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The Hoey Administration Building, circa 1950s on the left and present day on the right





Letter from the Chancellor

Dear Alumni and Friends:

Welcome to the Centennial Edition of the NCCU NOW.

During this Centennial Year, beginning with Charter Day last June 30, we've held art exhibits by artists Ruth Russell Williams, James Biggers, Ernie Barnes, and photo-journalist Alex Rivera. We've heard lectures from authors Michele Bowen, Hill Harper, Patricia Russell-McCloud, Ben Carson, Steve Perry, and Rebecca Skloot. And now, we're looking forward to Tom Joyner as speaker for our Centennial Commencement on May 15.

In our Centennial Year, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked NCCU the best public HBCU in the country and for the second year in a row, our Law School was ranked the No. 1 Best Value Law School in the Nation based on affordability, bar passage rate and job placement.

And of course, the Alumni Association plays a vital role in this success. The Southern Regional Education Board report released April 14, included NCCU among a select group of 15 institutions across the country that evidenced best practices in achieving student success. In part, they attribute our achievement to the fact that NCCU alumni "serve on advisory committees, speak to classes, are involved in student activities, provide part-time jobs, and connect students with community service opportunities. They serve as role models for degree completion — the clear sign of success for both the university and its students."

These are some of the ways that alumni, friends and retirees can be of immeasurable service to the university and to the future graduates of NCCU. I am proud to be among you and NCCU is proud of you.

Enjoy this complimentary edition of the alumni magazine.

Sincerely,



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If James Edward Shepard's statue in front of Hoey Administration Building could somehow come to life and creak its metal neck southward, the university founder would enjoy the sight of a public school that bears his name, the Shepard Magnet Middle School. And if he wheeled just a bit to the right, he would see W.G. Pearson Elementary School. He'd recognize the name: William Gaston Pearson helped Shepard incorporate his college in 1909 (it opened for classes the next year), sat on the college's board of directors for many years and was Shepard's partner in a host of other academic and civic projects.

If the gray-hued head could tilt skyward at night, Shepard might catch sight of a space shuttle passing overhead. Physics students and professors at the school that the visionary educator and religious and civic leader founded a century ago are helping NASA expand the boundaries of space exploration.

That's not all. Graduates of what first was named the National Religious Training School and Chautauqua have become doctors, nurses and college professors. Shepard's school has launched noteworthy performers, artists and athletes. Political leaders, judges and prominent lawyers got their start in the legal profession at North Carolina Central University. Scholars and administrators connected to the university have advised U.S. presidents.

By Paul V. Brown Jr.

The Shepard Legacy

“By every account, Dr. Shepard set his sights astronomically high for the school and its students when he planned the National Religious School,” said Charlie Nelms, chancellor of NCCU. “But it’s hard to overstate how much of an impact the school has had on the advancement of Durham and North Carolina, the nation and in many respects, the entire globe.”

If students are the measure of a university — and they must be — North Carolina Central University is a clear success. Says one of Nelms’ predecessors, noted civil rights lawyer and alumnus Julius Chambers (’58), “If you look at it [NCCU] in the fashion of how it has provided an opportunity for minorities to get a college degree, and how it has attracted students based on its reputation, that’s one important impact. It has been long known as a quality institution, a university that prepares one to go out into the world and make a difference.”

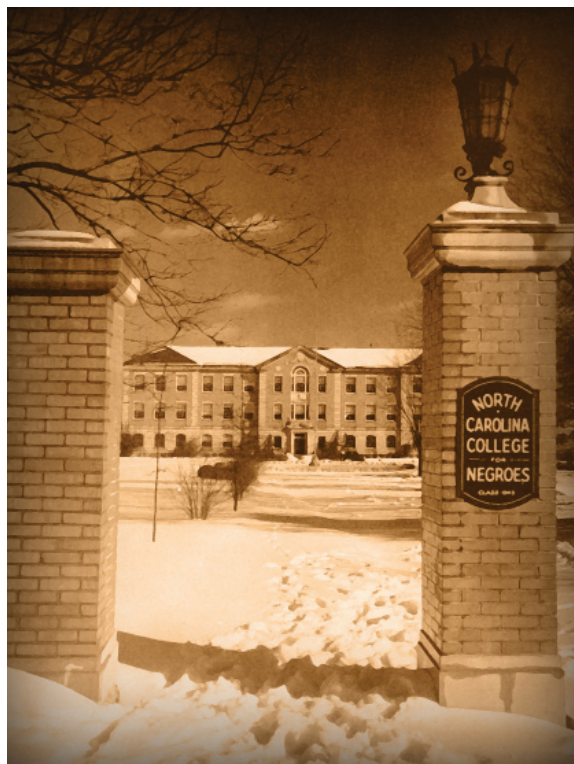
The school shares some key features with other historically African-American schools in the nation. Dr. Frank W. Hale Jr., professor emeritus at The Ohio State University and author of “How Black Colleges Empower Black Students: Lessons for Higher Education,” notes that NCCU was closely connected with the black community in which it was situated. Its professors and administrators offered “very valuable role models” to its young students. Its admission policies were more flexible, and administrators were more willing to look at “quality” factors — leadership in high school, or whether a youngster had to work outside the home — in addition to “quantity” factors such as college exam scores. The result: African-Americans had a better chance of pursuing a college degree.

Shepard’s school had an immediate impact on its community, in large part because of Shepard himself. His own influence, in fact, extended far beyond the tobacco-scented streets of Durham.

Shepard was born in Raleigh in 1875, the eldest of 12 children of a noted Baptist pastor. He received a degree in pharmacy from Shaw University in 1894 and soon began practicing the profession in Durham. At just 30 years old, he took a position with the International Sunday

School Association that sent him traveling across the nation and the world in support of a standardized Christian education curriculum across denominational lines. In 1910, he was the only African-American speaker at the World Sunday School Convention in Rome.

That experience and the Chautauqua movement — the large gatherings, usually in rural communities in summer, for education and cultural experiences in camp-like settings — helped mold Shepard’s ideas for his college. He raised the funds to open the school from contributors in and outside of North Carolina.



The school is Shepard’s best-known public contribution, but by no means his only one. Even before the school opened, he had helped launch two enduring Durham institutions: North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., founded in 1898; and Mechanics & Farmers Bank, opened in 1908. Mutual grew into the largest black-owned insurance company in the world. And Mechanics & Farmers played a key role in the finances of African-American families and businesses in an era when minorities found it all but impossible to obtain loans from white-owned banks. Shepard also had a hand in the formation of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, one of the most potent local political organizations in the Southeast.

Over time, Durham evolved into a more hospitable place for African-Americans to live than most other Southern cities, in no small part because of the role of NCCU, the financial institutions, the Durham Committee and the efforts of black leaders. A business district along downtown Parrish Street was known widely as “the Black Wall Street.” And the college functioned as a kind of assembly line that could turn poor, rural youngsters into educated members of the black middle class, and in turn, move members of the middle class into upper economic classes.

Shepard, whose philosophy of black advancement was more aligned with the moderate views of W.E.B. DuBois than with the more radical voices of the era, was a sought-after speaker. He commented on important topics of the day on statewide and national radio programs. He was asked to testify on tax policy before the Ways and Means Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives in 1943. The following year, his article “The Challenge Of The South” ran in *Negro Digest* magazine alongside articles penned by DuBois and actor Orson Welles.

World War I diverted precious resources and contributions from the school. In need of funding, Shepard was able to gain state support for the school in 1923, and two years later, it was renamed the North Carolina College for Negroes. The state funding was a long-sought goal of Shepard’s; he was a staunch fighter for government support of African-American education. In 1972, NCCU became one of the 16 constituent campuses of the University of North Carolina system.

Throughout its history, the school played an outsized role in the academic and cultural life of Durham, and of the African-American community in particular. Important leaders, scholars and performers visited the campus. Vivian (Spence Guice) Hunter, who received her Bachelor of Science in commerce in 1943, remembers a performance by Marian Anderson, the world-renowned opera singer. W.E.B. DuBois and Mary McLeod Bethune, giants in the early civil rights struggle, also came to the Durham campus.

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Civil rights leader A. Philip Randolph was a guest in Dr. Shepard's home, built across Fayetteville Street from the school. So was first lady Eleanor Roosevelt. The first commencement speaker, in 1911, was Wendell P. Stafford, an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Two decades later, the chief justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, H.P. Stacy, delivered the graduation keynote.

NCCU "was an oasis for the black intelligentsia," said Dr. Leonard L. Haynes III, executive director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities from 2007 to 2009 and now senior advisor in the office of the assistant secretary for post-secondary education.

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NCCU's economic impact, on Durham and the state, is substantial and growing. A recent report by the City of Durham noted that the university employed nearly 1,500 people and pumped nearly \$60 million a year in payroll alone into the region's economy. The school's near-term building plans amounted to more than \$212 million, another massive injection into the area's jobs and retail fortunes. Research grants and funded projects added approximately \$68 million to the tally. Then there are the 8,500 students in NCCU degree programs; they bring their own spending to Durham's stores, supermarkets, gas stations and restaurants.

By mid-century, NCCU was producing luminaries of its own. Julius Chambers, after graduating with a B.A. in history in 1958, went on to earn a law degree at UNC-Chapel Hill and became one of the nation's leading civil rights lawyers, successfully litigating a number of key cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. John Hope Franklin, the late historian and author of *From Slavery to Freedom*, a groundbreaking work on African-American history, taught at NCCU and at a number of other HBCU

and mainline universities. He exported NCCU's expertise, too, teaching students in England, China and Australia. He headed President Bill Clinton's task force on race in the late 1990s.

A contemporary of Franklin's, Dr. Helen G. Edmonds, lectured at 87 American colleges and universities, and in institutions in Sweden, Germany and Liberia. In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed her as his representative to the dedication of the new capital building in Monrovia, Liberia. She made a lesser-known visit to the White House two decades later, as President Gerald Ford revealed in a speech on the NCCU campus in November 1975. "Dr. Edmonds met with me shortly after I assumed the presidency and eloquently told

me some of the concerns and aspirations of blacks and of women," Ford said. "As President of all the people, these concerns are my concerns. These aspirations are my aspirations."

The late Ivan Dixon (Drama, '54), though best known for his role in the sitcom "Hogan's Heroes," was also a director and producer, and served as president of Negro Actors for Action, a civil rights group.

Dr. Leroy Walker, a track coach at NCCU and later its chancellor (he also chaired the Physical Education and Recreation Department), was the first black U.S. Olympics Committee president. He led NCCU track and field athletes to a series of Olympic appearances. Less known is that he also coached teams from Israel, Ethiopia, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica and Kenya.

Alumni Eva Clayton (M.A., '63) and G.K. Butterfield (Law, '74) have gone to Washington as representatives of North Carolina's First Congressional District. Dan Blue Jr. (math, '70) was Speaker of the N.C. House of Representatives from 1991

to 1994, the first African-American to hold that position. After serving 22 years in that body, he now represents Wake County in the State Senate. Mike Easley, a graduate of NCCU's School of Law, was North Carolina's attorney general in the 1990s and governor from 2001 to 2009.

One hundred years after the founding of the National Religious Training School and Chautauqua, Shepard's institution is a full-grown university, exerting its impact on Durham, the state and the world on a vastly greater scale. Its science and biomedical programs, for example, produce cutting-edge research. Its Institute for Homeland Security and Workforce Development, created after the 9/11 attacks, helps educate emergency workers and the public about homeland security and disaster preparedness. NCCU's international studies and exchange programs attract students from more than a dozen countries, including India, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Nepal, China, the Czech Republic, Nigeria, South Korea, Russia, the Dominican Republic, Mexico and South Africa.

Dr. Samuel DuBois Cook has a particularly good perch from which to judge NCCU's impact over the years. Before serving as president of Dillard University in New Orleans from 1974 to 1997, Cook spent part of his early career — from 1966 until 1974 — teaching political science at Duke University.

"I remember when it was North Carolina College for Negroes, officially," Cook recalled in an interview. "North Carolina Central University over the years has been one of our flagship institutions. Without question. And one of the best, top-flight institutions under the supervision and control of black people. Of the public ones, perhaps at the top."

To Cook, that is extraordinary in light of the obstacles faced by Shepard and his early successors.

"It obviously didn't have the resources of a UNC or an N.C. State," he said. "It had to operate, as Dr. Shepard would say, with short grass. But how it operated on the short grass was miraculous."



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– Samuel DuBois Cook

CHARTER DAY OPENS YEAR OF CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

By Cynthia Fobert and Myra Wooten



NCCU inaugurated its Centennial Year with a Bell-Ringing Ceremony, followed by an observance at B.N. Duke Auditorium, on Charter Day, the 100th anniversary of the day the school was officially incorporated on June 30, 1909. Chancellor Charlie Nelms spoke of the symbolic significance of the bell in the African-American community and the special place Shepard's Bell holds in the hearts of alumni and former faculty and staff. Here is an excerpt from his speech.

"We begin our observance with the ringing of this bell because historically, the bell holds special significance in this country, particularly for the African-American community. The most famous, our nation's Liberty Bell, became a symbol of hope and freedom even before the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It bears the inscription from the Book of Leviticus (25:10), "Proclaim LIBERTY throughout all the Land unto all of the inhabitants thereof." The image of the Liberty Bell and its inscription were adopted and printed on the campaign materials for William Lloyd Garrison's Abolitionist Movement. So beginning in the 1830s,

the bell was associated with freedom from slavery.

"At the last stop on the Underground Railroad, in a small community called Buxton, Ontario, a bell would sound whenever there was a new, dark-skinned arrival from the Southern states. That bell had been a gift from "the colored inhabitants of Pittsburgh" to the Buxton conspirator, the Reverend William King. It still chimes today in Buxton's St. Andrews Church steeple.

"Beginning in 1910, Shepard's Bell sounded a note of hope for a better future in the stifled atmosphere of oppression of Jim Crow segregation. This bell signaled opportunity, but also certainty, as it tolled like clockwork, letting the students know they were drawing nearer to a better life every hour of every day. And if you listen well, you will hear that NCCU's bell still holds the promise of a better life through education.

"In honor of the Founder, Dr. James E. Shepard, I will ring this bell."

Following Chancellor Nelms, Dr. Arthrell Sanders, alumna and retired professor, sounded the bell in honor of all faculty and staff of the institution, and Dwayne Johnson, student government association president for the Centennial Year, was called upon to ring the bell to represent all students.

Chancellor Nelms closed with a stanza of Alfred Lord Tennyson's poem, In Memoriam.

"Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good."

In a filled B.N. Duke Auditorium after the ceremony, guest speaker and alumnus Dudley E. Flood offered a humorous look at life on campus in the 1950s, and particularly the “Spirit of NCC.” He said the “Spirit” was about the students relying on one other to get through and learning how to comport themselves to succeed in the wider world. He said they were also instilled with the sense that “life would be about service to humanity.”

Intermingled with the speeches and the proclamations of Charter Day from Durham Mayor Bill Bell and County Commission Chairman Michael Page were wonderful solos performed by NCCU music major Jasmyn Cooper and by Richard Banks, assistant professor in the Music Department.

In a dramatic moment, descendants and family members of the original signers of the Charter of Incorporation of the National Religious Training School and Chautauqua for the Colored Race, the precursor of North Carolina Central University, rose and signed a replica of the document on stage.

The original incorporators included Dr. James E. Shepard, founder; Professor William G. Pearson, principal of Hillside Park High School; physicians Charles H. Shepard and Aaron M. Moore; and John Merrick, president, and Charles C. Spaulding, general manager and secretary, of the North Carolina Mutual & Provident Association.

The descendants and family members on stage included Isaac Hughes Green Sr., great-grandson of James E. Shepard; Charles Watts Jr. and Joseph M. Sansom, great-grandsons of Aaron Moore and John Merrick; Aaron L. Spaulding, namesake and relative of Moore and C.C. Spaulding; Clinton A. Shearin Sr., grandson of Spaulding; Samuel A. Shepard Jr., a relative of Shepard; and Eugene Turner, grandnephew of William G. Pearson.

The following is an excerpt from Chancellor Nelms’ Charter Day Speech in B.N. Duke Auditorium.

“Too little has been said of the extraordinary courage it took for Dr. James E. Shepard and the other founders to engage in this



Timothy McIntosh and Arthrell Sanders pause for a moment of silence on Charter Day, 2010.

“Timothy McIntosh called the assembly to order by ringing the same bell he sounded five times a day as a student from 1958 to 1962. McIntosh is a 1962 NCC graduate in mathematics who says his job as bell-ringer helped support him through four years of college. He was paid about \$60 a month to ring the bell five times a day — to wake the campus, then to announce breakfast, first class, lunch, and dinner. He recalled that at 6 in the morning he was none too popular with the folks in the residence halls closest to the bell!”

act of defiance. June 30, 1909, was during the depths of the great evil that was the Jim Crow South. In that shameful time in American history, Shepard signaled disobedience and declared his hope and faith in a better tomorrow by founding a college for African-Americans. In 1909, laws strictly controlled every aspect of the life of a black person, from designating the hospital room in which you could be born to the plot of ground where you'd take your final rest.

"And in no other realm of life was segregation more pernicious than in education. In 1903, a North Carolina statute determined that no child with 'Negro blood in its veins, however remote the strain, shall attend a school for the white race, and no such child shall be considered a white child.'

"Historians recount that an average of two or three black men or women were sadistically tortured and killed every week in the American South from 1890 through 1917. After 1917, the rate slowed but never stopped until well into my lifetime.

"And the lynch mobs were equal-opportunity killers — the only qualifying characteristic for the victims was the color of their skin. So the rich and well-educated like Shepard and the co-founders were just as at risk as the poor and illiterate. But of course, most black people were desperately poor and illiterate, even in Durham, the nation's 'Capital of the Black Middle Class.'

"You see, there actually was a handful of black people who owned their own homes in Durham. But make no mistake: in 1910, 97 percent of African-Americans worked as domestic or farm laborers, just a step or two removed from slavery. It was a status quo the white racists preferred to keep. We're so grateful they weren't paying attention as many of Durham's fledgling middle class built their modest bungalows in the neighborhood surrounding this campus called College View.

"They never came to visit! So they didn't see the elegant homes of the few wealthy blacks residing in the heart of Hayti, a community buttressed by White Rock Baptist Church, St. Joseph's African Methodist Episcopal Church, Lincoln Hospital, Hillside High School, the Stanford L. Warren Library and, of course, this university. It's miraculous



The Charter Day re-enactment of the signing the Charter was conducted on stage at B.N. Duke Auditorium.

when you think about it — this island of prosperity in a sea of despair.

"Shepard and the other founders offered us a glimpse of what was possible — that there could be another way of life. Who knows to what extent the hope they engendered through this glorious example inspired the Civil Rights Movement that was to come? Shepard and the founders were ahead of their time. They knew then what we all know now; that education was and is a key to equality. Today, we honor that stroke of genius enacted with the stroke of a pen."

BELL REMINISCENCES

Dr. James E. Shepard served as president of the school from 1910 until his death in 1947. A student would ring the bell

to wake the campus in the morning, and to announce meals, class changes and assemblies. Shepard "was a stickler for time," said Robert Lawson, alumnus and campus photographer. "The people in the community set their watches by that bell." There was also a tradition of ringing the bell after every sports victory.

Here are some recollections by those who heard the bell and answered its call.

Maggie P. Bryant, teacher and librarian in Creedmoor, and later in Kannapolis

Maggie Bryant graduated from NCCU in 1938. As a student, she heard Thurgood Marshall, Roland Hayes and Adam Clayton Powell speak. "We had a Lyceum

event every week and the bell would ring to let you know something was happening.” Born in Rocky Mount, Bryant spent her first semester at NCCU as a “boarding”

“It started the day, not just for NCCU, but the community. Some people would have been late for work without the bell.”

student, living on campus. She remembers that the 6 a.m. bell was the call to rise and head out to breakfast, where the meals were served family-style — and “the football boys would reach for everything.” “The bell was always rung on time; that was the most important thing.” It was particularly important during the Depression to keep up with the time of day, she recalls. “People had to work, everyone worked and you couldn’t afford to be late.”

Alfred Richardson, former director of Alumni Relations

Alfred Richardson served as director of Alumni Relations, major gifts officer, director of the Historically Underutilized Business Center, and chauffeur to former President Alfonso Elder. According to him, after a game victory, students gathered around the bell and sang the “NCCU Victory Hymn” also known as “Ring Dem Bells.” “People in Durham would wait to hear the bell rung after a game to be able to share in the victory. A game victory at Central was a victory for all of Durham.”

Richardson, Class of ’58, also remembers the bell as the campus alarm clock. “It started the day, not just for NCCU, but the community. Some people would have been late for work without the bell. During that time, most people didn’t have wristwatches, so you needed the bell.”

Richardson also remembers playing practical jokes on the student whose job it was to ring the bell by wrapping the clapper in cloth. The unsuspecting student would pull the bell cord and nothing would happen. “It was all in fun,” said Richardson.

George Thorne, former vice chancellor for Financial Affairs

In 1943, George Thorne lived in McLean

Dormitory, right next door to the bell tower. He remembers hearing the bell every morning and “all day long.” “The bell ringer at the time was Clifton Simmons, we called him ‘Pee-Wee,’” said Thorne.

Before email or social networks, NCCU used the bell to stay connected to students. “It was the only means of communication from the administration to the general student body. When you heard the bell, you knew something important was going on.”

Dr. Walter M. Brown, former dean of the School of Education

Walter Brown never heard the 6 a.m. wake-up bell at NCCU; he attended the college at the age of 16 as a “day student,” which in today’s terms meant he was a commuter. He remembers that alumni reunions were as good a reason as any to “ring dem bells.” “Spontaneous reunions happened when alumni from outside the Durham area would decide to meet at the bell tower.” Sometimes fraternity and sorority members would gather at the bell before walking to their organization’s monuments on campus.

And while NCCU now connects to students through social networks, Brown is a firm believer that “some rituals transcend time. I would like to see it [the bell] brought back and associated with special things — like a church bell, when you hear it you know something important has happened. It is a tradition that NCCU students are missing.”

A true Renaissance man, Brown was the first to earn a Ph.D. from North Carolina College, now NCCU — and the first dean of the School of Education. Now in retirement, he is a writer, consultant and calligrapher. He recently completed a memoir of his experiences at NCCU titled, “I Walked the Sloping Hills.”

Ingrid Wicker-McCree, Director of Athletics

When Dr. Ingrid Wicker-McCree came to NCCU as the head volleyball and softball coach in 1994, the bell was the sound of victory. With a young team of students — mostly freshman or sophomores, Wicker-McCree continued the tradition of ringing the bell after every win. “For the first six years I was here, we would stop the van by the bell tower and ring the bell.” To her,

the ringing of the bell after a victory is a familiar sound, and one that she treasures. Attending weekend games with her parents, NCCU alumni Floyd and Evelyn Wicker, she recalls, “It was an exciting place to be. ... The city of Durham embraced the university.”

Now as director of Athletics, she hopes to bring back the tradition of ringing the bell and incorporate it as part of pre- or post-game activities. “Traditions are important, and while we have new coaches in athletics who may not know about the tradition, there are still plenty of people on campus who understand the significance of the bell tower.”

Danny Worthy, assistant Athletics director — Corporate Relations

By the time Danny Worthy came to NCCU, the bell was rung only for special occasions such as Homecoming and Founder’s Day, but it still signaled to students that they were a part of something much larger than themselves. “We were taught about the bell during freshman orientation. It was important that we understood the significance and history of it. When you heard the bell rung, the first thing you did is walk toward it, because you knew that something was about to happen, an announcement would be made.”

NCCU Victory Hymn arranged by Charles Gilchrist, former chair of the Department of Music

Ring dem bells on NC’s campus
Let them ring as ne’er before
Bow down school now altogether
We will bring the victory home.
We will bring the victory home.
Where ever we may roam
Neath the sloping hills
and verdant green

Verse 2

Ring dem bells for our dear campus
Let them ring as ne’er before
Bow down school now altogether
We will bring the victory home.
We will bring the victory home.
Where ever we may roam
Neath the sloping hills
and verdant green.

NCCU Centennial History

Sports

Did You Know?

By Kyle Serba

This “Did You Know” collection about North Carolina Central University sports history is drawn from a weekly series produced by the Department of Athletics. To see more of these facts, visit <www.NCCUEaglePride.com>, the official web site for NCCU Athletics. In the Beginning...

DID YOU KNOW? The first organized sport at NCCU was baseball. The school fielded a squad in 1911, the spring of its first academic year.

According to a master's thesis by George L. Samuel, the student-athletes on that team were Marion Thompson, Clifton Gardner, James R. Paterson, Benny Henderson, Charles Paterson, Louis Hatsfield, Bishop Faison, Samuel Saunders, Moses Williams and Elmore Brown. The coach was Louis “Mighty” Bumpus, a local businessman.

Eagles Represented NCCU in the Summer Olympic Games for Two Decades

DID YOU KNOW? From 1956 to 1976, at least one student-athlete from NCCU competed in every Summer Olympics. All of them competed under the direction of their NCCU head coach, Dr. LeRoy T. Walker, who served as head coach for the U.S. men's track and field team in 1976 and went on to become the first African-American president of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

At the 1956 Games in Melbourne,

Australia, Lee Calhoun won a gold medal for the United States in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 13.5 seconds. Four years later in Rome, Calhoun became the first to capture consecutive Olympic gold medals in the 110m hurdles (13.98).



Lee Calhoun, 1956 and 1960 Olympic Gold Medalist

In the 1964 Games in Tokyo, Edwin Roberts earned bronze medals in both the 200m dash (20.63) and the 4x400m relay (3:01.7) for Trinidad and Tobago, his native country. Roberts ran the same events for Trinidad and Tobago in the 1968 Games in Mexico City, placing fourth in the 200m dash and sixth in the 4x400m relay. NCCU's

Norman Tate also competed in the Mexico City Olympic Games in the triple jump.

At the 1972 Olympics in Munich, Roberts ran in his third straight Olympic Games for Trinidad and Tobago in the 200m dash and 4x400m relay (eighth place). Three of his NCCU teammates also competed in Munich. Larry Black won a gold medal as the lead leg of the American 4x100m relay (38.19) and a silver medal in the 200m dash (20.19). Julius Sang and Robert Ouko, representing their home country of Kenya, earned gold medals as part of the 4x400m relay squad (2:59.83), while Sang added a bronze medal in the 400m dash (44.92).

In the 1976 Games in Montreal, Charles Foster finished three-hundredths of a second away from a medal, placing fourth in the 110m hurdles (13.41).

Lady Eagles Blaze Trails in NCAA Cross-Country History

DID YOU KNOW? On Nov. 4, 2006, NCCU became the first HBCU (historically black college or university) to advance to the NCAA Division II Women's Cross-Country National Championships.

The Lady Eagles qualified for the national event by winning the 2006 NCAA Division II Southeast Regional Championship held in Wingate, N.C. NCCU placed five runners in the top 20 to take the team



Diving for the end zone

regional title. The Lady Eagles posted 61 points, easily outdistancing South Atlantic Conference member Lincoln Memorial University by 53 points.

Freshman Ashley Cooke (Hampton, Va.), the CIAA Runner of the Year, led the Lady Eagles by placing fifth with a 6K time of 23:57. It was a team effort for NCCU, as junior Yolanda Barber (eighth, 24:18), senior Aisha Brown (14th, 24:31), sophomore LaTanya Lesine (15th, 24:32) and freshman Desinia Johnson (19th, 24:49) all finished in the top 20. Other runners for NCCU were Erinn Brooks (22nd, 25:13) and Lakisha Gantt (67th, 26:57).

The top 15 finishers earned All-Southeast Region honors. NCCU led the way with four runners (Cooke, Barber, Brown and Lesine) on the All-Region team.

NCCU head coach Michael Lawson was named Southeast Region Coach of the Year after the meet. The NCCU women then participated on the national stage on Nov. 18, 2006, in Pensacola, Fla.

One of the First Pro Football Players from an HBCU was an NCCU Eagle

DID YOU KNOW? John Brown, who played football at NCCU (then North Carolina College) in the 1940s, was one of

the first to play professional football out of a historically black college.

Brown shares the honor with Ezzret Anderson of Kentucky State and Elmore Harris of Morgan State, who all began their professional football careers in 1947. Brown and Anderson were teammates on the Los Angeles Dons, while Harris was a member of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

According to NCCU records, Brown was the first of the three to sign a professional football contract. He played center and linebacker with the Dons from 1947–49, before moving to the Canadian Football League.

Brown played for the NCC Eagles in 1940, 1942 and 1946–47, lettering in both football and basketball. He was part of the inaugural induction class of the NCCU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1984.

Matthews First Volleyball All-American, National Player of the Year for NCCU

DID YOU KNOW? Shari Matthews became NCCU's first volleyball All-American when she was voted the 2006 NCAA Division II National Player of the Year.

In just two seasons at NCCU (2006–07), Matthews broke the school record for career kills with 1,447 and career service aces with 229, while also collecting 860 digs and 139 blocks.

A native of Barbados, Matthews was selected as the 2006–07 and 2007–08 recipient of the LeRoy T. Walker Medallion of Honor as NCCU's Female Student-Athlete of the Year.

As a junior transfer, she led the nation with an average of 6.37 kills and 0.92 service aces per game, breaking the NCAA Division II record for kills in a season with 974. Matthews was named CIAA Player of the Year and CIAA Championship Most Valuable Player after guiding the team to its third consecutive CIAA (Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association) championship title.

As a senior in 2007, her 473 kills and 89 service aces helped the Eagles to a 21–13

overall record in their first season of Division I competition.

NCCU Football Boasts Highest Winning Percentage among North Carolina HBCUs

DID YOU KNOW? Since 1945, the North Carolina Central University football program has the highest winning percentage among HBCUs in North Carolina.

Since the end of World War II, the Eagles have won 57.3 percent of their 648 games. The overall record is 362 wins, 267 losses and 19 ties.

The in-state HBCU football programs with the next highest winning percentages happen to be NCCU's two biggest rivals, Winston-Salem State and North Carolina A&T State. The WSSU Rams have won 54.8 percent of their contests, while the N.C. A&T Aggies have a winning percentage of 53.9 percent.

Boston Celtics Star Played at NCCU before Hall of Fame NBA Career

DID YOU KNOW? Boston Celtics star Sam Jones, one of the greatest NBA players of all time, is North Carolina Central University's second-leading career scorer.

Jones played at NCCU from 1951–54 and 1956–57, netting 1,745 points in four seasons under head coaches John McLendon and Floyd Brown.

A native of Wilmington, Jones was chosen by the Celtics as the eighth overall pick in the first round of the 1957 NBA Draft.

His 12-year career with the Celtics included ten NBA Championships, five All-Star Game appearances and three selections to the All-NBA Second Team. Nicknamed "Mr. Clutch," Jones amassed 15,411 points (an average of 17.7 per game), 4,305 rebounds and 2,209 assists in 871 contests.

He was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1984, and in 1996 was named among the top 50 players in NBA history.

Lady Eagles Rally from Last-Place Regular-Season Finish to Win CIAA Basketball Championship

DID YOU KNOW? The 1983–84 NCCU women's basketball team ended the regular season with a 9–17 overall record and a last-place finish in the conference standings. But two weeks later, after knocking off Hampton, Winston-Salem State and Shaw in the first three rounds of the CIAA Tournament, the Lady Eagles capped a remarkable run by defeating Virginia State 92–87 on Feb. 25, 1984, to win the school's first conference championship in a women's sport.

NCCU senior Jacqueline Pinnix topped the team's championship charge with a tournament record 123 points in four games, an average of 30.8 points per contest.

Members of the championship squad were Terri Abel, Francis Barnhill, Wanda Bradley, Robin Brooks, Renee Cohen, Brenda Cox, Priscilla Herring, Monica Johnson, Mona McLaurin, Linda Nicholson, Jacqueline Pinnix, Diedra Solomon, Rena Sharpe, Sharon Wheeler, Tynetta Williams. Yvonne Edwards was the head coach and Ronald Willie was the assistant coach.

Coach McLendon's "Thousand-Dollar Team" Won School's First Championship in 1941

DID YOU KNOW? Under the direction of first-year head coach John B. McLendon, the 1940–41 men's basketball team won the first championship in NCCU athletics history.

McLendon called the 1941 Eagles his "thousand-dollar team" because just before he became head coach he turned down a job at another school that would have paid him \$1,000 more.

The squad repaid their coach's loyalty by posting an unblemished 14–0 record in CIAA play to earn the conference championship. The Associated Negro Press rated this edition of the Eagles as No. 1 in the nation.

After its CIAA triumph, the team took on other conference champions at an end-of-season tournament in Cincinnati on March

22, 1941 — and played four games in a single day.

The Eagles defeated three conference champions, then lost a protested decision to the fourth. NCCU defeated Clark College (Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) 61–54 at 10 a.m., West Virginia State College (West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) 61–39 at 2 p.m., Kentucky State College (Midwest Athletic Association) 43–37 at 7 p.m., and lost to Southern University (Southwestern Athletic Conference) 48–42 at 9 p.m.

The team was honored among the inaugural induction class of the NCCU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1984. By 1940s standards, the Eagles had five giants, ranging in height from 6-foot-4 to 6-foot-11. Team members included James "Boogie" Hardy, Richard "Dick" Mack, Floyd H. Brown, George "Mighty" Mack, Leo Fine, Walter Womack, William "Bill" Peerman, Rudolph "Rocky" Roberson, Reginald "Hawk" Ennis, John "Big" Brown, Norbert "Slim" Downing, Harold "Slam" Colbert, Lee W. Smith, Buford Allen, and Monroe Collins.

1941 Gridiron Eagles Receive Shocking News on Train Ride Back to Durham

DID YOU KNOW? As the North Carolina College (now NCCU) Eagles

Elisha Marshall and Coach Michael Lawson at the 2004 Hall of Fame Induction





1984 Women's Basketball Team

were returning home on Dec. 7, 1941, from playing Morris Brown in the black college football national championship game in Atlanta, the attack on Pearl Harbor was announced during the train ride.

The day before, the Eagles suffered their only loss of the season with a 7-6 setback to Morris Brown in the Peach Blossom Classic. NCC opened the season with eight consecutive victories, including five shutouts, followed by a scoreless tie against Virginia State.

With the United States' involvement in World War II, the Eagles did not have football teams in 1943 and 1944. The Eagles returned to the gridiron for the 1945 season and have played football every year since.

Elisha Marshall, NCCU's First Female National Champion

DID YOU KNOW? On May 23, 1998, Elisha Marshall became the first female to win a national championship in NCCU history when she won the women's 100-meter dash at the 1998 NCAA

Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Edwardsville, Ill.

A six-time All-American, the Fayetteville native finished the race in 11.81 seconds to earn recognition as the top women's 100-meter sprinter in NCAA Division II.

"It was a perfect ending to my senior year," Marshall said moments after making history. "First graduation, and now a national championship." Marshall was inducted into the NCCU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004.

Since Marshall's feat, two other Lady Eagles have earned the top prize in national competition. On March 9, 2002, Katerina Glosova won the women's 800-meter run at the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships in Boston. The senior from the Czech Republic posted a winning time of 2:08.73.

On May 26, 2006, Jessica Mills won the women's triple jump at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Emporia, Kan. The New Jersey native

recorded the ninth-longest triple jump in Division II Championship history with a leap of 42 feet, 6.75 inches (12.97m).

Two Players Have Represented NCCU at the Super Bowl

DID YOU KNOW? Two Eagles have represented North Carolina Central University on the National Football League's grandest stage — the Super Bowl.

The first was Richard Sligh, a reserve tackle with the Oakland Raiders in Super Bowl II against the Green Bay Packers on Jan. 14, 1968. Sligh, who holds the distinction of being the tallest player in NFL history (7-foot-0), played at NCCU from 1962-64 and was later drafted by the Raiders in the 10th round of the 1967 NFL draft.

On Jan. 24, 1982, former Eagle Louis Breeden was a starting cornerback for the Cincinnati Bengals in Super Bowl XVI against the San Francisco 49ers. Earlier in the season (Nov. 8, 1981), Breeden intercepted a pass thrown by San Diego



1963 Men's Tennis Team

Chargers quarterback Dan Fouts and returned it a team-record 102 yards for a touchdown. The following year, he was selected as a First-Team All-Pro.

A two-time all-conference pick during his NCCU career from 1973–76, Breeden was chosen by the Bengals in the seventh round of the 1977 NFL draft. He completed his 10-year NFL career with 33 interceptions for 558 return yards and two touchdowns.

NCCU Men's Tennis Boasts 10 Conference Championships, Two NAIA District Titles, NCAA Regional Crown

DID YOU KNOW? The men's tennis program has won ten conference championships. Only the Eagles football program has captured as many league titles as men's tennis.

Under the direction of Dr. James W. Younge, who coached the Eagles from 1949 to 1975, NCCU recorded nine conference crowns, including five in the CIAA and four in the MEAC. The Eagles earned three straight CIAA titles from 1957–59, followed by back-to-back CIAA championships in 1964 and 1965. Younge's squads dominated the MEAC with four consecutive league titles from 1972–75.

During Younge's tenure, the Eagles tennis program also captured the 1963 NCAA Eastern Regional Tournament championship and NAIA District titles in 1970 and 1971.

The Eagles captured their tenth men's tennis conference championship in 1998, as second-year coach David Nass guided the team to the program's sixth CIAA crown.

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Roberson Breaks National Scoring Record with 58 Points for Eagles in 1943

DID YOU KNOW? On Feb. 20, 1943, Rudolph "Rocky" Roberson broke the men's basketball national scoring record with 58 points, leading NCCU (then North Carolina College) to a 92–43 victory over Shaw University.

Sportscaster Bill Stern's coast-to-coast report on Roberson's feat marked the first national recognition for an HBCU player.

In his record-setting performance, Roberson made 25 field goals and eight free throws to become only the second college basketball player to reach the 50-point mark. The first was Hank Luisetti of Stanford, who scored 50 points against Duquesne on Jan. 1, 1938.

Sixty-seven years later, Roberson's standard still stands as the Eagles single-game scoring record.



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09/02/10	vs. Johnson C. Smith
09/11/10	vs. Winston-Salem State
09/18/10	at Appalachian State
09/25/10	vs. North Carolina A&T
10/09/10	vs. Hampton University
10/16/10	at Georgia State
10/23/10	vs. Bethune Cookman
10/30/10	vs. Edward Waters
	(Homecoming)
11/06/10	at Delaware State
11/13/10	at Savannah State
11/20/10	vs. Old Dominion

NCAA

1988-89 Men's Championship Basketball Team



100 Sports Legends for NCCU's Centennial

An internet survey from July 20–Sept. 1, 2009, invited fans to vote for their top 10 teams, 10 coaches and 80 student-athletes to make up a list of 100 Sports Legends as part of the university's centennial celebration. Here are the results.

TEAMS

1945–46 Men's Basketball
1954 Football
1972 Men's Track and Field
1972 Football
1988–89 Men's Basketball
2006 Softball
2006 Women's Cross-Country
2006 Football
2006 Women's Volleyball
2006–07 Women's Basketball

COACHES

Floyd H. Brown, men's basketball, 1952–70
Michael Bernard, men's basketball, 1985–91
Robert "Stonewall" Jackson, football, 1964–94
John B. McLendon, men's basketball, 1940–52
Herman H. Riddick, football, 1945–64
George L. Quiett, football, 1968–72
Sandra T. Shuler, volleyball/athletics, 1966–93
LeRoy T. Walker, track and field, 1947–77
Ingrid Wicker-McCree, volleyball, 1994–2005/softball 1994–98
James W. Younge, men's tennis, 1949–1975

STUDENT-ATHLETES

Israel Allen, boxing, 1930s
 Catherine Gamble Armwood, tennis/athletics, 1965–69
 Rena Armwood, volleyball/softball, 1996–99/2006
 Charles Bailey, football, 1969–72
 John Baker, football, 1954–57
 Ernest Barnes, football, 1956–59
 Melvin Bassett, track and field, 1971–74
 Tiona Beatty, basketball, 2000–04
 Larry Black, track and field, 1969–74
 Sophia Blue, softball, 2006–09
 Evangela Niko Booker, cross-country/track and field, 1991–94
 Willie Bradshaw, baseball, 1947–50
 Louis Breeden, football, 1973–76
 Brenda Brown, volleyball, 2002–05
 John E. Brown, football/basketball, 1940–47
 Stadford Brown, football, 2006–08
 Lee Calhoun, track and field, 1952–56
 Robert Clark, football, 1983–86
 Miles Clarke, basketball, 1988–89
 Lee O. Davis, basketball, 1964–68
 Ron Draper, track and field, 1967–71
 Harry J. Edmonds, baseball, 1940s
 Charles Foster, track and field, 1971–75
 Gerald Fraylon, football, 1981–84
 Von Fulmore, basketball, 1984–87
 Jerome Floyd Gantt, football, 1966–69
 Brandon Gilbert, football, 2004–08
 Katerina Glosova, cross-country/track and field, 1999–2002
 Michelle Harrison, basketball/softball, 1993–98
 Charles “Tex” Harrison, basketball, 1950–54
 James Earl Harvey, football, 1985–88
 William L. Hayes Sr., football, 1961–64
 Willie J. Hayes, football, 1955–58
 Harvey Heartley, basketball, 1951–55
 Richard Hicks, football, 1959–62
 Eric W. Hines, football, 1975–79
 Charles D. Hinton, football, 1958–62
 Harold Hunter, basketball, 1946–50
 Jefferson Inmon, football, 1969–72
 Luther R. Jeralds, football, 1957–60
 Walter Johnson, track and field, 1958–61
 Danielle Johnson-Webb, volleyball/basketball, 2000–05
 Alex L. Jones, football, 1970–73
 Ricardo Jones, tennis, 1973–75
 Sam Jones, basketball, 1951–54/1956–57
 Cassie King, basketball, 2003–07
 Amba Kongolo, basketball, 1998–2002
 Clarence E. Lightner, football, 1938–41
 George K. Lipscomb, baseball, 1940s
 Robert Little, basketball, 1971–75
 Ted L. Manning, basketball, 1962–66
 Elisha Marshall, track and field, 1994–98
 Aaron Martin, football, 1960–63
 Julian Martin, football, 1966–69
 Robert Massey, football, 1985–88
 Herman W. Mathews, football, 1966–69
 Shari Matthews, volleyball, 2006–07
 LeVelle Moton, basketball, 1992–96

Robert Okuo, track and field, 1972–74
 Dwight Pettiford, football, 1971–74
 Jacqueline Pinnix, basketball/volleyball, 1980–84
 Alfred A. Poe, tennis, 1961–65
 Greg Pruitt Jr., football, 2004–06
 Ronald Ray, track and field, 1973–75
 Edwin Roberts, track and field, 1962–66
 Julius Sang, track and field, 1972–74
 Pame Sawyer, basketball/volleyball, 1986–90
 Joe Simmons, football, 1990–93
 Jason Smoots, track and field, 1999–2003
 Maurice Spencer, football, 1970–73
 Stephanie Spindler, softball, 1997–99
 Clarisse Steans, softball, 2004–06
 Garvin L. Stone, football, 1969–72
 Franklin E. Tate, football, 1971–74
 Norman Tate, track and field, 1961–65
 Zakia VanHoose, basketball, 1998–2002
 Ernest Warlick, football/basketball, 1948–52
 Davita Watson, volleyball, 1996–99
 Doug Wilkerson, football, 1965, 1967–69
 Joe Williams, tennis, 1962–66

Cassie King, basketball, 2003–07





Defining Success

More than the Final Score

By Kyle Serba

Success in college athletics is often defined solely by wins, especially in the form of championships.

In fact, North Carolina Central University won 10 conference championships during its final three seasons of competition on the NCAA Division II level. Since the beginning of NCCU's transition into the ranks of NCAA Division I in the fall of 2007, though, the competition has been tougher and more experienced, and the travel longer and more demanding. The result has been more setbacks and fewer post-game celebrations.

Still, while victories and league titles remain the most visible form of achievement in college sports, there is more than the final score that can be used to determine a level of success for an intercollegiate athletics department.

Greater Visibility. The advancement to Division I has provided a vehicle to

promote the University on a national scale through the travel of its athletics teams. Since the fall of 2007, Eagle student-athletes have represented NCCU in 30 states. During those trips, the University gained valuable exposure in areas of the country that might otherwise never hear about NCCU.

New Partnerships. The opposition has changed too. Through athletic competition, NCCU has now found itself associated with the likes of Indiana, Rutgers, Nebraska, Florida, Michigan, Miami, Arkansas, Virginia Tech, Maryland, Kansas State, Air Force, Navy and more. Within the state, greater alliances have been formed with opponents such as Duke, North Carolina, N.C. State, Wake Forest, East Carolina, Appalachian State and Elon.

Increased recognition as a Division I program has also allowed the athletics department to develop new partnerships with area businesses. A drive for expanded

community service by second-year Director of Athletics Ingrid Wicker-McCree has placed NCCU student-athletes as role models into neighborhoods surrounding the Durham campus and beyond.

Improved Facilities. Within the past three years, athletics facilities have undergone several improvements. O'Kelly-Riddick Stadium was transformed in 2009 with the installation of artificial turf and a modern video scoreboard. The tennis courts received a fresh playing surface and new fencing, and the baseball team now has a home at the superbly renovated, historic Durham Athletic Park, made famous in the award-winning film *Bull Durham*.

Locker room facelifts have updated the spaces for men's and women's basketball, volleyball and football, while softball and track and field teams now have locker rooms to call their own.

Also, as a sign of the athletics department's sincere commitment to academics, the weight room in McDougald-McLendon Gymnasium was converted into a computer/tutoring lab for all students.

Academic Achievement. The transition to Division I has also allowed the athletics department to significantly improve the quality of academic support for its student-athletes. Increased staffing has provided the athletics department with its first full-time staff member dedicated exclusively to the academic well-being of student-athletes.

The enhanced level of academic support and oversight has paid big dividends. During the spring 2009 semester, more than 30 percent of NCCU's student-athletes achieved a 3.0 grade point average or higher, and 10 Eagles carried perfect 4.0 averages. Furthermore, within the past year, 71 student-athletes have graduated, earning bachelor's or master's degrees.

So while the victories may not be piling up at a rate similar to the days before the move to Division I, Eagle fans still have plenty to be proud of.

And it won't be long before NCCU returns to its winning ways in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.



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Campus NEWS

Commendations

- *U.S. News & World Report* ranked NCCU as No. 10 in its list of best HBCUs in the nation, and first among public HBCUs.
- The *National Jurist* magazine has now twice ranked the Law School the Best-Value Law School in the Nation. Rankings are based on affordability, bar passage rate and job placement.
- In December 2008, NCCU was awarded the Carnegie Foundation Community Engagement Classification for both Curricular Engagement, and Outreach and Partnerships, making it one of only 120 campuses nationwide to earn the designation.
- NCCU was also selected for the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll – 2008.
- NCCU achieved designation as a military-friendly school, as defined by GIJobs.com.

Student Success

- The raising of the intellectual climate on campus has been a high priority for this administration. To this purpose, high-profile speakers such as 2006 Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus and Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. were invited to campus to speak to students in 2009.
- College of Science and Technology students won prestigious awards, including a Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and the American Association for Cancer Research Thomas J. Bardos Science Education Award for Undergraduate Students.
- The College of Science and Technology held its inaugural Undergraduate Research Symposium last spring. The keynote

speaker was Dr. Amanda C. Bryant-Friedrich, an NCCU alumna who is now associate professor of Medicinal and Biological Chemistry in the School of Pharmacy at the University of Toledo. More than 30 students showcased their research through oral and poster presentations.

- Students in the Nursing Department have earned an average passage rate of 90 percent over the last three years on the NCLEX, the state nursing examination.
- Our Jazz Ensemble performed at the famous Newport Jazz Festival in Newport, R.I., with artist-in-residence Branford Marsalis.
- Our *Marching Sound Machine* was chosen to perform at the Honda Battle of the Bands in Atlanta for the sixth straight time.
- The *Marching Sound Machine* was also selected for the 2011 Tournament of Roses Parade.

Customer Service

- As part of the Quality Service Initiative (QSI), a customer-service training program, customer service kudos or complaints may be shared online through NCCU Listens. Entries are forwarded to the parties that can best respond to them within 24 hours.
- The Division of Student Affairs initiated procedural changes that enhanced responsiveness in admissions and developed an online application for Graduate Studies. Student Affairs also launched StudentCentral, in which students are guaranteed a callback within 24 hours in response to any expressed concern.

New Academic Programs

- The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools reaccreditation process was completed in December 2009, with the university having its accreditation reaffirmed for 10 years. A pilot program for the SACS-inspired Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), called Communicating To Succeed, was begun last fall with about 150 new students attending Dimensions of Learning and English Composition courses. Those students will be tracked to measure their success in future speaking and writing-intensive courses. Major components of the QEP, the Writing Studio and the Speaking Lab, are up and running. The effectiveness of these efforts will be evaluated, and the results used to fine-tune the strategy for eventual expansion across campus. The goal is to make exceptional oral and written skill the standard for NCCU graduates.

- In 2009, the Nursing Department added the Accelerated Second-Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing program to its offerings.

- The Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Administration continues to provide workers for North Carolina's growing hospitality and tourism industry. The program maintains an average enrollment of about 130 students. In an effort to boost this number, the degree was offered online starting in August 2009, with an initial enrollment of 23 students. The Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Hospitality and Services Management will be offered in the fall of 2010.

- University College has become a hub of academic advising, supplemental instruction and tutoring to facilitate a smooth transition from high school to college and to ensure student success. Initial results are encouraging. The

freshman-to-sophomore retention rate increased from 68 to 77 percent after the first year of the program.

- The Centennial Scholars Program was created to support the retention and graduation of African-American males.

Construction on Campus

- NCCU has begun to upgrade recreational facilities and advocate for new ones. Lighting has been installed on the track so students can walk or run at night. Hours have been expanded at the LeRoy T. Walker Physical Education and Recreation Complex, and \$11.5 million was set aside to renovate fitness spaces and replace antiquated equipment. The project is scheduled for completion in December.

- Ground was broken Feb. 24, 2010, on the 65,000-square-foot nursing building. The \$22.5 million facility will include a 250-seat auditorium, a large skills lab and a family room for students with children. Completion is scheduled for July 2011. To make room for the new nursing building, the historic Holy Cross Catholic Church was moved to Fayetteville Street beside the Shepard House and repurposed as a meeting space for NCCU and the community.

- Currently, many staff and students must resort to on-street parking. Inadequate street lighting makes for an uncomfortable walk at night, and the cars are a source of irritation to our neighbors. This concern will be alleviated significantly by the construction of the Latham Parking Deck, which will cost \$15 million and provide parking for 750 vehicles. At ground level, the building will also contain a coffee shop, bookstore and police substation. Completion is scheduled for August 2010.

- NCCU has begun construction of the \$30 million Chidley North Residence Hall, with completion planned for May 2011. It will offer 520 beds and will complement the existing Chidley Main, which will be renovated as soon as possible. It will help address the shortage of campus housing. There are now just 2,291 housing spaces on campus, not enough to accommodate even the first-priority students, freshmen and sophomores. Renovation of Chidley Main, once funds become available, would add 198 more beds.

- Space is being renovated for a communications center



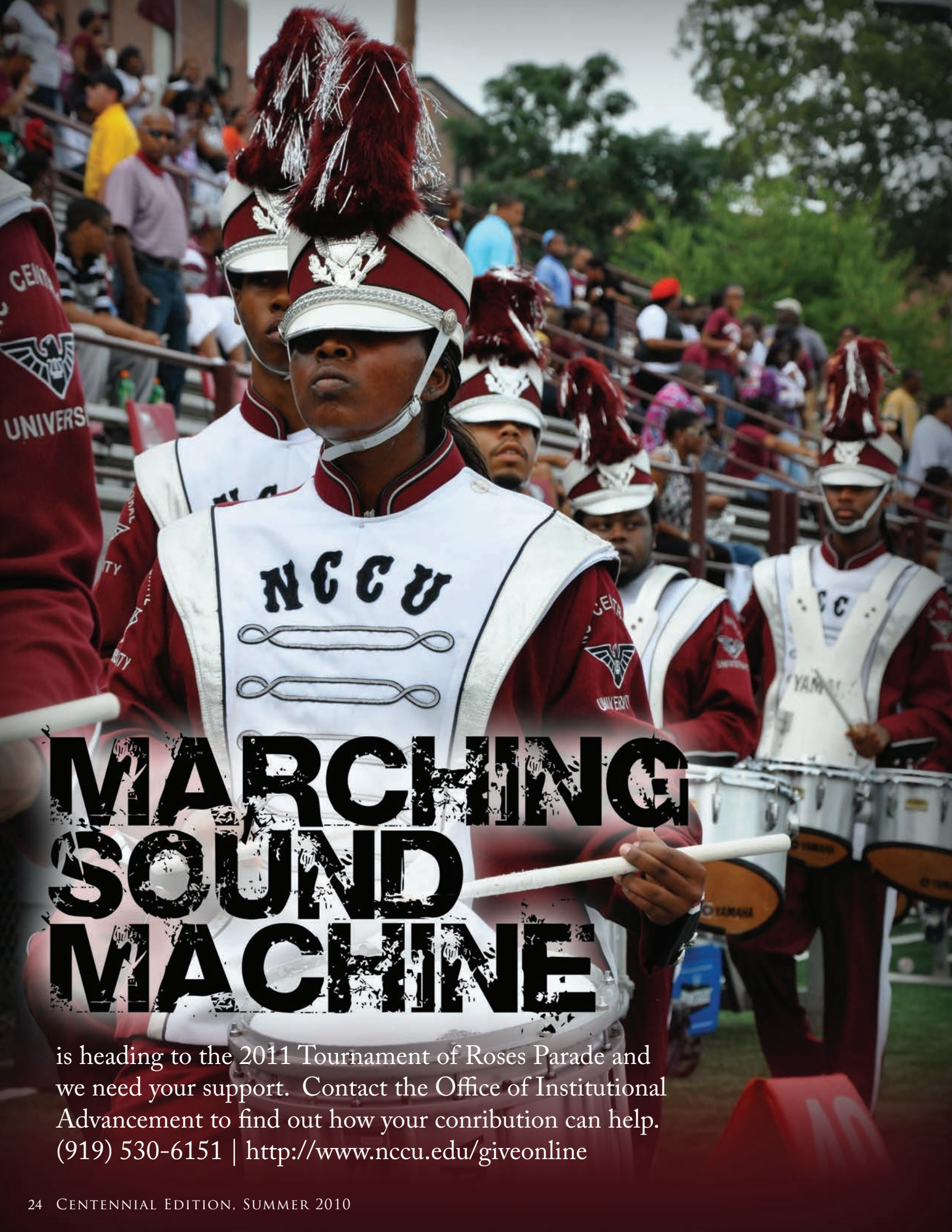
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Community Engagement

for campus police, including an outdoor public notification system. The total investment is \$900,000.

- Through the Academic Community Service Learning Program (ACSLP), students provide tutoring services in six local public schools.
- In fall 2009, in collaboration with the City of Durham, ACSLP managed a Fayetteville Street cleanup, deploying more than 1,200 volunteers, including 750 students.
- On Martin Luther King Jr. Day 2010, NCCU began construction of a second Habitat for Humanity residence in the nearby Eagle Village neighborhood.
- Also supported by ACSLP, the Eagle Pride Blood Drive achieved record donations again in 2009. Several hundred students were tested for sickle cell anemia and recruited for the bone marrow registry.

Memberships and Accreditations

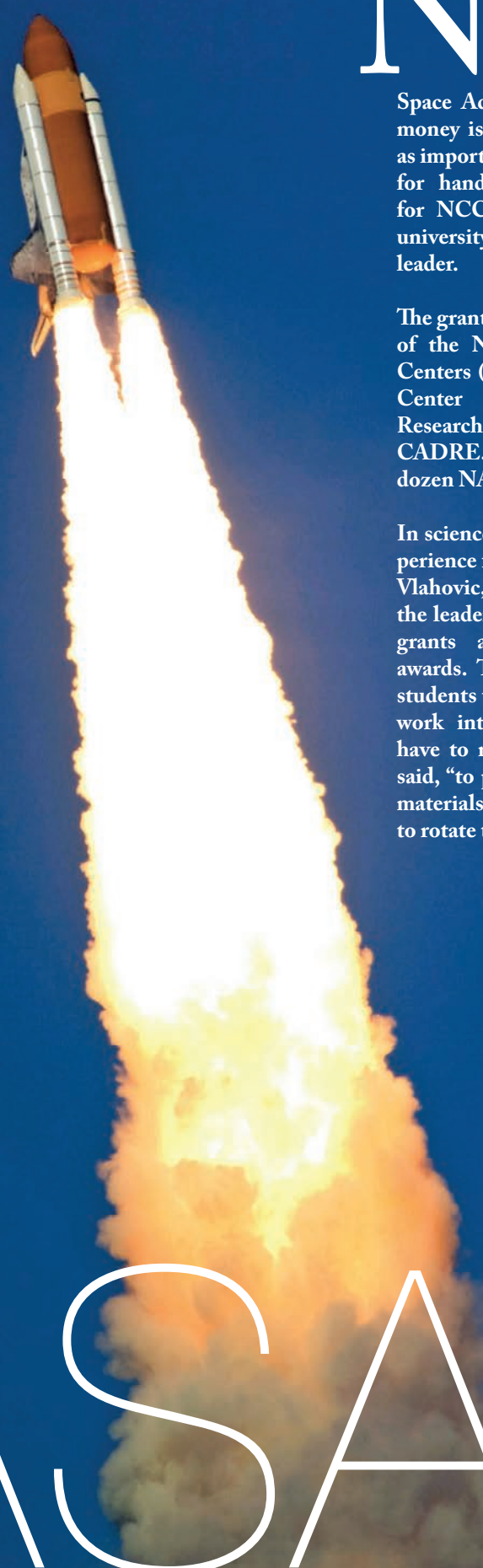
- The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) invited NCCU to join the conference as its 13th member effective July 1, 2010.
- The National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission reaffirmed the accreditation of the Department of Nursing.
- The Environmental Science degree program was awarded full six-year accreditation by the National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council.
- The Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration accredited the Hospitality and Tourism Administration Program. NCCU is the only HBCU so accredited and offers one of only two such programs in the state.
- Geography and Earth Sciences in the Department of Environmental, Earth, and Geospatial Sciences gained membership in the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science.

Grants

- The College of Science and Technology received more than \$20 million in outside funding for grants, contracts and cooperative research agreements. The largest single awards were \$5 million each for the Computational Center for Fundamental and Applied Science (an NSF Center for Research Excellence in Science and Technology) and the NASA Center for Aerospace Device Research and Education (NASA-CADRE). Senior investigators from five CST departments are conducting research and mentoring students in these centers.

- The NCCU Department of Criminal Justice and the Institute for Homeland Security & Workforce Development have received a \$902,000 grant through a partnership with the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium. NCCU is one of only five academic institutions across the nation to join the consortium as a full partner.
- BRITE External research funding reached \$1.2 million in 2009. BRITE researchers have submitted three provisional patent applications, and two more are in the works.
- The School of Library and Information Sciences received a second grant from the Laura Bush 21st Century Library Program in the amount of \$856,000. The purpose is to increase the number of minority students in the SLIS program.
- The Special Education Department was awarded two federal grants from the U.S. Department of Education: \$795,000 for Expanding the Re-ED Model: Preparing Teacher Counselors for Tier III Students from Diverse Communities (2007-2011); and \$525,080 for Increasing the Quality and Quantity of Services to Blind and Visually Impaired Individuals (2008-2012).





North Carolina Central University obtained a five-year, \$5 million grant this year from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The money is significant, but not nearly as important as what the grant means for hands-on research experiences for NCCU's students, and for the university's reputation as a scientific leader.

The grant names NCCU as a member of the NASA University Research Centers (URC) and creates a NASA Center for Aerospace Devices Research and Education, or NASA-CADRE. It is one of only about a dozen NASA centers nationwide.

In science, scholars "can't just get experience from a book," said Brislav Vlahovic, a physics professor who is the leader of the push for the NASA grants and other major federal awards. The NASA research allows students to translate their theoretical work into finished products. "You have to make something," Vlahovic said, "to produce these sophisticated materials, to see them, to feel them, to rotate them in your hands."

By Paul Brown Jr.

NASA &

Vlahovic, 54, is imposingly tall — six feet, four inches — and soft-spoken. His crisp attire is at odds with the rumpled physics professor look often portrayed in movies. Like many scientists, Vlahovic (pronounced vla-HO-vich) is at his most animated when talking about protons smashing at high speeds or measuring the properties of light or the benefits of nanostructures.

The CADRE designation is based largely on research already being done by NCCU faculty and students. CADRE looks to campus scientists to help solve sticky problems that could improve NASA's exploration of space and mankind's understanding of the nature of the universe. The designation places NCCU, usually more noted for its liberal arts and law education, in an important segment of research academia. In fact, the NASA center is a collaboration of some of the nation's finest scientific and computational institutions.

Among the NASA-CADRE problems that Vlahovic's students and colleagues now will engage are:

- How to more precisely measure minute concentrations of certain chemicals through the use of better biochemical sensors. This could be helpful in analyzing the atmosphere of Venus, designing more efficient rocket engines, or helping authorities determine the extent of the danger of a chemical attack on an urban subway system.

- How to better measure the properties of high-energy gamma rays, which would provide a deeper understanding of the workings of the sun, the creation of galaxies and of nuclear forces in general. NCCU faculty and students already have invented a measuring device called a polarimeter that far advances the study of gamma rays in nuclear physics. The device is in use at the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility in Newport News, Va.

- How to use nanotechnology — the study of the controlling of matter on an atomic and molecular scale — to design more efficient photovoltaic cells for powering space vehicles. The cells convert sunlight into electricity. The ones now used to light and power the International Space Station are larger than the station itself. NCCU students and faculty will explore ways to build

smaller, lighter cells that are not only more efficient, but also easier and cheaper to launch into space.

Seventeen principal investigators from five NCCU departments will take part in the research. Other CADRE institutions include Cornell University, Duke University, the Jefferson Accelerator Facility and NASA's Goddard, Ames and Glenn research centers.

At NCCU, the research will take place largely in the Physics Department laboratories in the Mary M. Townes Science Building. The high-tech labs are a far cry from the single, outdated facility in which students previously toiled. The Townes building houses six teaching and research labs, including one that allows students to design computer programs for problems while they are researching



Dr. Branislav Vlahovic is helping to lead NCCU into the future

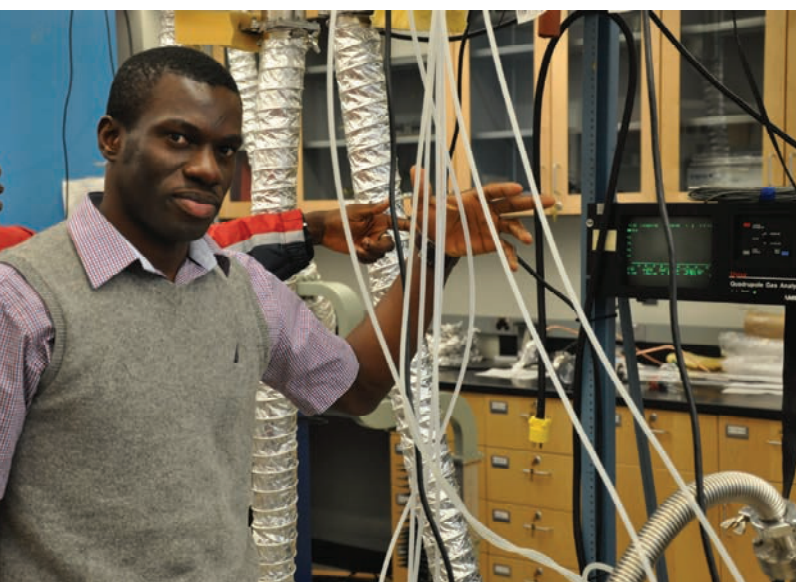
them. A second lab, scheduled to open by the end of 2010, is a “clean room” that will allow the production of semiconductors. A third lab contains a powerful laser.

The CADRE grant will enhance the ability of faculty members to conduct research and publish their findings. Vlahovic points out

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that Physics Department faculty are publishing “about 50 papers a year in the most prestigious journals in the world,” a high rate for a department with just five tenure-track and 10 adjunct research faculty members.

At least as important are the benefits the grant will deliver to NCCU’s physics students; there now are about 20 undergraduate physics majors and 18 graduate students. Dr. Charles “Ron” Jones said the grant boosts “NCCU’s ability to recruit well-qualified students, and offer those students the opportunity to participate in research activities at the highest level of excellence.” The NASA and NSF grants also “come at a time when the master’s degree program in Physics is relatively new, and they will be extremely important to the success of that program.”



Ochije H. Ikechukwu, a graduate student working with Dr. Vlahovic

The two-year-old master’s program graduates its first six students in May.

The CADRE program allows NCCU students to perform research in prestigious labs and collaborate with fellow students and faculty from around the world. They can use Cornell’s electron microscope, for instance, to delve into the details of nanostructures. Continuing research using NCCU’s groundbreaking polarimeter will take place in a new facility being built at the Jefferson Accelerator centered on the invention itself.

“We designed research projects that have interdisciplinary education components, based on real-world problems,” said Vlahovic. “And we apply a philosophy that emphasizes learning gleaned through experience and active participation in research. Students can gain an appreciation for the broad base of cognitive knowledge needed

to solve problems and realize the effectiveness of collaborating with scientists from multiple disciplines.”

The grant also will make it easier for student researchers to pursue their passion, because it provides about \$300,000 a year in student stipends. “Many [students] are working at Wal-Mart and McDonald’s in order to support themselves,” said Vlahovic. “The stipends help them get their independence, not to work but to focus on study.”

Vlahovic himself received his undergraduate and graduate degrees in his native Croatia, at Zagreb University. He has a doctorate in physics and material science and a master’s and post-doctorate in nuclear physics.

He came to the United States in 1990 to join the Duke physics faculty. At the time, he and hundreds of scientists around the world were trying to solve a basic problem in physics: What happens to a proton-neutron pair when it is smashed by a proton moving at high speed. The answer helps scientists understand the nature of nuclear force.

Duke, however, specialized in experimental physics, and Vlahovic wanted to attack the problem using calculations. He moved in the 1996-97 academic year to NCCU, where, he said, “I had the flexibility” to approach the problem by the methods he preferred. That work led to the creation of a productive computational group at NCCU, a team that was able to address the physics problem rigorously, without resorting to approximations. It also led in large measure to the invention of the new polarimeter.

In 2004, Vlahovic won the O. Max Gardner Award, which recognizes UNC system faculty members who make great contributions to human welfare. It is the only statewide honor given to faculty members by the Board of Governors of the 17-campus UNC system. He was nominated for his innovative research and work with minority undergraduate students in the areas of science and education.

The next year, he was named chairman of the department, and held the post until early 2009. He stepped down to direct the Center for Research Excellence in Computational Sciences, which was formed after he won a \$5 million award from the National Sciences Foundation in Oct. 2008.

The CADRE grant will finance 12 new master’s students and four additional post-doctorate fellows. All 16 will participate in teaching and research, he said.

Which presents Vlahovic with another space problem, this one having nothing to do with exploring the cosmos: All offices in the department are occupied, so Vlahovic has to find room to accommodate the additional staff.



Launching NCCU into the **SPOTLIGHT**

Dr. Wu explains expressed his thoughts about the day of the shuttle launch.

By Paul V. Brown Jr.

Receiving \$5 million from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for a prestigious research center is great for North Carolina Central University's Physics Department. Receiving a front-row seat to the thundering launch of one of NASA's space shuttle flights was another thing altogether for three NCCU professors.

The three — Branislav Vlahovic and Marvin Wu from the Physics Department and Alade O. Tokuta from the Math and Computer Science Department — traveled to the Kennedy Space Center in November 2009 for a conference on how to administer a \$5 million NASA Center for Aerospace Device Research and Education (NASA-CADRE) grant. The conference, attended by

"You need to kind of think of a mosaic, each institution having a tiny piece of the picture."

representatives of all six U.S. universities with NASA Research Centers, was an otherwise routine gathering. But it coincided with the launch of Space Shuttle Atlantis.

"Watching the shuttle go up reminds you of the incredible technical challenges NASA faces, not just to launch the shuttle, but to plan and execute missions to Mars," said Wu.

Vlahovic, director of the university's NASA center, said the successful launch somewhat mirrored the CADRE grant. Several distinct organizations and research efforts are needed to fling the massive aircraft into orbit.

"You have a lot of groups all over the nation putting their small pieces together for it to work smoothly," he said "You need to kind of think of a mosaic, each institution having a tiny piece of the picture."

Wu said witnessing the liftoff of the 4.5-million-pound spacecraft is an experience "impressive on a different order of magnitude." Guests are seated two miles from the launch pad. Still, said Vlahovic, "everything vibrates. You feel the steam. You smell it."

Atlantis' mission was to deliver a host of spare parts to the orbiting International Space Station, and to prepare the station for its final major addition. The station gets its electrical power from an array of photovoltaic cells that is larger than the inhabited part of the station.

Part of NCCU's CADRE research involves developing photovoltaic cells that are lighter and more compact, and thus easier and less expensive to deploy in space.



Marching Sound Machine
Gives New Meaning to

Heart and Soul

By Myra Wooten



Just about anyone can make music, John Philip Sousa once observed. “But touching the public heart,” he added, “is quite another thing.” For an example of what the March King meant by that, one need look no further than the electrifying performance in January by NCCU’s *Marching Sound Machine* at the Honda Battle of the Bands in Atlanta. It left no doubt that the band had thoroughly earned its prized invitation to the 2011 Rose Parade.

The band has had a Cinderella year, including its sixth consecutive appearance at Honda Battle of the Bands (NCCU is the only school to achieve such a feat) and an invitation to perform at Women’s Empowerment, the state’s largest entertainment and educational expo for African-American women. And then there’s the real glass slipper: the invitation to the Rose Parade next New Year’s Day in Pasadena, Calif.



Not long after becoming band director in 2001, Jorim Reid wrote a 15-year plan that envisioned a Rose Parade appearance, but he didn't intend to even submit an application until near the end of that period. But the band drew the eye of Rose Parade officials who encouraged him to apply. Hundreds of bands apply each year, but only 16 are chosen, based on their musicianship, marching ability and showmanship. For a marching band, an invitation to Pasadena is the ultimate recognition, and it offers a chance to perform before an audience of millions.

The Rose Parade is part of the Tournament of Roses, an annual New Year's celebration that also includes the Rose Bowl football game and a variety of special events in the days leading up to Jan. 1. For the musicians, the experience includes helping with float preparation and performing at Bandfest during the three days prior to New Year's Day. It is the opportunity of a lifetime

for band members, but it doesn't come cheap. Cost for the band's participation is approximately \$2,000 per student and NCCU has begun efforts to raise the \$500,000 needed.

When Reid took over nine years ago, the band had just 30 members. Today, the 224-member *Marching Sound Machine* is one of the largest student organizations on campus, renowned for its showmanship and a unique sound that incorporates drum corps techniques, a pit percussion section, and large dance and equipment auxiliaries. The performances are explosive, but what truly sets the band apart is musicianship, which Reid emphasizes above all else. "It's all about their skill as musicians," he says. "We don't want to blast our audience, but rather engage them with a high-quality listening experience."

"Engage them" would be an understatement, though, to describe what happened at

the Battle of the Bands at the Georgia Dome. Carlton Wright, band director at Minor High School in Birmingham, Ala., described the performance this way: "Your students were by far the best band in the stadium. Everything about your program was of the kind of class and quality that all HBCU programs should strive for."

For 12 minutes, the *Marching Sound Machine* took the crowd of 65,000 on a ride through time, using the music of Michael Jackson, and making stops in the '80s and '90s. "I knew we had a good show, but you never know until you perform in front of people," said Turquoise Thompson, band auxiliary captain. "My favorite part was the auxiliary feature, 'Poison' by Bell Biv DeVoe," she added. "We added a lot of stunts and a battle of the sexes segment with five guys from the drum line against the auxiliary girls. It went back and forward. ... You could say we won, even though we came together at the end." The wild ride came to a



stop with Jay-Z's "D.O.A (Death of Auto-Tune)," but not before the band brought the audience to tears with a powerful tribute to the Haitian earthquake survivors.

"It was the students' idea," said Reid. "A lot of people were reaching out to help, and we wanted to do our part." Band members selected Michael Jackson's, "Earth Song" as their tribute. With its poignant chorus, "What about us?" the song was the concert selection, or ballad, of the performance. "This was the first tragedy of the New Year," Thompson said, "and it was so sad. There is no way you could see that terrible footage on the news and do nothing." The tribute encouraged the audience to support Haiti as it rebuilds.

The Battle of the Bands appearance was the fifth and final one for Thompson, coming just a few months before her graduation with a degree in public administration. A well-liked and respected band member,

Thompson understands the universal nature of music. "Music lets you express yourself — it speaks every language," she said. "We use what we are good at to honor someone else."

And the performance has stayed with her. "Sometimes you wish you could be trapped in a moment, and that's how this felt. The arrangement was beautiful; you could feel Mr. Reid's heart and soul in it. It is hard to imagine that you contributed to that feeling — amazing," she said.

For band staff member Bryan Henry, the friendly competition and excitement are the heart of the band experience. Henry is one of seven band staff members that support the Marching Sound Machine, carrying equipment and attending all the practices. A tuba player as well, he performed at the Battle of the Bands last year. "It's the Super Bowl for bands, and I thank Honda for this experience," he said. A

mass communication major from Durham, Henry documented the band's preparation, blogging and posting weekly videos, which he considers great practice for his intended career as a sports commentator.

Perhaps Thompson sums up this past year best. "It was all worth it, even the numb fingertips in January from hours of practice," she said. "In the end you know that you accomplished so much when you hear the reaction from the audience."

HBCU Reconstruction

By Charlie Nelms, Chancellor
with assistance from Cynthia Fobert, director of Public Relations

Although minority-serving institutions (MSIs) are often grouped together, the differences among them defy simple characterization. Within the mix of MSIs, historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) play a crucial role in ensuring access and success for black students, and many of these students are from low-wealth and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds. As chancellor of the nation's first public liberal arts college for African-Americans, I am convinced that HBCUs have played and must continue to play a pivotal role in American higher education.



In the two decades from 1984 to 2004, the minority student population in the United States grew by 146 percent to about 5 million, one-third of all college students. But the distribution of these students has been far from random across the spectrum of American higher education. An increasing number of colleges and universities have been founded as, or transformed into, minority-serving institutions. MSIs account for approximately one-third of all colleges and universities — a total of 1,254 institutions in 2004 — but they enroll nearly 60 percent, or 3 million, of America's minority students.

To be classified as an MSI, a college must have a minority student body representation of at least 25 percent. In nearly all MSIs with a 50 percent or greater minority student population, there is one dominant ethnic

designation. Hence, we have Hispanic-serving institutions, predominately black institutions, tribal colleges and universities, and Alaska native / native Hawaiian institutions. Primarily, the growth of MSIs has been among institutions serving blacks outside of the HBCUs and those serving Hispanic students. The number of black-serving, non-HBCUs more than doubled and the number of Hispanic-serving colleges and universities increased more than six-fold from 1984 to 2004.

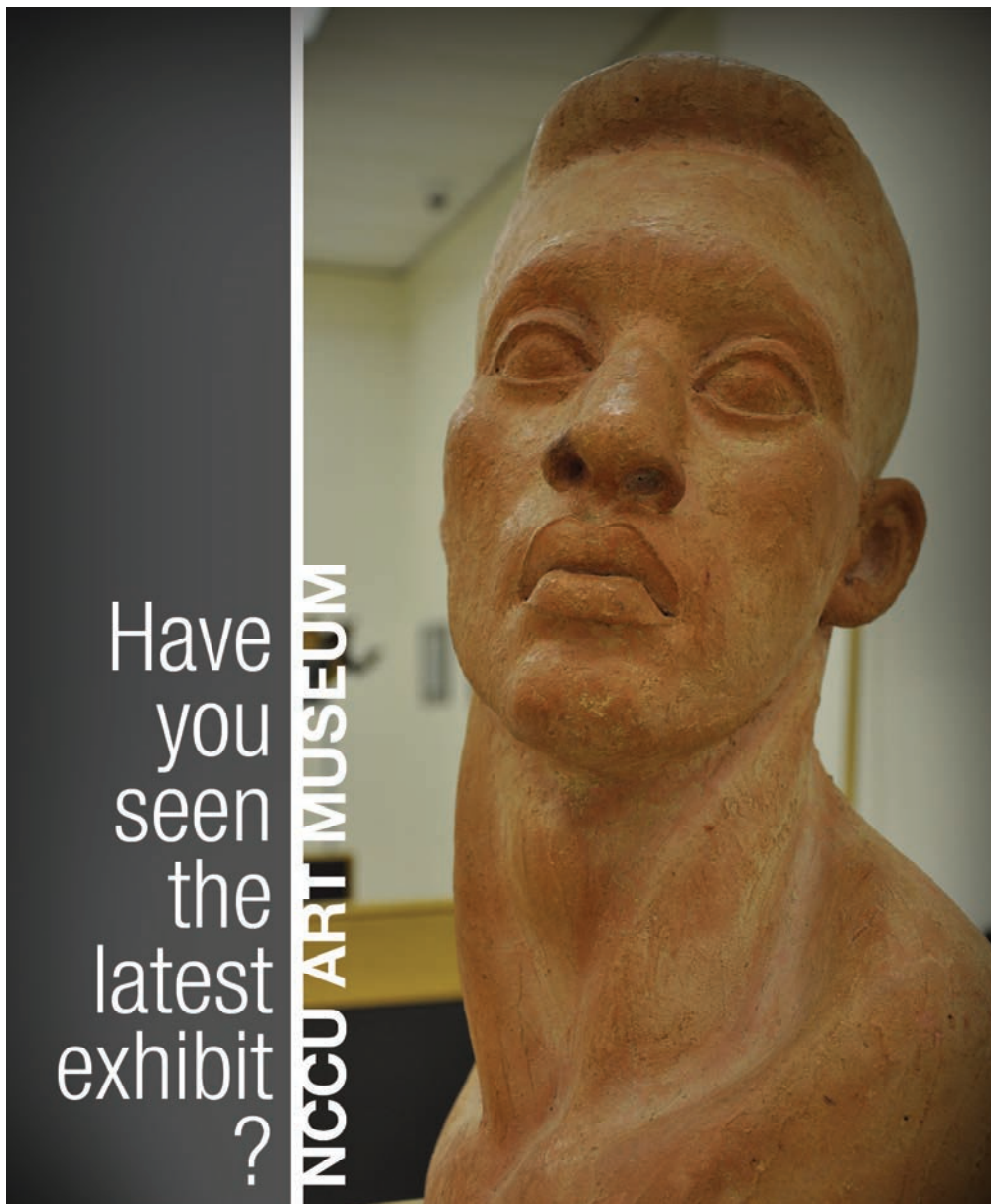
The nation's 103 HBCUs cannot increase in number, as they are by definition those colleges established prior to 1964 for the purpose of educating African-Americans. But just look at what they accomplish. Although HBCUs represent approximately three percent of the higher education institutions, they enroll 12 percent of all

African-American students and they are the source for 30 percent of all baccalaureate degrees; 40 percent of all STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) degrees; and 60 percent of all engineering degrees awarded to black students. In the sciences, for black graduates who later earn a Ph.D., 18 of the top 23 referring institutions are HBCUs, and two dozen HBCUs graduate 24 percent of all black Ph.D. candidates. In addition, HBCUs produce half of all black teachers and 40 percent of all African-American health professionals.

Doing More With Less

Certainly, this small group of colleges continues to serve its historic mission to enroll and graduate a large proportion of this traditionally disenfranchised minority. In so doing, they add substantially to our nation's economic development by contributing to the growth of the African-American middle class. Furthermore, HBCUs manage to do all this despite their low wealth. In my state of North Carolina, the median endowment among our ten HBCUs in 2006 was \$2,183 per full-time equivalent student, compared with \$17,579 at our state's non-HBCU institutions.

HBCUs have always had to do more with much less, but still they are criticized for their graduation rates. The six-year graduation rate for African-American students in 2006 was an admittedly disappointing 37.9 percent, compared with 45 percent for non-HBCU institutions. However, the statistical mean obscures the wide variation among these institutions. In fact, the variation among HBCUs was greater than between HBCUs and non-HBCUs. For example, today, top-ranked HBCU Spelman College has a graduation rate of 74 percent, whereas the current graduation rate of Edward Waters College is 9 percent. This is not a fair comparison. Edward Waters' admissions requirements include a cumulative GPA of 2.0 and no minimum ACT or SAT scores. Spelman's freshman class has an average GPA of 3.61, an average ACT of 23 and an average SAT score of 1078 (out of a possible 1600 — Critical Reading and Math portions only). The incoming student at Edward Waters is much less likely to be prepared for the rigors of college coursework than the high-achieving high school graduate entering Spelman.



Furthermore, with an endowment of \$350 million, Spelman is much better able to support its low-income students and thereby reduce the impact of the major cause of college withdrawal: insufficient financial support. Edward Waters is struggling to cope with \$2 million in debt.

At the other end of the spectrum, it is equally unfair to compare Spelman, ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as the best HBCU, to Harvard, ranked the best university in the country. Yes, Harvard graduates 95 percent of its African-American students, but the students it admits are extraordinarily high performers to begin with — and once they arrive on campus, Harvard's \$36 billion endowment ensures that they get all the support they need.

The Way Forward

This is not to say that satisfactory graduation rates can be achieved only with students who are fully prepared for the rigors of university. Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education, spoke to the assembled HBCU presidents and chancellors for the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities in September 2009. He singled out for praise the respectable 51 percent graduation rate achieved by North Carolina's Elizabeth City State University. ECSU admission requirements include a minimum SAT score of 700 (out of a possible 1600 — Critical Reading and Math portions only), an ACT score of 16, and a GPA of 2.5. Its endowment is less than \$4.5 million and it recruits low-wealth students from the rural eastern townships of North Carolina. Duncan attributed ECSU's feat to systematically tracking students' progress and intervening when problems arise.

Herein lies the secret to ECSU's success and our collective way forward — enabling systems of accountability. Many HBCUs lack the capacity to conduct institutional research, particularly the evaluation of program effectiveness. This means that decisions regarding student enrollment management and retention efforts are made without good data or adherence to best practices. What we need are the

assessment protocols, the human and fiscal resources, and the tools that will allow for the collection, analysis, and dissemination of pertinent information about what works and what does not. Good quality data and data analysis will positively affect retention, graduation rates, and policy decisions, especially those regarding funding.

HBCUs continue to enroll disproportionate numbers of less wealthy and less-prepared students, but there has never been a wholehearted commitment on the part

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of the states or the federal government to their continued existence. A number of these institutions teeter on the brink of financial collapse, starved of financial support. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was never fully enforced with regard to equal funding for HBCU facilities, infrastructure, technology, or human resources. HBCUs prick the conscience of the majority, for some, serving to give rise to feelings of ambivalence, guilt, and even hostility. However, it seems likely that changing demographics may overwhelm these old prejudices as the United States becomes more diverse. HBCUs have never discriminated and are poised to become the best hope for access and success for all disenfranchised populations, irrespective of race and ethnicity.

The future of HBCUs will be determined by their competitiveness, responsiveness, and relevance. At a minimum, we must do the following:

- Visionary, experience-based leadership is crucial. We must recruit and retain the best.
- We must strengthen our infrastructure,

with regard to technology and facilities, human and fiscal resources, as well as internal controls and processes.

- We must reexamine the curriculum to ensure optimal responsiveness to student interests and societal needs.

- Each institution must put in place an outcomes-based program of continuous improvement focusing on retention and graduation.

- We must attract and retain faculty members who are willing to invest more than the usual time and talent to help students achieve their potential. These must be active researchers who involve and mentor their students — an engaged faculty who will facilitate learning.

- Alumni must embrace philanthropy and give at whatever level they can afford. And they cannot be expected to do so if they are never asked.

- Public and private funders must commit to fully underwriting HBCUs as an essential part of a national strategy to develop American intellectual capital and sustain our economy. Local, state and national governments, corporations, and foundations must adopt a new national funding strategy to strengthen HBCU academic programs and the infrastructure to support them — an HBCU reconstruction plan, if you will.

I am just one of hundreds of thousands of HBCU success stories. My test scores certainly did not suggest that I was leadership material when I entered the Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College (now the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff) in 1965. Had it not been for the open access of a low-wealth HBCU, my life would have been profoundly different. HBCUs have proven their worth. Now, we need a revitalized mission and reinvestment strategy that recognizes that fact.

Author's note: North Carolina Central University will host a symposium titled *Setting the Agenda for Historically Black Colleges and Universities as part of its Centennial Celebration in June 2 – 4, 2010.*



By Chantal Winston

BUILDING THE COMMUNITY



North Carolina Central University is not only building up campus, but also building homes in the Durham community.

"I don't think it's accidental or coincidental that our motto is 'Truth and Service.' We are in search of truth and want to make sure we offer service to the community that made it possible for us to exist," said Chancellor Charlie Nelms.

In collaboration with Habitat for Humanity of Durham, NCCU has built its second Eagle Habitat Home in the Eagle Village Community. The 1,193-square-foot home, including three bedrooms, two bathrooms and a porch, was built for Tijuanda Farrington and her daughter, Constance.

On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 18, NCCU celebrated with a groundbreaking ceremony at 615 Hickory St. in Durham. U.S. Sen. Kay Hagan, Durham Mayor William "Bill" Bell and State Rep. Larry Hall were in attendance.

The recipient of the home has been employed in NCCU's James E. Shepard Library since 1996. Farrington was born in Chapel Hill and raised by her late great-grandparents, Joseph and Frances Barbee. Her daughter Constance is 14 and a ninth grader at Northern High School. Constance is very active in the school and community, serving as a member of several organizations including the step team, Praise and Worship, Teens Against Consuming Alcohol, and Delta Academy.

"My initial thoughts were, this is surreal," Farrington said, recalling when she learned that she had been chosen. "I was in shock and couldn't believe that this was really happening. I started to tell myself, 'Oh my goodness, you're going to become a homeowner!'"

There are several homeownership requirements, including U.S. citizenship or legal permanent residency, having lived and/or worked in Durham for at least six months, steady employment, and willingness to devote 250 to 350 hours helping volunteers build the home.

Founded in 1976, Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry, seeking to eliminate poverty and homelessness from the world and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. To accomplish these goals, volunteers build houses in partnership with families in need.

Today, Habitat has built over 350,000 houses around the world, providing more than 1.75 million people in 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable shelter. The Durham Habitat group completed its first home in 1987. Since then, it has built more than 200.

Habitat is not a giveaway program. Recipients must provide a down payment and monthly mortgage payments. The monthly payments are used to build future Habitat houses.

"The NCCU-Habitat partnership began under the leadership of Dr. James Ammons, former NCCU chancellor, who served on the Habitat for Humanity's Board of Advisors," said Mitzi Viola, director of Development and Community at Habitat for Humanity — Durham. "NCCU had the idea, formed a committee and invited us to talk."

After two years of fundraising, NCCU and Habitat completed its first Eagle Habitat Home for Michelle Nixon and her daughter, Lyshell Harris, on February 14,

Eagle Village was the overall name given to the neighborhoods surrounding the NCCU campus in 1997 when the Eagle Village Community Development Corp. was created. The corporation serves as a coordinator of efforts by the university, the city of Durham and other organizations to improve housing and the quality of life for the area, and promote economic development.

An average of 10 to 20 volunteers — students, faculty and staff — work four-hour shifts three days per week for about



Tijuanda Farrington and her daughter, Constance

2009. "The community is pretty quiet and I like my neighbors and the neighborhood church," said Nixon.

"With the construction of our second Eagle Habitat Home, we are now building on a tradition," said Ruby Messick, assistant director of the Academic Community Service Learning Program at NCCU. "Our continued involvement in the Eagle Habitat House Project puts NCCU students, faculty and staff at the forefront of helping transform our community — contributing to the safety and stability in the neighborhoods surrounding our campus."

15 weeks to complete a new Eagle Habitat Home.

A one-time grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development provided much of the money to build the Farrington home, but funds will have to be raised locally for future Habitat homes. The university is collecting contributions for a third Eagle Habitat Home for next year. To make a gift, visit <<http://www.nccu.edu/Giving/eaglehabitat.cfm>>.

Exceeding Expectations

By Myra Wooten

Dr. Lorna Harris set ambitious goals when she came to North Carolina Central University as chair of the Department of Nursing in 2005. They included raising the profile of the nursing program to encourage funding from UNC General Administration to support the program's growth. Specifically, she wanted to hire 13 fulltime teaching faculty, establish four tenure-track positions for doctoral-prepared professors and create an office of student support.

Five years later, Harris and her department have exceeded their goals. There are now 21 fulltime members of the teaching faculty, including seven with doctorates. A student support staff prepares students for the working world with interview coaching and professionalism luncheons. But the growth does not stop there.

On Feb. 24, NCCU took a huge step toward even greater nursing excellence by breaking ground on a \$22.5 million, 65,000-square-foot nursing building. The design includes facilities for expanded student services, a 250-seat auditorium, a group of skill labs and a family room for students with children.

The skill labs will simulate a hospital setting, enabling students to build confidence and competence as they learn to use equipment, practice positioning patients and carry out nursing procedures.

"Nursing is a proactive discipline, and unless you have adequate time and room to practice, you can't learn your craft," said Harris. The patient simulation rooms will have programmed, computerized mannequins that function as true patients would. "The mannequins have

real medical needs based around real-life scenarios," said Harris, "including their life expectancy."

The new building will pave the way to enrollment growth that will not only continue to increase diversity in the nursing field but also help address a serious statewide shortage of nurses. According to the N.C. Center for Public Policy Research, North Carolina will face a shortage of 9,000 nurses in the next five years and 18,000 by 2020. Last year, 509 students were enrolled in the NCCU nursing program, up 4 percent from 2007. This makes NCCU one of the largest producers of minority baccalaureate nursing graduates in the state.

Students also have an opportunity to gain clinical experience in any of 50 different area agencies. Working with real patients in area hospitals like Rex, UNC, and Duke as well as those in Person County and Rocky Mount complete the training process.

The training is not confined to just classroom, lab and clinic, though. The Office of Student Support, run by a fulltime counselor and a graduate-

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trained coordinator, provides pre-nursing engagement sessions and professionalism luncheons. "We want our students to come off as cultured professionals," Harris said. "This helps when they go for interviews so they look and sound as great as they are."



Last year's graduates passed the state's nursing exam on the first try at a rate of 90 percent, easily exceeding the UNC General Administration's minimum rate of 85 percent for first-time test takers. "We are excited to have outstanding students here," said Harris, "and we work hard to give them the attention and education they deserve." From 2006 to 2008, the NCCU nursing program had an 84 percent on-time graduation rate, one of the highest among four-year institutions in North Carolina.

An expanding array of nursing educational options is helping NCCU recruit and retain new students. The Department of Nursing recently established an RN-BSN On-Line Hybrid program, which leads to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree for students who already have the Registered Nurse credential. And a new Accelerated Second Degree BSN program allows



An artist's rendering of the future NCCU Nursing building

students to earn their degree in 16 months instead of the traditional 24.

The online program works with five community colleges, such as Halifax Community College in eastern North Carolina, and area hospitals to recruit students. The most recent recruiting effort identified 102 nurses interested in the program.

Dr. Jennie De Gagne, distance education coordinator, oversees the online program. "Students who come into this program are already licensed nursing professionals with careers," she said. "It is difficult for this population to come to a brick-and-mortar class, so we are reaching out to adult learners. Online teaching and learning is the future, and we need to support the faculty in order to be effective in this method of teaching."

Six students in the inaugural class of the accelerated second-degree program are now in their last semester of nursing. The program, which starts each January, admitted 21 students in early 2010, the

maximum the program can support, and now has a wait list for January 2011. "These are people who finished college somewhere else, or have degrees outside of nursing," said Harris.

Another important nursing initiative is the HBCU Health Promotion Alliance, which involves NCCU and three other universities, N.C. A&T State, Fayetteville State and Elizabeth City State. It focuses on addressing cultural differences in access to health education and health care. The Alliance has brought in \$2.5 million for community-based research and services and has established the NCCU / N.C. Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Partnership. The partnership is developing a curriculum to educate nursing students and practicing nurses on basic information on prevention of breast and cervical cancer. Darlene Street and Adrian Heath serve as staff for the program and hope the model will be used by other nursing schools.

Harris remains ambitious in her vision for the nursing department. The immediate

goals, she said, are to "get the building up by fall 2011 and increase the number of students in the upper division to 250 to match the size of the new building." Long-term, Harris would like to see a master's nursing program. "The faculty has worked hard, the students have worked hard and after four years we are starting to see the fruits of our labor — good nurses who understand the culture of North Carolina and the need to be ahead of the curve when it comes to nursing knowledge."

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LookingBack

Those were the days when students did not go and come freely the way they do now. To leave the campus you had to have permission. Dean Rush — I don't remember her first name — was the one with the power. She said when you go and when you come. We attended vespers service on Sunday afternoon, and that was mandatory. You had a special seat in B.N. Duke Auditorium. Dean Rush would walk the aisle and check the seats. She knew who was present and who was absent, and you'd better not be absent. I don't remember what would happen (if a student was absent.) I was never absent — not without permission at least.

Vivian Hunter, '43 B.S., Commerce

ClassNotes

By Anita B. Walton

Promotions and Appointments

'55 Harvey Heartley Sr. (B.S.), of Raleigh, was inducted into the CIAA John B. McLendon Hall of Fame.

'57 Samuel "Sam" Jones (B.S.), of St. Augustine, Fla., was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation.

'60 Ernie Barnes (B.A.), of West Hollywood, Calif., was inducted posthumously into the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation for his stellar contribution to the arts.

'70 James Fullwood (B.S.), of Raleigh, was honored in 2009 at Cape Fear Community College for his life and work in the Probation and Parole program in North Carolina.

Andre' Leon Talley, of New York City, will be the fourth judge on the upcoming season in 2010 of the popular show "America's Next Top Model with Tyra Banks."

'71 Roger McLean (B.S.) is the mayor of Elizabeth City, N.C.

Gwen Willis (B.A. and M.A.), of Greensboro, has been named chief of student services for Guilford County Schools.

'73 Dorothy Brower (B.S.), of Southern Pines, N.C., has been honored by the Durham Tech Foundation for her 35 years of service at Durham Technical Community College with the naming of a scholarship

in her honor. The first Dorothy A. Brower Scholarship for high school graduates of Moore, Orange and Durham County high schools will be awarded in the fall of 2010.

'75 Dr. Pocahontas Jones (B.S.), of Henrico, N.C., was named chief academic officer and dean of curriculum programs at Roanoke-Chowan Community College in Ahoskie, N.C.

'77 Elmira Mangum (B.S.), of Carrboro, has joined the staff of Cornell University as vice president for budget and planning.

William Smith (B.A.), of Durham, joined the staff of Elizabeth City State University as vice chancellor for institutional advancement.

'83 James "Jim" Holland (MBA), of Richmond, Va., has been elected vice chairman of the Chesterfield County, Virginia, Board of Supervisors.

Dr. Joan Koonce (B.S.), of Athens, Ga., released a new book, *Integrity in a Box of Chocolates: Consuming Life's Hardships One Bite at a Time*. The book opens on the stage of The Ohio State University, where Koonce accepted her third college degree. She shared her story and led a discussion about her book at Borders Books in Athens in February. She is an associate professor at the University of Georgia's College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

'85 Dr. William J. Barber II (B.A.), pastor of Greenleaf Christian Church in Goldsboro and president of the North Carolina NAACP, received the Human Rights Medalist Award from N.C. A&T State University in recognition of his efforts to correct social injustice.

Warachel Faison, M.D. (B.S.) of Summerville, S.C., was recognized during Black History Month as one of four African-American champions of Alzheimer's disease by the National Alzheimer's Association. A geriatric psychiatrist, she has furthered research for prevention and a cure; made strides in care and support; and raised awareness of Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Faison serves as a medical director in Neuroscience Primary Care at Pfizer Inc. An advocate of community education and active discussion, she participated in the Alzheimer's Association Diversity Dialogue at the Alzheimer's Action Summit in Washington in March.

'93 Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum (BSN), of Durham, was honored with the 2010 NCCU Nursing Distinguished Alumni Award at the 14th Annual Helen S. Miller Lectureship & Luncheon for Nursing.

'07 Shinika McKiever (MPA) was named the first program associate and fellow at the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust in Winston-Salem. The two-year fellowship will provide a broad range of experiences in philanthropy.

Trudy Mathis Jarman, of Jacksonville, N.C., who studied psychology at NCCU, is working on the third installment to her self-published "Braids" novels, which chronicle the lives of three families from different backgrounds on the fictional plantation of Quinnton Meadows in 1937 North Carolina. In 1999, Jarman was recognized on the nationally syndicated Tom Joyner radio show as a "Thursday Morning Mom" for dedicating eight years as the sole caretaker of her aunt who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

In Memoriam

'30s

Carson H. Beckwith (B.S. '33), of Charlotte, Sept. 9, 2009. Beckwith worked at Bands Beauty College.

'40s

Donald Murphy (B.A. '46, J.D. '73), of Greensboro, Nov. 20, 2009. Murphy was an attorney.

Carl S. Galbreath (BSC '49), of Fayetteville, Dec. 16, 2009. Galbreath worked at 71st High School.

'50s

McKinley J.H. Armstrong (B.A. '51), of Washington, D.C., Feb. 11, 2010. Armstrong led the basketball team at McKinley Tech to dominance.

Greta A. Avent (B.A. '53), of Raleigh, Feb. 10, 2010. Avent worked for the Wake County Public Schools.

Margaret B. Pollard (B.S. '54), of Moncure, N.C., Sept. 29, 2009. Pollard worked at the Wake Area Health Education Center.

Marcus Ingram (B.S.C. '58), of Durham, Jan. 28, 2010. Ingram was a long-time professor in the School of Business at NCCU.

'60s

Leonard Deshield (B.A. '61), of Greensboro, Nov. 6, 2009. DeShield was the chief of protocol of the Republic of Liberia.

Marvin E. Duncan, Ph.D. (B.A. and M.A., '62 & '63), of Durham, Jan. 24, 2010. Duncan was a professor in the School of Education at North Carolina Central University.

Carlton E. Fellers (B.S.C. '63), of Raleigh, Dec. 4, 2009. Fellers was an attorney at Thigpen, Blue, Stephen Fellers.

Anne H. Streeter ('63), of Washington, D.C., Oct. 12, 2009. Streeter worked at the National Coalition Building Institute.

Betty D. Ruffin ('65), of Durham, Nov. 9, 2009. Ruffin retired from the Golden Belt Manufacturing Co.

'70s

Jasper Harris (B.A. '70), of Durham, Oct. 7, 2009. Harris was co-chair of the NCCU Department of Environmental, Earth and Geospatial Sciences and the director of the Summer Ventures Program at NCCU.

Kenneth "Ken" L. Clemons (B.A. '71), of Durham, Dec. 13, 2009. Clemons was employed by Durham Public Schools as an education specialist and coordinator of cable services.

Gweneth Russell Harrelson ('72), of Greensboro, Nov. 30, 2009. Harrelson served for 29 years at Central North Carolina School for the Deaf.

Annie O. Newsome (M.A. '72), of Goldsboro, N.C., Jan. 20, 2010. Newsome worked at Goldsboro Junior High School.

Constance Roberson ('72 & '82 (B.A.) of Durham, NC, Sept. 6, 2009. Roberson was director of student activities and the student union at NCCU.

Johnnie Mack Arrington (B.A. '74), of Durham, Dec. 18, 2009. Arrington was an employee at C R England, Inc.

Howard C. McGlohon (J.D. '76), of Asheville, Feb. 10, 2010. McGlohon worked at Broughton Hospital before starting his own practice.

Elson Armstrong (B.A. '77), of Charlotte, March 5, 2010.

Stanley A. Richardson (B.S.C. '78), of Elizabethtown, N.C., March 10, 2010. Richardson worked at Public Instruction/ Board of Education, Bladen County

Shelton L. White (B.A. '79), of Durham, Dec. 10, 2009. White worked at Duke University.

'80s

Earl Whitted, Jr. (B.A. '81, J.D. '84), of Wayne County, N.C., Jan. 4, 2010. Whitted

was a former member of the City Council and Board of Aldermen.

Harold R. Hoke (J.D. '84) of New London, N.C., Sept. 29, 2009. Hoke was an attorney.

Kenneth R. Diggins (B.B.A. '85), of Raleigh, Feb. 4, 2010. Diggins was the owner of East Coast Promotional Products, a partner with Faucon Blu Marketing Communications.

Regina M. Crooms (B.A. '87), of Raleigh, Nov. 2, 2009. Crooms worked at Burroughs Wellcome (now part of GlaxoSmithKline).

Minora V. Sharpe (B.A. '89), of State College, Pa., March 2, 2010.

'90s

Joel Natalie Owens (B.S. '94), of Durham, Dec. 15, 2009. Owens was pursuing a second degree.

Paul L. Suggs ('94), of Fayetteville, Jan. 8, 2010. Suggs was a former SGA president at NCCU.

'00s

Cassandra J. Freeman (B.A. '08), of Durham, Dec. 2, 2009.

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Ida Gadsden, of Savannah, Ga., Nov. 26, 2009

Christopher M. Hensley, of Raleigh, Dec. 1, 2009

George B. Parks of Bakersfield, Calif., Jan. 5, 2010. Parks owned Parks & Associates.



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LEROI MOORE FUND WILL PROVIDE 4 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

By Brian Culbreath

A trust set up by musician LeRoi H. Moore before his death will provide \$5,000 scholarships for four North Carolina Central University students each year in perpetuity.

A founding member of the Dave Matthews Band, Moore played all the saxophones from bass to soprano, as well as flute, bass clarinet, pennywhistle and oboe. Credited with arranging much of the Dave Matthews Band's music, he traversed jazz, funk, rock and classical styles to make what Matthews characterized as "the most astonishingly honest music."

Born in Durham and raised in the Charlottesville, Va., area, Moore died in 2008 from injuries suffered in an ATV accident at his farm near Charlottesville. He was 46 years old. The NCCU scholarships are in honor of his parents, both NCCU alumni, Roxie Holloway Moore ('50) and Albert P. Moore ('56).

The scholarships will start in 2010 with a single \$5,000 gift and will increase annually by \$5,000 until reaching a total annual \$20,000 payout in 2013. When fully funded, the scholarships will be awarded to one student in each of the first, second, third, and fourth-year classes. Criteria for selection will be students with a financial need, and those whose studies are focused in business, education, or music. Consideration also will be given to the student's community service involvement.

As a young man in Charlottesville, Moore established a reputation as an accomplished jazz musician, co-founding the Charlottesville Swing Orchestra and the John D'earth Quintet. In 1991, he and childhood friend Carter Beauford joined up with Dave Matthews and, subsequently, Stefan Lessard and Boyd Tinsley, to form the Dave Matthews Band. The band dedicated its latest album, "Big Whiskey and the GrooGrux King," to Moore.

Moore was active in many philanthropic activities throughout his life, and the trust he established ensures that his support of his favored organizations will continue. In addition to NCCU, scholarship programs have been established in his name at Albemarle High School in Virginia and at the University of Virginia School of Nursing. Moore's fund will also make annual contributions to Toys for Tots, Habitat for Humanity, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank.

"LeRoi was one of the most generous people I have ever met, although he was very private about it," said Rit Venerus, trustee of Moore's estate. "It is great to see that his legacy of giving will live on."

Gifts to the University

NORTH CAROLINA MUTUAL GIVES ITS HISTORIC ARCHIVES TO NCCU / DUKE

By Dr. Kimberly Moore, Public Relations and External Affairs for North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company

North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., the nation's largest and oldest life insurance company with roots in the African-American community, transferred its collection of historic archives to North Carolina Central University and Duke University in a ceremony on September 25, 2009. The collection highlights the historic role the company has played in Durham and nationally in African-American commerce.

The documents will be housed in Duke's Library Service Center, an off-site location that serves both universities. The collection will be referred to as "The North Carolina Mutual Collection."

The collection includes thousands of business documents, newsletters, commercials and photographs, as well as books written about the company and its founders. It also contains historical information about the families of two company founders, John Merrick and Dr. Aaron M. Moore, as well as trailblazer and corporate icon Charles C. Spaulding.

The collection will be administered jointly by the NCCU Archives, Records and History Center and the Duke University Rare Book, Manuscript, and Special Collections Library in conjunction with the John Hope Franklin Research Center for African and African American History and Culture.

"Thanks to the diligence, attention to detail and dedication of employees for more than a century, North Carolina Mutual's history has been exceptionally well documented and preserved," said James H. Speed Jr., president and CEO of the company. "Our board of directors felt the archives should be where they can best be maintained and preserved. North Carolina Central University and Duke University have the facilities and the professional personnel to continue a tradition of historic preservation that began in 1898."

Historical connections between N.C. Mutual, NCCU and Duke make this archive arrangement particularly significant. Dr. James E. Shepard, who founded NCCU in 1909, was also one of the seven men who founded the insurance company 11 years earlier. John Merrick, another N.C. Mutual founder, worked closely with Benjamin Duke, whose family established Duke University. In 1966, Duke University donated the land for N.C. Mutual's headquarters building. In the first half of the 20th Century, N.C. Mutual was one of the financial institutions clustered in downtown Durham that made Parrish Street famous as "the Black Wall Street."

Today, N.C. Mutual offers a wide array of insurance products, including life, health and dental coverage through group plans for large and small organizations. It has more than 300,000 individual policyholders and more than \$7.7 billion of insurance in force.

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Curtis Lee Dobbs Memorial Endowment Fund

Robert L. Dobbs ('60) established the fund in honor of his son, who was a freshman at Hunter College in New York when he died in 1985 at the age of 18. The \$50,000 fund will provide scholarship support to sophomores, juniors, or seniors who are track and field athletes and who have maintained a grade-point average of 3.0 or better.

Averner Blue Jr. Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund

An anonymous donor has given \$25,000 to the fund to provide scholarship support to males enrolled in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences with a major in criminal justice.

Distinguished Nursing Professorship

The C.D. Spangler Foundation and the UNC General Administration have each committed \$250,000 to endow a Distinguished Professorship in the Department of Nursing.

A. Nan Freeland Endowed Scholarship Fund

The N.C. Environmental Justice Network and the N.C. Conservation Network pledged \$25,000 to establish the A. Nan Freeland Endowed Scholarship Fund to provide support for undergraduates with financial need. The recipients will be rising juniors or seniors majoring in environmental science.

Xerox Corp. Foundation

Xerox contributed \$20,000 to support student scholarships. The company has now given \$110,000 to the university for scholarships since 2005.

SunTrust Bank

The bank has committed to provide \$20,000 to sponsor a lecture series at the School of Business. The sponsorship will give the university and the School of Business the ability to present distinguished and national and international lecturers, exposing our students to a world beyond the textbooks.

Estate Gifts

The estate of Winnie Cornelia T. Robinson established the Leonard Harrison Robinson Fund in memory of Mrs. Robinson's late husband, to compensate distinguished speakers in sociology.

The estate of Clifton E. Johnson established a gift to the NCCU School of Law.

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Marching Sound Machine Plays for Tom Joyner

The North Carolina Central University Marching Sound Machine performed on the "Tom Joyner Morning Show" on April 15 when the syndicated radio show host brought his program to Raleigh.

NCCU has also been selected as the Tom Joyner Foundation School of the Month for August 2010. The foundation provides money directly to HBCUs to help students complete their education. Each month a different HBCU is selected and the funds raised are awarded through the institution's financial aid department.

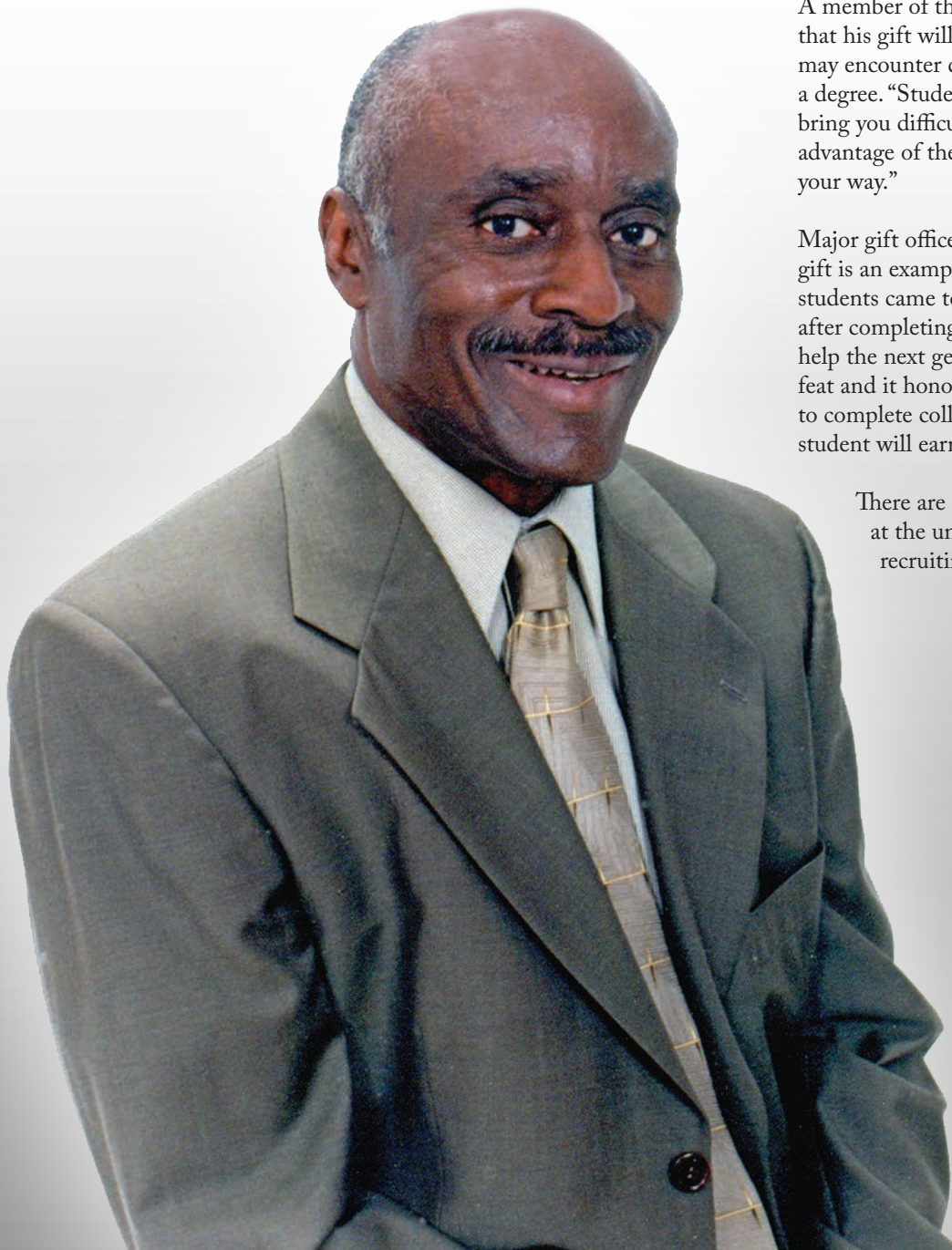
Heartley Inducted into CIAA Hall of Fame

Harvey Heartley Sr., a basketball star at NCCU in the 1950s, has been inducted into the CIAA 2010 John B. McLendon Hall of Fame. Heartley played basketball at NCCU from 1951 to 1955 and served as co-captain of the team, earning all-CIAA honors and third team all-American honors. He was drafted by the Minneapolis Lakers in 1955.

In 1971 he joined the staff at Saint Augustine's College as athletics director and later basketball coach where he racked up 371 wins, including a second-place finish in the NCAA Division II Basketball Tournament in 1984. He is a member of the Saint Augustine's College and NCCU Halls of Fame.

ALUMNUS HONORS SON'S MEMORY WITH UNIVERSITY GIFT

By Brian Culbreath



Robert Lee Dobbs, class of 1960, has made a gift of \$50,000 to North Carolina Central University. The gift, named for Dobbs' youngest son, who died unexpectedly at the age of 18, establishes the Curtis Lee Dobbs Memorial Endowment Fund. It will provide scholarship aid to NCCU track and field athletes who maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

Dobbs, who attended NCCU on a scholarship, says that without financial assistance he would never have been able to attend college. "Had it not been for the scholarship, I would have never seen the inside of a university — except maybe on visit," he said.

Dobbs received numerous awards while a student at NCCU and was inducted into the Alexander M. Rivera Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997 to honor his collegiate track career.

A member of the Eagles Club, Dobbs is hopeful that his gift will help other student athletes who may encounter difficulties in life while trying to earn a degree. "Students need to recognize that life will bring you difficulties but you must be prepared to take advantage of the opportunities and resources that come your way."

Major gift officer Randal Childs says that Dobbs' gift is an example of paying it forward. "So many students came to the university with little, and now after completing their education they can reach back to help the next generation," he said. "This gift is no small feat and it honors his son who never had the chance to complete college. Because of his generosity another student will earn a degree."

There are currently 46 track and field athletes at the university. The gift will also support recruiting efforts and continue to grow.

Robert L. Dobbs Sr.



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