

# Johnson C. Smith Marching Band Makes Big Changes

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A big change has been made by the JCSU marching band. Students are saying positive things about the band, said trumpet player Charmaine Moss.

Since 1983, the year that Freddie Holt joined the JCSU staff as band director, there have been a lot of improvements that have added to the entire music program.

Holt has done some great things with the band, such as increasing the number of band members. This year the band has a total of 70 members including auxiliaries.

Holt says, "I've been band director for two years, and 70 members is a big jump from the 35 original members."

The band has improved over 50 percent and it is continuing to grow as the year moves on. Holt recruited 40 freshmen this year, who were awarded scholarships.

The best thing that the band did was to increase the number of half-time performances. Last season the band performed only four half-time shows out of the 10 games that were played, all of them at home games. This year the band plans to perform at eight out of 10 games most of them away.

Student Anthony McClam



**J. C. Smith Marching Band**  
*...Strutting "their stuff"*

said, "This is the best sounding and the biggest band I have seen since I've been at Smith in the past four years."

Band members feel that students and faculty are very pleased with the band. "We seem to be getting much more support this year," said Greg Hankins.

Perry Brown is in his second year as drum major, and Holt is very pleased with his performance. One very noticeable section is the percussionists who are booming very loudly with 14 talented members. There are nine

golden girls, 10 flag girls and two twirlers to add beauty and color to the marching bulls.

Some of the popular tunes played by the band are songs by Duran-Duran, Ready for the World and Sousa. Holt said there will be a big surprise for homecoming this year.

The band has received several invitations to attend various community activities and parades. One very honorable invitation received by the band recently was to perform next month for dignitaries from China at an honorary ceremony.

pear as a cornet player.

The Marching Bulls will lead the Homecoming parade on Saturday morning, which will start in downtown Charlotte and

end up at Memorial Stadium. The parade will feature many queens and organizations of alumni, students and friends of the JCSU family.

## UNCF Chairperson Chosen

Charles L. Farrar, manager in the long range planning department for Southern Bell Telecommunications, Inc., and Henry H. Doss, senior vice president, Phoenix Communications, have been selected as general chairpersons for the 1985 Johnson C. Smith - United Negro College Fund campaign.

Farrar received his B.S. degree in Business Administration from Virginia State University. He joined Southern Bell in 1972. Farrar and his wife, Shirley, have two children.

Doss received his B. A. degree in English from UNCC. Prior to forming Phoenix Communications, he was director of Cor-

porate and Foundation Relations at Davidson College.

According to Mr. Getchel Caldwell, assistance vice president for development and JCSU-UNCF campaign coordinator, "We are delighted to have both Charles and Henry chairing our campaign this year. Both persons bring to the campaign expertise in the area of volunteer management and charity fund raising."

As in the past, JCSU has the responsibility for all solicitation efforts in both Gaston and Mecklenburg Counties. The 1985 goal is \$100,000 and the major solicitation period is July through December, 1985.

Dr. Albright is also very pleased with the success of the band. Holt was recently selected for the Outstanding Men of America award, presented to men between 21 and 35 who have good academic standings, good community service records and professional records. Persons chosen for this award will appear in a national publication.

Holt also will be seen in the motion picture "Color Purple" produced by Quincy Jones and Steven Spielberg, to be released in December. Holt will ap-

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