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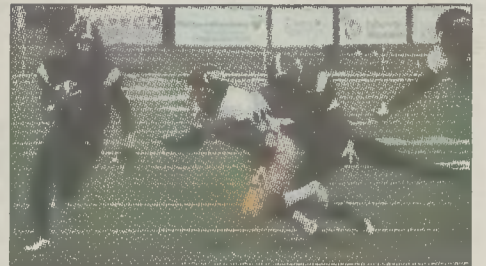
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'Fly high'

1959 alum brings past and present into focus

Crime rattling U.S. campuses

Recent violent crimes upset sense of refuge on college campuses

By MARA ROSE WILLIAMS
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS (MCT)
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Tuition may not be the most troubling concern for parents sending sons and daughters

off to college. A disturbing pattern of violent crime has erupted across the nation's campuses — from Yale University, where a female graduate

student was strangled, to the University of California at Los Angeles, where a chemistry student was stabbed repeatedly in a lab. While saying that campuses

almost always are safer than their surrounding communities, Jonathan Kassa of Security On Campus Inc. acknowledged that the headlines can create the

opposite impression. "This has been a very uniquely deadly and brutal first semester, so there is

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Mattie Giles, 1959 alumna, at Friday's convocation.

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Echo staff photographer

By AMARACHI ANAKARAONYE
ECHO STAFF REPORTER

June 2, 1959 was the 45th annual commencement of the N.C. College at Durham, now N.C. Central University.

That year's class completed its secondary education in an era of legalized discrimination, and without the efficiencies of modern technology.

Most students cannot imagine life without cell phones, computers, iPods and Facebook — but past alumni paved the way without these "necessities."

Among the graduates that year was Mattie Giles, convocation speaker of NCCU's 62nd annual Founder's Day. A major in sociology with a double minor in education and library science, Giles is a retired professor of social work at the University of the District of Columbia.

"I am grateful for all the University has done for me and countless others," said Giles on Friday.

She said NCCU graduates were stronger and wiser and more educated because of our founder. "Dr. Shepard made it possible, no matter the school's name."

Giles' convocation speech connected the rich past of NCCU with the present state of the institution.

She recounted her freshman year at the N.C. College at Durham with pride. She recalled the humiliation of wearing "beanies," or skull caps, to signify freshman classification, and witnessing the vocal gift of her classmate, Shirley Caesar, at the freshman talent show.

"What a difference time, need and resources make," said Giles.

Under the guidance of Marjorie Shepard, daughter of founder James E. Shepard, Giles earned 55 cents an hour for work-study in the James E. Shepard Memorial Library.

She told the audience about a Mr. Alston and his dog, who constituted "the one-man, one-dog, one-night-stick" campus security force from 1954 to 1959.

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HOMECOMING 2009 | NCCU CELEBRATES ITS CENTENNIAL



Two Washington, D.C.-based alumni, Anna Joyce Newkirk Pratt, Miss NCCU Alumna 2008-09, with Gerald Angelo Peebles, Mr. NCCU Alumnus, at the parade.

KANISHA MADISON/Echo staff photographer

By CARLTON KOONCE/ECHO EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Centennial homecoming events for the N. C. Central University family have come to an end.

The fun, festivities and

reunions of the week brought in alumni who have not seen the campus in years.

The 2009 homecoming kicked-off with a comedy show

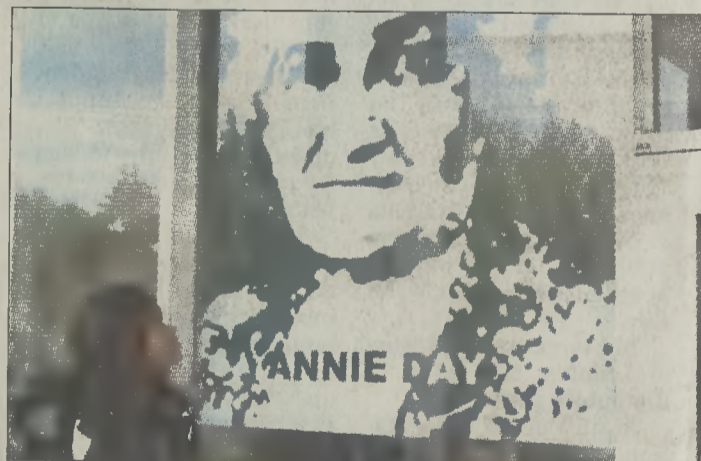
featuring comedians Kevin Hart and Benji Brown followed by entertainment at the Eagle Jam and the traditional Pre-Dawn dance.

The newest Ms. NCCU, Chavery McClanahan, and Mr. NCCU, Tremaine Holloway, were crowned during the coro-

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Historic leaders on display

Former chancellors, political leaders subjects of centennial art project



Biology freshman Marion Grant admires a portrait of Annie Day, James E. Shepard's wife.

JERRY ROGERS/Echo staff photographer

By ASHLEY ROQUE
ECHO STAFF REPORTER

LeRoy Walker. Mickey Michaux. Annie Day Shepard. W.G. Pearson. Julius Chambers. C.C. Spaulding. Alphonso Elder. Jeanne Lucas. Charlie Nelms.

These are the nine new portraits of leaders in the black community now displayed in the lobby of the Farrison-Newton Building.

Each leader has contributed to the growth and development of N. C. Central University over its 100 years.

Fine arts students con-



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tributed to the celebration of the Centennial while learning about the past and present

African-American leaders. Each portrait was created by art students from the art club, under the leadership of adjunct professor Chad Hughes.

"The appearances of these faces demands questions," said art professor Achamyleh Dabela.

"We want to share the stories of these leaders

with the whole student body because we don't want students to spend four years here and not know who are our main leaders."

Though some of the portraits are of former chancellors and presidents, others depict civil rights leaders and government representatives, such as Jeanne Lucas.

Lucas, an alumna of Hillside High, became, in 1993, the first African-American female to serve in the state senate.

"I think it's amazing

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Students rally behind public option

By ASHLEY GRIFFIN
ECHO STAFF REPORTER

Theodore Roosevelt tried it in the early 1900s. Franklin D. Roosevelt tried it three decades later. And Harry Truman made a run at it in the 1940s.

Today President Obama is challenged by the same task.

The United States has been plagued throughout its history with trying to find a successful healthcare system for all its citizens.

On Oct. 23 a petition was presented to N. C. democratic junior senator Kay Hagan signed by 365 N.C. Central University students.

"We began to collect signatures at the cafeteria and the student union and presented in classes to explain to students what the petition supported," said Emily Littlejohn, public health and business administration senior.

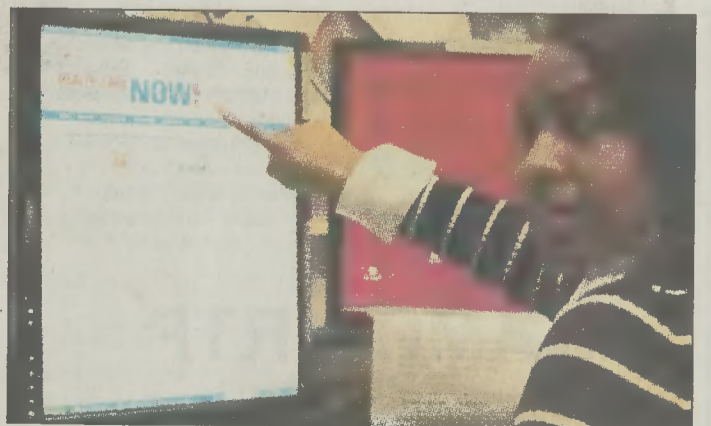
Today, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, nearly 47 million Americans under the age of 65 do not have

health insurance.

According to the Kaiser Family Foundation's Web site, a non-profit, private organization concentrating on national health care issues and U. S. global health policy, "health insurance premiums have consistently grown faster than inflation."

The Foundation projects that by 2018, healthcare spending in the nation will soar to more than \$4.3 trillion, or \$13,100 per resident.

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Emily Littlejohn helped petition for a public health care option.

ASHLEY GRIFFIN/Echo staff photographer

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