NCCU Office of Institutional Advancement plans to work alongside Career Services in the near future to develop a cluster conference to reach more students, strengthen the bonds made through the business and industry clusters taking place on campus, and encourage other companies to become involved.

SGA

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"I had a campaign team of over 100 students and I feel like I let people down."

According to SGA Elections Chair Samantha Carter, the candidates have been removed from the official ballot.

"I really think the screening process should have been done well in advance," said Hall.

Carter said she also had been under the impression that the candidates only needed 90 credit hours, but was later told differently.

"Before I called the candidates, I checked to see if they had 90," said Carter. "None of them had 90 or 96."

The new rules require all candidates for executive offices to have at least 96 credit hours in order to run.

According to the SGA Constitution, all candi-

dates running for Mr. and Miss NCCU must be classified as seniors, as determined by the Office of the University Registrar, by June 1.

"After last year I began to see how politics really works around here," said Hall. "It's all about who kisses whose ass."

This year's election problems come just a year after constitutional issues led to a two-week delay in the announcement of SGA presidential results.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Roland Gaines said the elections held Friday, March 31, 2006, were unconstitutional because the SGA followed the 2005 SGA Constitution, which had not yet been signed by the chancellor.

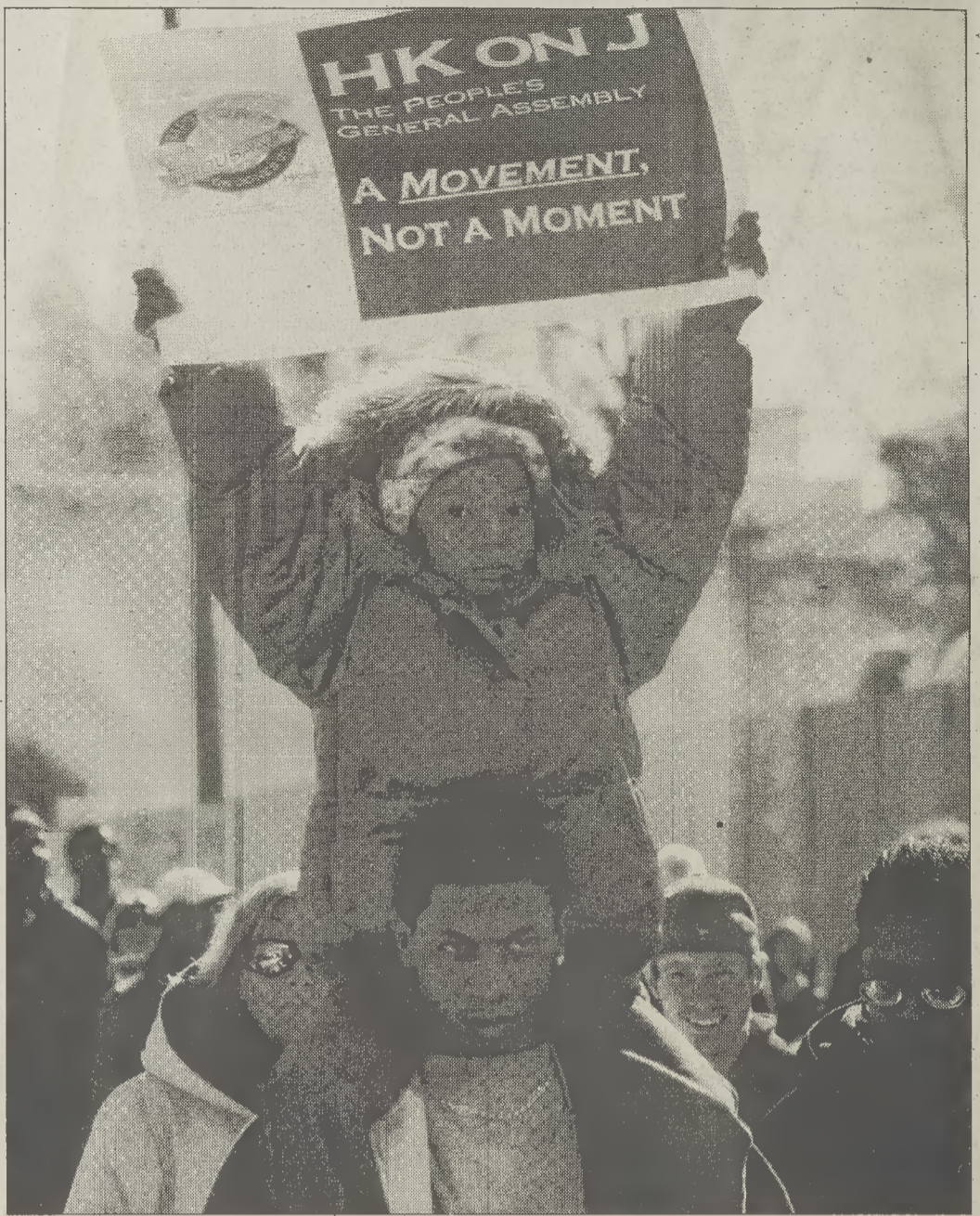
Under the 2003 constitution, the one under which

the SGA should have been operating, elections should have been held on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

The SGA eventually released the results, with the former president, Renee Clark, saying that a pending grievance had prevented the Association from releasing them and that the grievance had been solved.

Mukhtar Raqib, the current SGA president, was declared the winner, beating A.J. Donaldson, Brandon Sanders and Sean Kornegay.

This year's SGA executive board candidates are Tomasi Larry for president, Isaac Bellamy for vice president, Corey Dinkins for Mr. NCCU, and Kate Sturdivant and Latoya Tate for Miss NCCU.



Young and old march in Raleigh to present list of demands to N.C. Legislature.

DANA WOMACK/Echo Staff Photographer

Historic K on J

Students, citizens march in Raleigh

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Many N.C. Central University students marched in Raleigh on Saturday for the Historic K (Thousands) on Jones Street, led by the N.C. NAACP.

"I want y'all to get a firsthand experience," said an NAACP traffic usher.

NCCU students and N.C. and Virginia citizens came out in support.

Students rode on campus buses and drove personal vehicles to the march.

NCCU students earned 15 community service hours for their participation in the event.

Over a thousand students from more than 60 organizations marched to the downtown Raleigh legislative building to demand a 14-point change, including abolishing a "racially biased" death penalty and doing away with lethal injections.

"We're trying not to give them a lethal injection, but a life injection," said

Reverend Dr. William J. Barber, president of the N.C. NAACP.

Tomasi Larry, political science junior and NCCU's SGA vice president, said that point six — lifting every HBCU — is most important to him.

"I think that historically black colleges and universities directly (target) the lack of education, knowledge and stability of minorities," Larry said.

A.J. Donaldson, political science senior, told the crowd, "Jim Crow had a son by the name of James Crow."

Donaldson said activists of the 1960s civil rights movement were as young as today's college students.

"Hopefully it will bring us all together, not just the black community, but the triangle," Daniele Hood, criminal justice junior, said. Hood said Tameka Thomas, president of NCCU's NAACP urged her and other members to attend the movement.

Jarvis Hall, the HK on J coordinator for NCCU stu-

dents, challenged legislators to survive on a minimum wage income, following Rev. Barber in saying, "We need a livable wage."

"I'm fired up! I can't take it no more!" the audience said, following Judge Milton Toby-Fitch's lead.

Fitch said he was happy to see those who served in legislature with him in attendance.

People sat in the Progress Energy Center for more than 2 hours before heading out to march downtown.

"H-K on J!" supporters chanted.

After going over the 14-point agenda, the crowd was "fired up" to march downtown.

The program concluded as supporters signed a wooden scroll outlining the 14 points for legislatures to see Monday morning.

"The fight is on until wrong turns to right," Rev. Barber said. He plans to continue the movement until minorities and immigrants receive equal rights from North Carolina.

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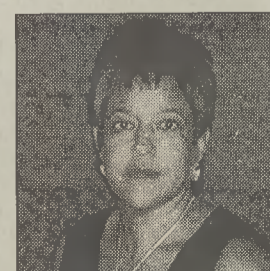
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