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Audit mayhem goes to state

By CARLTON KOONCE
ECHO EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After weeks of suspense and public scrutiny, the University has turned its internal review of the Historically Minority

Colleges and Universities Consortium's finances over to the state auditor's office for further investigation.

The consortium, funded by the N.C. General Assembly and administered

by NCCU, was created to close the achievement gap between black and white students with a variety of supplemental education programs.

One or more former

NCCU employees are suspected of embezzling up to \$200,000 from the consortium.

In a letter to the N.C. Central University campus, Chancellor Charlie Nelms

stated that the Office of the State Attorney General and the State Bureau of Investigation had been alerted that an "unauthorized, private bank account in the name of the Consortium"

had been uncovered during the administration's internal audit.

Nelms wrote in the letter that the University needed

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Tweets, twits and twitter



By ASHLEY ROQUE
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Smaller than a blog and more public than a text, Twitter is growing rapidly everywhere—even in the academic setting of N.C. Central University.

In 140 words, "tweeters" can post anything from where they just had lunch to job openings at their company.

Keeping up with technology in these fast-paced times is significant and since fall 2009, NCCU has been looking for ways to incorporate Twitter into the academic realm.

"Twitter is a resource for students and staff to network, share information, and learn," said David Kroll, professor and chair of pharmaceutical sciences.

"It's different from

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MISS BLACK USA 2009 VISITS NCCU



Shayna Rudd, crowned Miss Black USA 2009 in August, hugs Simyous Scarborough, 5, during an autograph signing for NCCU's Women's Center Benefit Reception on Saturday. Hailing from West Philadelphia, Rudd is an author, entrepreneur, and an educator with a BA in journalism from Howard University. She is the founder of Lady Diva Corp, a non-profit organization that empowers young African American women and provides them with educational opportunities.

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Second time around

SGA president lays out fall plans

By JAMESE SLADE
ECHO STAFF REPORTER

The first Student Government Association president ever elected for two consecutive terms has made

N.C. Central history. "When I first found out I won, I was excited," said history junior Dwayne Johnson.

As the year comes to an end, Johnson reflected on all he accomplished during the 2009-10 school year to help make plans for the new year.

This year, the SGA began the Eagle Wing Mentorship Program, which required everyone in the SGA to have two mentees and program members to have at least a 2.5 GPA.

"Academics are first, just as our students," said Johnson.

"I'm close to all of my mentees. I am a friend and a big brother."

Johnson also got SGA together with SGAs from Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill to begin a tuition petition.

Johnson was fighting to lower the cost of school tuitions. NCCU received 1,400 student signatures and 23,000 from North Carolina residents.

"The school brought the petitions to state legislatures, who relate more to statistics and numbers," said Johnson.

Besides tuition, Johnson focused on campus appeal.

"I e-mailed Chancellor Nelms and asked him where has the verdant green gone," he said.

According to Johnson, landscaping has vastly improved and now students have a place to study hard on the yard.

Johnson created Study Hard on the Yard, a program that promotes student studying on campus. The program has brought together over 300 students this past year.

With his proven track record, Johnson has been elected to serve next year as the SGA President once again.

"Now the feeling is gone and there's to work to be done."

Johnson's campaign slogan, "iServe," was used to promote his attitude toward leadership and service.

For Johnson, the first item on the agenda is to work on the parking situation on campus. He plans on "putting pressure on the administration to get the parking deck open in the fall" when it is scheduled to be finished.

Johnson wants campus police to distribute warming tickets, which are already given out at other colleges,

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Will freshmen come back next year?

By JORDAN SUTTON AND WENDY WRIGHT
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With one year under their belts, one question freshmen might ask themselves is, "Is NCCU the place for me?"

As the 2009-2010 aca-

ademic year comes to a close, many freshmen are reflecting on their experience with other students, faculty, and the NCCU campus.

Some freshmen found other Eagles to be indifferent; many complained that freshmen should

"grow up."

"I met a lot of new people but I felt that many don't go to class," said Kendrick Moore, political science freshman.

"A lot of them just stay in their rooms."

"Some students are not college material, because

some freshmen students aim for a D in their classes," said Moore.

Aleshia Hall, a nursing freshman, found many students to be "immature and rude."

In addition to less-than-perfect Eagles, some freshmen found college

life difficult to adapt to.

"I thought it was going to be a home-like experience, but it's not," said Hall.

"Some of the staff and workers also have nasty attitudes at Central," she

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Unveiling the face behind the name

Alumni dedicate potrait of Mary Townes

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ECHO STAFF REPORTER

What students call the "Science Complex" is actually called the Mary Townes Science Complex.

In honor of the late Mary M. Townes, former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and biology professor, a portrait was created in her honor.

At her memorial lecture held earlier this month, Kenneth Rodgers, director

of the N.C. Central University Art Museum, unveiled a portrait he painted of her.

The portrait of Townes was commissioned by the class of 1962 and will hang in the atrium of the Townes Science Building.

Townes arrived at NCCU in 1950 and became the director of the Academic Advising Program, chairwoman of the Department of Biology and Dean of the College of Arts and

Sciences.

Townes was a prolific research scientist and published more than 60 scientific articles that brought substantial grants to NCCU.

As a result of her accomplishments, she was honored with the N.C. Governor's Award of Excellence, the National Association for Equal Opportunity Distinguished Alumna Citation, and the Dr. James E. Shepard Legacy Award.



Kenneth Rodgers and class of '62 unveil Mary Townes portrait.

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