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# Campus Echo

## Students petition assembly

UNC System students ask General Assembly to keep tuition funds on campus

BY AMARACHI ANAKARAONYE  
ECHO STAFF REPORTER

If the N.C. General Assembly gets its way, the money raised from next fall's systemwide tuition

increase will not end up at UNC campuses.

It will end up instead in North Carolina's general fund.

And that's got students from all 16 UNC universities up in arms.

Since the late 1990s, North Carolina's public universities have both proposed and spent their own tuition increases.

"All of this money is going back to the state," said Dwayne Johnson, NCCU's

SGA president.

"I think it needs to come back to the University. Who's to say that that money is going to be used by the universities once it goes to the state?"

At least if it goes to the

schools, we can see the direct benefit."

Last year North Carolina's general assembly mandated an 8 percent tuition increase at the state's 16 universities to

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## Put out

Juniors, seniors scramble for off-campus housing

BY TOMMIA HAYES  
ECHO STAFF REPORTER

For most juniors and seniors the bad news is just now beginning to sink in. It arrived in an October 29 memo from Jennifer Wilder, N.C. Central University's director of Residential Life. It was titled: "2010-2011 Housing Outlook - Letter to Students and Family Members."

The memo stated that if you're a junior or senior, and if you're not a student athlete or in one of the University's learning communities, such as the honors program, then you'll need to find housing somewhere off campus.

Housing has been a long-standing problem at NCCU. The demand for rooms has for many years not been met.

In 2006 1,771 upperclassmen entered a lottery for an available 1,692 housing slots.

Today, with increasing enrollment, the shortage is even worse.

According to Jennifer Wilder, director of Residential Life, about 8,500 students are enrolled at NCCU, which has only 2,300 beds. Or as she put it in an e-mail, "We are currently at .27 beds per student."

The picture isn't pretty: Thousands of NCCU juniors

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### LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW | DURHAM'S WINTER WONDERLAND



Classes started late Monday and Tuesday after 6-7 inches of snow blanketed Durham Friday. Forecasts predict rain and snow for later this week.

MIKE DEWEESE-FRANK/Allentown Morning Echo staff photographer

## Debt, degree, jobs

BY MARA ROSE WILLIAMS  
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS (MCI)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Being "upside-down" means owing more on your house or car than it's worth.

Right now, Patricia Summers is upside-down on her college degree.

She still owes \$18,000 on loans taken to get her degree in advertising from the University of Missouri. Her college time will end up costing more than \$50,000, not counting what she could have earned from a full-time job had she not gone to college.

But that job probably would have been a dead-end, low-paying service job, advocates of higher education

## 54 years later, an Echo editor reflects

Shirley Temple James-Holliday pushed students, faculty to take activist stance

BY CARLTON KOONCE  
ECHO EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The 1950s were a dynamic time on the campus of North Carolina College at Durham.

As a center of learning for colored people throughout the South, the College attracted a variety of students who would go on to become future educators and community activists.

Shirley Temple James-Holliday, the 1956 editor of the Campus Echo newspaper, recently dusted off her memories of Chuck Berry, B. B. King and Billie Holiday to share with present-day Eagles.

Holliday remembers N. C.

Central University legends such as Sam Jones who played for the Boston Celtics, Tex Harrison who played for the Harlem Globetrotters, and actors Robert Cheek and Ivan Dixon.

She also remembers learning to swim in the pool at the old women's gymnasium, located in what is now the Student Services building.

"We still had mandatory vespers [church sermons] on Sundays and had to sit in assigned seats in B. N. Duke Auditorium," said Holliday.

Holliday said the services were stopped because they eventually ran out of seats.

"I didn't have time to watch TV because I was in charge of the student United Way on campus and I would go on TV to talk about money we had raised. It wasn't

much," she said.

"We paid \$546 for room, board and everything. The Echo was in the library on the first floor back then, before they built the porch. We had two desks and two typewriters, one for the advisor and one for the editor."

The year that Holliday was editor, the Campus Echo won an "Excellent" rating from the Associated Collegiate Press.

She also was the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority representative to the Pan-Hellenic Council and a member of the National Social Science Honor Society, Pi Gamma Mu.

"I had to set type and I had to get special permission from the dean of women,

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Shirley Temple James-Holliday edited the Campus Echo in 1956.

JES'NEKA JONES/Echo staff photographer

## Campus to host its own 'Biggest Loser'

BY ASHLEY GRIFFIN  
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Some 66 percent of all Americans are overweight, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

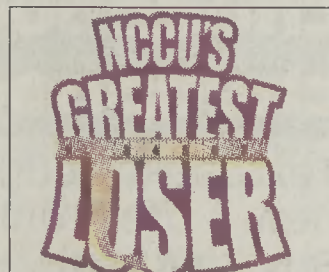
Of this percentage, African Americans take the lead.

According to the U.S. Office of Minority Health's latest report, African Americans were 50 percent

less likely to engage in physical activities than non-Hispanic whites in 2007.

A National College Health Assessment study conducted during the 2008-2009 academic year found that NCCU student overweight and obesity rates were 41 percent.

"After doing the fitness assessment test, nearly 60 percent of my students had a BMI [body mass index] over



25, which classifies them as being either overweight or obese," said Erica Dixon,

NCCU's director of Campus Recreation and Wellness.

Such statistics inspired Dixon's office, Sodexo, and the Division of Student Affairs to initiate an eight-week contest: "NCCU's Greatest Loser Weight Loss Challenge."

Sodexo is the University's food service provider.

The winning team will be awarded \$1,000.

The inspiration for this

program comes from the popular television show, "The Biggest Loser."

The selection of 50 students — 10 teams of five members — runs from Feb. 8 through Feb. 14.

Teams will be assigned by contest coordinators based on application information.

Applications for the contest are now available in Pearson Cafeteria, Walker

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### Earning more

Annual earning potential depending on educational attainment:

High school dropout	\$25,740
High school graduate	\$33,801
Some college, no degree	\$39,663
Associate's degree	\$42,048
Bachelor's degree	\$52,636

Source: U.S. Census Bureau  
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