

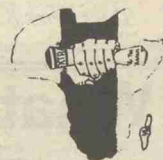
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Chandler Lee: Mr. Fantastic

by **Khaleel A. Faheemud-Deen**
guest writer

On Thursday, November 3rd, the NCSU College of Management, in the latest of its Executive Lecture Series hosted Chandler B. Lee, known around the Winston-Salem community as "Mr. Fantastic."

Lee is the President, CEO, and Chairman of Classic Cadillac-GMC Truck, Inc., in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Mr. Fantastic is a name coined Lee by the Winston-Salem Economic and Political Community. Lee feels the nickname is attributed him because of his philosophy of the "keys to success in business." Number one on Lee's list of keys to success in business is "Have a positive attitude 100% of the time."

This is a concept that Lee pervades among his employees, customers and colleagues. "A positive attitude has a contagious effect," says Lee. An attitude of positiveness, enthusiasm and excitement is central to Lee's marketing strategy.

The remainder of Lee's list of keys to success in business are:

2. Refuse to fail
 3. Dream Big
 4. Use growth and changes as anecdotes to failure
 5. Read business publications (i.e. Black Enterprise, Fortune, Wall Street Journal, etc.)
- Chandler B. Lee's ascent to his "Mr. Fantastic" notoriety is an amazing tale.

According to his wife, Harriet Lee, "Chandler was always destined for greatness. Its in his attitude and persona."

Lee was born July 21, 1952. Lee attributes the foundation of his attitude and character to his parents, Willie Bea and John Lee.

Chandler and Harriet met in college at Western Michigan University. Harriet says, "Chandler was into everything and he was

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Mr. Fantastic

Barashango visits Durham

by **Carolyn Holloway**
Editor In Chief

"Blessed are those who struggle. Oppression is worse than the grave. For it is better to live and die for a noble cause, than to die as a slave," was one of the many passage spoken by Reverend Ishakamusa Barashango at the Know Bookstore located in Durham, North Carolina on Sunday, November 20 at 4:30 p.m.

Rev. Barashango, national author and theologian, spoke on the importance that the time is now for

Afrikan-Americans to reunite themselves with what is divinely theirs—power, knowledge, and a proper education.

The first important step into doing this, Barashango said, is to "show respect for our elders." Our elder have droplets of wisdom that should be passed on to the next generation and the only way to do this is for us to listen to them and pass on the knowledge.

The next important step of reuniting ourselves is to "continue the struggle for change." "We don't realize positive outcomes when we

see them," says Barashango.

He contributes this unrealized as the reason some Afrikan-Americans do not want to continue to the struggle for economical, social, and political freedom. Because the outcome is not as exciting as we are used to, we don't understand that this is a progress.

"At one time no one could speak outwardly or assemble to talk about Afrikan culture or greet each other as Afrikans; therefore, we have progressed greatly."

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Action Volunteers

Action volunteers are needed at the African-American Cultural Center. Action Volunteers help advance the cause of the AACC. Your help is needed NOW! We need additional volunteers to assist in the AACC Library, in the office, with videotaping events, and lots more. Stop in any day of the week between 9 AM and 9 PM to sign up. You can help make a big difference.

MLK Festival Volunteers

Volunteers needed: For the Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Festival 1995. You may sign up at the African-American Cultural Center in Room 355 or call 515-4516 to leave a complete message of your name, address, and telephone number. Thanks!

Brotherhood Dinner

North Carolina State University will honor Dr. Margaret Taylor Goss Burroughs, a pioneer of the Black Renaissance of the '60s and '70s, at the 13th annual Brotherhood Dinner, Friday, Dec. 9, located in the McKimmon Center. Hosted by Chancellor and Mrs. Larry K. Monteith, the invitational event honors an Afrikan-American who has made a contribution to the nation, as a scholar and humanitarian.

Correction

--In the November 3rd issue, the Nubian Message mistakenly named the Women's Center as the presenters of the "Take Back the Night" march. The actual presenters were H.E.A.R. Women and R.E.A.L. Men. The Nubian Message regrets the error.

--In the November 17th issue, the Nubian Message inadvertently placed Guinea instead of Ghana in the article "Africa Night". The Nubian Message sincerely regrets this error.

What You Need to Know About Naming Buildings and the Witherspoon

by Nerissa Adams
guest writer

Recently there was an announcement by the Institutional History and Commemoration Committee to the students and the faculty of North Carolina State University that the Student Center Annex will be receiving a new name. The Student Center Annex will now be known as Dr. Gus Witherspoon Center.

Dr. Witherspoon was thought of as a trailblazer, and many of the people working around him enjoyed him as a leader and humanitarian. Naming the Student Center Annex in honor of his life and all that he accomplished for the University will keep him in the hearts and minds of all who knew and loved him.

The request for a facility to be named after a "prominent black person" was made by Gary V. Mauney, the 1986-1987 Student Body President, in the fall of 1986. This request was presented at the same time as a formal recommendation that Dr. Witherspoon be commemo-

rated for being the first African-American doctoral graduate.

The recommendation made by Jerry L. Bettis, Sr., Instructor and Coordinator of Afro-American Student Affairs in 1986. The reason for the denial of the request is unknown.

Later in the fall of 1993 attempts were made by the Association of Students for African-American Culture to begin the process to have the African-American Cultural Center named after Dr. Witherspoon. According to Dawn Gordon, 1993-1994 president of ASAAC at, they were discouraged from making a request by someone in the History and Commemoration office because Dr. Witherspoon was still alive. In effect there was no formal request made.

A formal request was not made because of the criteria which states, "Ordinarily a facility should be named for a deceased person, but in unusual circumstances or for compelling reasons a facility may be named for an individual still living."

For example, Bostian Hall is

named after Carey H. Bostian, who is still alive. The reason for this is that of the confusion Gardner Hall was creating.

At one time Gardner Hall included Bostian Hall. Having the new facility with the same name as the old facility caused problems for students and incoming faculty. The recommendation was made for Gardner Annex to be named after Carey Bostian to end the confusion.

The recommendation was approved and the dedication took place in 1980. Dawn Gordon also stated she had told the History and Commemoration Committee that there was a compelling reason to name the African-American Cultural Center after Dr. Witherspoon.

The reason being Dr. Witherspoon was dying and ASAAC wanted to have a dedication while he was still alive. She was still discouraged from submitting a request to the Institutional History and Commemoration Committee.

In order to change the name of a facility or a particular room, an individual or a group must make a for-

mal recommendation or request to the Institutional History and Commemoration Committee.

After the subcommittee within this committee has reviewed the request, they give reasons for why or why not a facility's name should be changed. Then a vote is taken and if the request is approved then it is taken to the Chancellor.

The Chancellor has veto power and if he believes that a denial or an approval is wrong he can change the ruling. After the Chancellor has reviewed the request, it is then taken to the Buildings and Properties Committee of the Board of Trustees and the Full Board of Trustees for final approval.

The Trustees have veto power over the Chancellor. However, vetoing or reversing an initial decision is rarely done. The Institutional History and Commemoration Committee is made up of students and faculty of the University.

There is a criteria that is followed in the naming of facilities. The criteria is supposed to be revised yearly to make sure it is consistent with the

times. However, the information disclosed shows that the 1972-1973 criteria was not revised until April 5, 1991 and a procedure was added February 14, 1992.

The next revision did not take place until November 18, 1994. The criterion has not changed much over the years. The only major change is in section-2 which states: facilities can no longer be named after University faculty, staff, Trustees, Members of the Board of Governors, the Governor, or any elected official or state employee connected to the University at the time of the request. This change is located in the 1994 formally adopted criteria.

When the Chancellor Dr. Larry K. Monteith was interviewed about the naming of the Student Center Annex he stated, "I'm proud of this honor for Gus. It's a very deserving honor." He went on to say the dedication is "a celebration of his life rather than a memorial to his death."

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very popular on campus." In 1974 Chandler graduated from Western Michigan University with a Bachelor of Arts in mechanical engineering, political science, and business law.

Upon graduation from West Michigan University, Chandler went to work for the Fisher Body Division of General Motors, Incorporated. His leadership and motivation landed him placement in the General Motor "fast-track" program. Chandler completed his MBA from Central Michigan University under the program in 1982. Lee went on to attend and graduate from the General Motors Dealership Institute in automobile management.

Within the true entrepreneurial spirit, Chandler and Harriet sold all of their belongings and moved to Kansas to purchase their first auto-

mobile dealership. To their horror the deal went sour. However, Lee did not panic, before giving up he called a friend in Pontiac, Michigan to share with him his dilemma. The friend informed him that if he could be in Pinehurst, North Carolina within twenty-four hours, he would be able to purchase a Pontiac dealership.

Lee packed up his family and headed for North Carolina. The dealership was a "god-send," said Lee. However, upon closing the deal, BMW and Mercedes-Benz pulled out their service contracts which accounted for sixty percent of the business. Lee signed the deal and forged ahead. Lee down-sized his staff, up-dated the computerization of the facility, and tuned the business into a success.

Next, Lee bought Classic Cadillac-GMC Truck, Incorporated

in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and repeat his success.

By 1988 Lee was on the Black Enterprise Top 100 African-American Business List. This accomplishment marked a goal that Lee had set for himself in 1974. Lee's long-term business goals are to open more dealerships, real-estate, and involvement in telecommunications.

Lee spoke in terms of "real-life" experiences when answering student and faculty questions during the Q&A session of his presentation. Andy Nowell, of the College of Management, commented that, "He was one of the best speakers we ever had and I loved his language, he did not speak in theory only!" If you missed this lecture you missed an educational treat.

Barashango, con't

Another way to reunite ourselves is to "listen to what the children are saying." "Even though children are running wild, they are begging for guidance and liberation. They are not wanting the same old, same old. They want a new direction and they want to know how to solve the issues."

Rev. Barashango also spoke on the importance and history of the African-American woman. "The African-American woman brings spiritual consciousness into the community," said Barashango.

Before there were priest, there were priestesses; the greatest of them all being Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth. "The sisters have been said to be the rock in spiritual

foundation and like my friend, Dr. Ben says, 'the only heaven he knows is the Black woman and if there is anything better, he doesn't want to know about it.'"

The role of the Black Church was another one of Barashango's lecture titles. The Church has always been the center of the African-American family and the "bible is a stepping stone" to the top.

African-Americans must reunite themselves with our valid third eye, which is the eye through which we receive spiritual knowledge. We must take a leap from our slavery mentality by renewing our special connection with the spirit and "hook spirit up with knowledge." "If we do this", Barashango says, "we can

end the captivity we put ourselves in with drugs and alcohol."

We can end the condition that was forced upon us, but we must reunite ourselves. "We must stop trying to control one another and change them; because, people are enslaved when they are forced to change."

Books by Reverend Ishakamusa Barashango are:

1. God, the Bible, and the Black Man's Destiny
2. God is Black
3. African People and European Holidays: A Mental Genocide, Book 1 and 2.

The Town Meeting

by **Shawna Daniels**
News Editor

Provost Stiles met with students at the Town Meeting on November 21 to discuss major concerns and issues. AASAC and other student leaders confronted Stiles about three major problems they felt Afrikan-American students are facing.

Stiles listened intently and agreed that the problems of diversity (among faculty and students), Afrikan-American recruitment and enrollment, and financial aid were very important to the campus as a whole. Students also voiced opinions and complaints about many other issues including the state of the Afrikan-American Cultural Center.

Before the meeting actually began, Hughes Suffren, stand-in advisor for AASAC, reminded students that they were looking for answers to their questions and solutions, or promises of solutions, for the future. Students were also alerted by Tony Scurry and Bonnie Rhynes that only 30% of the Afrikan-American students accepted to North Carolina State University actually attend. The main reason for this lack of interest in NCSU is the small amount of financial aid students can receive upon entering the University.

Emma Hayes, an Accounting student, pointed out that after her first year, she didn't receive a minority presence scholarship.

"Many Afrikan-American students are not aware that the minority presence scholarship is a recruiting tactic and they will not receive them after the first year," explained Sheika Cunningham, a moderator.

According to the Provost, the administration has created a committee that has a focus on increasing the diversity of the faculty. By increasing the number of minority faculty members each year by 6, the committee also plans to have a larger minority faculty in ten years. When asked by Tony Scurry about any future programs that may help faculty members become more sensitive to Afrikan-American students, Stiles stated that the sessions would be optional for faculty.

The recent naming of the Student Center Annex Building and the present condition of the Afrikan-American Cultural Center was also brought up. Derrick Coley, President of the AASHS, explained to the Provost that the Cultural Center is presently being maintained by three individuals and is not funded well enough to satisfy the needs of the Afrikan-American student body. He stated that solutions could be found by following the lead of highly acclaimed schools such as Temple University.

The Town Meeting ended with Suffren listing the problems to Provost Stiles and asking him to consider solutions for the next meeting.

When asked about the discrepancies in naming of facilities and the criteria for naming, he stated that the first denial had nothing to do with the fact that Dr. Witherspoon was alive. He added that the request was not denied but tabled.

Dr. Montieth also said that the naming belongs to the Trustees and then the Institutional History and Commemoration Committee. The Chancellors responses appear to conflict with the naming criteria in affect when the request was made.

In addition, according to the minutes of the meeting in which the request was presented, and subsequent meetings, there was no written documentation of whether the request was denied, approved, or tabled.

The records I was allowed to view only showed approvals of requests which were recorded by the secretary. Dr. Montieth did not deny he knew of other facilities named after individuals who were not deceased. He named the buildings already mentioned and the Casey Aquatic Center as being buildings dedicated to individuals who are still alive.

Provost Philip Stiles' reaction to the naming of the Student Center Annex was one of excitement. He remarked, "I am behind the whole thing. It's more than symbolic.

It's real. Gus did not only belong to the Afrikan-American community he belonged to the University community. His not being here is a great

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loss to the University."

When asked about the other buildings being named, Provost Stiles denied any knowledge of the situation and of the buildings being named after people who are still alive. He did, however, say that if information about this issue is sent to him he would look into it.

Unfortunately when seeking a statement from the Chair of the Institutional History and Commemoration Committee, Professor Robert P. Burns, he was unavailable for comment on the issue.

CRITERIA FOR NAMING BUILDINGS, ROOMS AND FACILITIES AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY (adopted on April 5, 1991)

1. In naming a University facility the preference of the colleges/school, department or division which is expected to occupy the facility should be solicited. When possible the name should be appropriate to the facility; that is, the name of the facility usually should be that of an individual who has gained distinction in the area of the University related to the facility. We recognize that exceptions may occur in the cases of persons of unusual eminence or of singular contributions to the University as a whole.

2. Ordinarily a facility should be named for a deceased person, but in unusual circumstances or

for compelling reasons a facility may be named for an individual still living.

3. Individuals for whom facilities are named, as a general rule, should be alumni, faculty members, trustees, or other distinguished persons who have ties to the University.

4. To avoid confusion when identical surnames are proposed in naming facilities unique given name identification should be used in such cases.

5. Buildings and other facilities may be named for donors, as recommended by the Vice Chancellor for University Development. Qualify gifts should equal one-half the cost of the building or other facility, or an amount approved by the Chancellor.

6. The word "facility" as used above applies to buildings, rooms, streets, courts, athletic field, open spaces, and all other areas owned or controlled by the University.

7. The use of the words "individual" and "person" above should not preclude the naming of University facilities for groups or organizations.

Four Reasons for Using "K" in Afrika

- Most vernacular or traditional languages on the continent spell Afrika with a K; therefore the use of K is germane to us.
- Europeans, particularly the Portuguese and British, polluted our languages by substituting C whenever they saw K or heard the K sound—as in Kongo and Congo, Akkra and Accra, Konakri and Conakry—and by substituting Q wherever they saw KW. No European language outside of Dutch and German have the hard C sound. Thus we see the Dutch in Azania calling and spelling themselves Afrikaaners. We are not certain of the origin of the name Afrika, but we are sure the name spelled with the C came into use when Afrikans were dispersed over the world. Therefore the K symbolizes our coming back together again.
- The K symbolizes us to a kind of Lingua Afrikaana, coming into use along with such words and phrases as Habari Gani, Osagyfo, Uhuru, Asante, together constituting one political language, although coming from more than one Afrikan language.
- As long as Afrikan languages are translated (written) into English, etc., the European alphabet will be used. This is the problem. The letter K as with the letter C, is part of that alphabet, and at some point must be totally discontinued and the original name of Afrika be used. The fact that Boers (peasants) in Azania also use the K, as in Afrikaan (to represent the hard C sound) demonstrates one of the confinements of the alphabet.

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Free Expression Limits

by **LaTonya Dunn**
staff writer

Recently, there has been an increasing amount of graffiti around campus in areas where no paint is allowed. On Wednesday, November 30, the Physical Plant held a forum discussing the Free Expression Tunnel. Student Government along with all other campus organizations was invited to the meeting but attendance was small.

The Physical Plant stated that the students seem unaware of the limitations set for painting the tunnels. A

vast majority of the students attending the meeting agreed that no one ever told them that certain areas of the tunnel are off limits, but everyone felt that the matter is serious and something must be done.

A special task force has been formed to outline a way to inform students on the boundaries and ways to prevent students from painting over them.

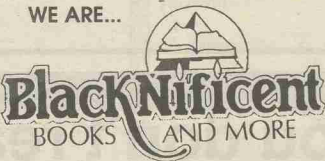
Painting and cleaning areas around the tunnel has been completed by Physical Plant staff each month since the beginning of classes. In October, the cost to remove paint totaled \$38,000 and since

March 1994, repainting has cost \$14,300. This money could have been used to beautify the campus with flowers and bushes, but was instead used to buy paint to remove graffiti.

Spending this type of money is senseless and will continue to be wasted if students continue to express themselves over the boundaries. The latest update of the rules is as follows:

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A Great One Lost

by **Dionne Williams**
Sports Editor

Before there was Florence Griffin, Gail Devers, or Jackie Joyner-Kersey, there was a lady that was sprinting her way to the top. On November 12, 1994, Track and Field lost one of their greatest runners ever. Wilma Rudolph died at the age of 54 from brain cancer at her home in Nashville.

Rudolph had attended Tennessee State University. In 1960, at the Olympics in Rome, Rudolph won the 100 meter gold medal with 11.0 second. She won the 200 meters in 24.0 having set an Olympic record in the opening heat with 23.2. She received her third gold medal with a 400 meter relay win coming in at 44.5.

Her team set the world record with 44.4. U.S. Olympic Committee President Leroy Walker said, "Wilma Rudolph was one of the greatest sprinters of all times, there's no question about it."*

After Rudolph retired from track and field, she kept herself busy. She was a goodwill ambassador for the U.S. to French West Africa in the early 60's. She co-hosted a network radio show, became a spokesperson for Minute Maid Orange Juice and served as an administrative analyst for UCLA. She put her



Wilma Rudolph
picture taken from the Carolinian

self to work at her home in Nashville.

She was an executive for a Nashville bank, a Nashville hospital, a baking company in Indianapolis. She also coached at DePauw University at Greencastle, Ind., worked the lecture circuit and was president of the Wilma Rudolph Foundation. "I wanted to leave behind a legacy and I thought this would be ideal," Rudolph said of the foundation.* Rudolph did a lot in her life but her life was cut short.

Rudolph was a heavy smoker. She had been waging the war against the cancer that had spread to her brain. There is no doubt that we have lost a great woman and world class sprinter. Rudolph was one of many that paved the way for many African-American woman athletes. She will be greatly missed but her memory and accomplishments will live on.

* excerpts and information taken from the Carolinian

Thursday, December 15
Las Vegas Bowl at Las Vegas
Central Michigan vs. UNLV, 9 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic at Montgomery, Ala.
Blue vs. Gray, noon (ABC)

Aloha Bowl at Honolulu
Kansas State vs. Boston College, 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

Tuesday, Dec. 27
Freedom Bowl at Anaheim, Calif.
Arizona vs. Utah, 9 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 28
Independence Bowl at Shreveport, La.
Texas Christian vs. Virginia, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 29
Copper Bowl at Tucson, Ariz.
Oklahoma vs. Brigham Young, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 30
Heritage Bowl at Atlanta
S.C. State vs. Grambling State, 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Gator Bowl at Gainesville, Fla.
Tennessee vs. Virginia Tech 7:30 p.m. (TBS)

Holiday Bowl at San Diego
Colorado State vs. Michigan, 9 p.m. (ESPN)

Sun Bowl at El Paso, Texas
Texas vs. Texas, 2:30 p.m. (CBS)

Saturday, Dec. 31
Alamo Bowl at San Antonio
Baylor vs. Washington St., 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Liberty Bowl at Memphis, Tenn.

Illinois vs. East Carolina, 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Jan. 1
Peach Bowl at Atlanta
North Carolina State vs. Mississippi St., 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Orange Bowl at Miami
Nebraska vs. Miami, 8 p.m. (NBC)

Monday, Jan. 2
Hall of Fame Bowl at Tampa, Fla.
Wisconsin vs. Duke, 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Citrus Bowl at Orlando, Fla.
Ohio State vs. Alabama, 1 p.m. (ABC)

Fiesta Bowl at Tempe, Ariz.
Colorado vs. Notre Dame, 4:30 p.m. (NBC)

Carquest Bowl at Miami
South Carolina vs. West Virginia, 1:30 p.m. (CBS)

Cotton Bowl at Dallas
Texas Tech vs. Southern California, 1 p.m. (NBC)

Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif.
Penn State vs. Oregon, 4:50 p.m. (ABC)

Sugar Bowl at New Orleans
Florida vs. Florida State, 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 14
East-West Shrine Classic at Stanford, Calif.
East vs. West, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 21
Senior Bowl at Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 2 p.m. (ESPN)

**If you don't read the Nubian
Message, you should. Read the
Nubian Message**

Stop Talking, Let's Do It

by **Nakia Jones**
staff writer

"Stop talking and let's do." These were the words of Tamala Harris, one of the participants of the open forum on responsibility spon-

to the community. Clarence Thomas, for instance, does not know who he is, and therefore, he is just a puppet who is doing nothing for the African-American community. We sometimes do not feel the responsibility to respect those that we do not regard as our peers. An

We as a community of individuals on this campus and within the general community must realize where we are and what it took for us to get here. We must take the responsibility to give back for that. "When we realize who we are we can go into the future and make a



Members of the Audience

Nerissa Adams/Staff

sored by Sista 2 Sistuh and AMANDLA on Wednesday, December 7. Today we all know what responsibility is but we cannot explain it. As Chris Smith of AMANDLA explained, we have a responsibility for everything that we put our names to. We are responsible for our classes, to our clubs, and to our kids. We also have the responsibility to give back to the community. We all owe those who struggled to pave the way for us.

We do not feel a responsibility toward our community, partly due to the fact that people do not understand their past stated Tamala. She said that if we knew the troubles that faced those who came before us we would not have the audacity to overlook or ignore our responsibility

African-American woman was verbally abused and harassed by a white man in front of her young daughter while at least five African American men stood by and watched. They did not fulfill their responsibility to enforce that woman's right to respect.

Individuals within the African-American community used to feel the responsibility to represent their families, both their immediate family and the African-American family as a whole. Now that the structure of many African-American families has broken down, individuals feel that the responsibility is gone. African-Americans misbehave within the community because they do not feel that they have to take responsibility for their actions.

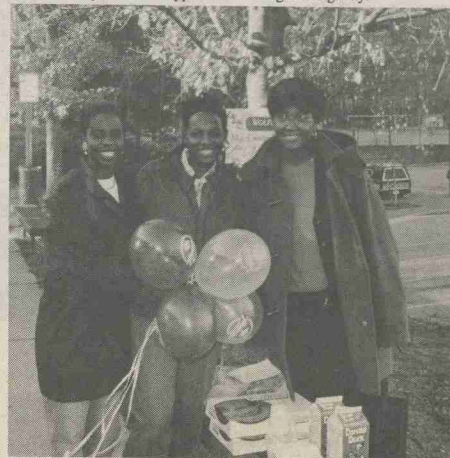
difference", said Tamala. She also stated we need to know that when your brother, sister, or child messes up, it messes us all up. Mistakes happen but we have to help correct them. We can identify the problems, but we need to help find the solutions.

Responsibility is tied into everything. We have the responsibility to learn about ourselves, to be the best that we are, to get others involved, to stay focused, and we have a responsibility to our community. Everyone has some skill that they can contribute: math skills, english skills, listening or speaking skills. Chris Smith said, "Once you get over the wall you have to reach back and help somebody else up."

A Smile Can Go A Long Way

by **Hallema Mitchell**
staff writer

Friday morning between 7:00 and 9:30am on December 2, the Mu Omicron chapter of Delta Sigma Theta showed how much they appreciated the bus drivers that operate the Wolfline Bus System. A spokesman for Delta Sigma Theta said that their organization wanted to show appreciation to the bus drivers because without them many students would have to find other means of transportation to and from campus. Since most of the bus drivers are underpaid a little appreciation can go a long way.



Members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Hallema Mitchell/Staff

Dana Moore, a bus driver for the Wolfline said he thinks appreciation day is nice especially since the buses stay off schedule most of the time. Another driver stated that he loves the show of appreciation and looks forward to it every year.

The drivers were given balloons, donuts, juice, and Hershey kisses. We as students should also show our appreciation by a smile or a small thank you. These actions truly can brighten up someone else's life to make them feel as though they are needed and appreciated.

Dana DeVance, a sorority member said, "We just want to do something for the bus drivers to let them know that the NCSU community noticed their service. That's why we choose the coldest months to hold the event. It's on the coldest days when students have the greatest gratitude for the Wolfline."

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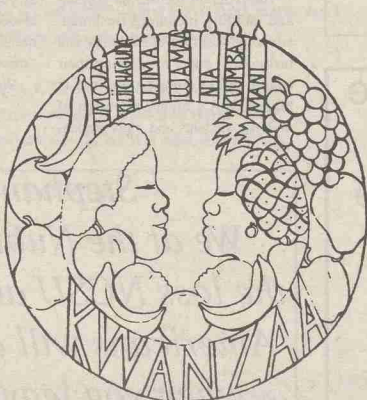
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Imani (Faith)

To believe with all our heart in people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders and the righteous and victory of our struggle.



Kwanzaa—Pen and ink
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A Tribute to Entertainers

by Anthony Lindsay
staff writer

On Thursday December 1, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., DanceVisions, and the Black Repertory Theater hosted a program entitled "A Tribute to African-American Entertainers" in the Multipurpose Room of the African-American Culture Center.

This program celebrated the accomplishments of Afrikan-Americans in the fields of music, film, and dance. The program paid tribute to the following entertainers:

Chuck Davis- A native of Raleigh, NC who founded his own dance company.

Josephine Baker- A dancer who was famous for her "banana skirt" and was loved both in the United States and Europe.

Paul Roberson- Civil rights activist, poet, and athlete. Roberson was one of the most famous Afrikan-American entertainers of the 1930's and 40's.

Katherine Durham- Nicknamed the "Grand Dame of Dance", she was choreographer who traveled to Afrika to train a dance team. Presently, the 81 year old lives in the United States.

Dorothy Dandridge- Dandridge gained fame through her roles as the "tragic mulatto." She is credited as being the most beautiful woman of her time in the 1950's. Dandridge had a starring role in the film Carmen. She also was the first Afrikan-American actress or actor nominated for an academy award as Best Supporting Actress.

Ossie Davis- Famed actor known for his many works including

"Pearly Victorious" and Do the Right Thing.

Lena Horne- Legendary singer and actress whose strong sense of dignity enabled her to triumph despite opposition from her family,



Nerissa Adams/Staff

other Afrikan-Americans, and many white actors and actresses.

Bill "Bojangles" Robinson- One of the greatest tap dancers

James Earl Jones- Stage actor, and television star who is noted for his distinctive voice whether it be reciting Shakespeare or being the voice of Darth Vader in the Star Wars Trilogy. For over 30 years Jones has been one of the most esteemed actors in America.

Judith Jamieson- A dancer who originally attended Fisk University to pursue a degree in psychology, but found more pleasure in dance.

She danced with the famed Alvin Ailey and founded her own dance company-The Jamieson Project.

Alvin Ailey- A choreographer who started The Alvin Ailey Dance Theater in 1959. The dancers specialized in ballet, modern, jazz, and ethnic dances. He was appreciated throughout the world for his contributions to dance and entertainment.

Oprah Winfrey- Broadcasting executive, talk show host, and actress who is nicknamed "The Queen of Talk". Ms Winfrey is the first Afrikan-American to host a talk show in syndication. She was nominated for both a Golden Globe and Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress in The Color Purple.

Debbie Allen- Actress, choreographer, television writer, producer, and singer. Ms Allen attended Howard University where she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. Allen was denied admission to the North Carolina School of Arts, but when own to become famous for her role on the movie Fame and as writer for the hit television show "A Different World."

Bill Cosby- This world wide loved actor and comedian was the first Afrikan-American to have a starring role in a television series. His television show The Cosby Show was one of the longest running number one show in television history.

The audience was both entertained and educated by the dance pieces, monologues, and dramatic presentations from DanceVisions and Black Repertory Theater that interceded each entertainer.

Goodbye: Warrior

by Olanda Carr, Jr.
senior staff writer

As the Fall semester of 1994 draws to a close on the campus of NC State, many students are faced with different challenges: graduation, matriculation, or a difficult impending class load. No one can guarantee the outcome of these challenges, but one can guarantee that they will be faced(sadly) without the wonderful words of encouragement from Stephanie Adams.

Stephanie Adams, the current director of the Advocates for Minority Engineering Student Success (AMES) program, will be leaving to pursue her Ph.D. at Texas A&M University at the close of this semester on Dec. 31.

Ms Adams started her career at NCSU on June 1, 1993 as Director of Recruiting and Minority Services. Prior to taking this position, she graduated from North Carolina A&T University in 1988 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. She furthered her education by pursuing and obtaining her masters degree from the University of Virginia in 1991 in the field of Systems Engineering. She also interned with the 3M Corporation and the National Board for National Society of Black Engineers for three years (including one year as National Vice-Chairperson).

When Ms Adams hit the campus of NCSU, she continued to explore heights previously unreachd by Afrikan-Americans. Her initial position was altered and she became the director of the AMES2, her current position. The focus of this program is to "develop and provide activities which assist in the recruitment retention, and graduation of top quality underrepresented students within the NCSU College of Engineering."

The program focuses on shaping and molding incoming freshman, advising them on class loads and instructors, and monitoring their success. The hoped outcome is higher GPA's higher retention of minority students and, thus gradu-

tion increased among minorities.

Other programs under the AMES umbrella coordinated by Adams are: the Student Introduction to Engineering (SITE), a one week summer residence program for high school students; Summer Transition Program (STP), which serves to strengthen the skill of incoming freshman; and Freshman Orientation Course.

The Freshman Orientation course (E144, E145) are introductory course for engineering majors focusing on minorities. Another new concept implemented by Adams is clustering - which is grouping student into seminar sections of a course in an effort to eliminate isolation of Afrikan-American in classes.

These programs, though the presence of Adams will be missed, will continue. Information on these programs may be obtained from the first floor of Page Hall.

Ms. Adams long range goals is to teach. Upon earning her Ph.D. from Texas A&M, she hopes to ultimately return to NC A&T University to teach. Adams finds working with students very rewarding and thoroughly enjoyed her time at NCSU. She looks forward to the time when she can return to a proactive role in helping Afrikan-American Students.

When asked what she considered to be the major problem facing Afrikan-Americans on campus, she respond with the lack of unity. Adams stated that is imperative for Afrikan-Americans to remain unified and to "help each other along the way." Adams sadly notes that there is little evidence of this on our campus.

Stephanie Adams would like to leave the campus with a challenge. Stephanie Adams challenges all students to "always do your best" and "don't make excuses when you don't." She continues by saying that frequent excuses tend to chip away at your character. Stephanie concluded by saying that everyone, students and faculty, should always "strive to make a difference."

We will miss you, Stephanie.

KWANZAA CELEBRATION

The Umoja Cultural Group will sponsor its annual community KWANZAA celebration on Sunday, January 1, 1995 from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Haiti Heritage Center, 804 Fayetteville Street, Durham, N.C. 27701.

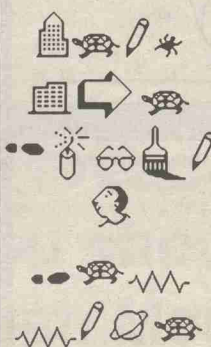
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Stephanie,

We at the Nubian realize the loss NCSU and Afrikan-Americans will experience when you leave to your journey. Please keep us in your heart and prayers as you venture on to new horizons.

The Reflection

So Long

Do not pass the looking glass,
For if you manage to do--
You may forget from whence you came, and to
yourself not to be true.

Take one look back ...

... Back to when turbulent waves were our
highway and our destination was unknown.

... Back to when we sat, marched, and prayed
for a change: A change in the way we
ate, slept, and drank.

... Back to when our name was as insignificant
as the fraction that labeled us.

... Back to when we sat, marched, and prayed
for a change: A change in the way we
ate, slept, and drank.

Now, take one look at now ...

... Now at our professions, which provide us
with the financial stability and means to
strengthen a fallen people, but are strangely
misappropriated to strengthening an already standing
individual.

... Now at our crime, as we witness a time where
it is no longer the enemy against us, but us
against us, enemy against us.

... Now at our neighborhoods, which have become
havens for a cowardly people. People once brave
enough to fight for equality among the races
now accept inequality in their own.

Once to take one look forward ...

... a glass shattered into a thousand pieces
of sharp edges. Together, it once stood tall
and strong. Broken, it is but a weakened shadow
of its former self.

... an erupted volcano. Ashes lay upon a ground
that once knew greenery and life, but now only
knows destruction, chaos, and gloom.

... a blackened sky. Clouds now replace the
sunshine that once shone upon a new day
with the apparent dusk of an old Monday.

Oh, my Lord, what to do?

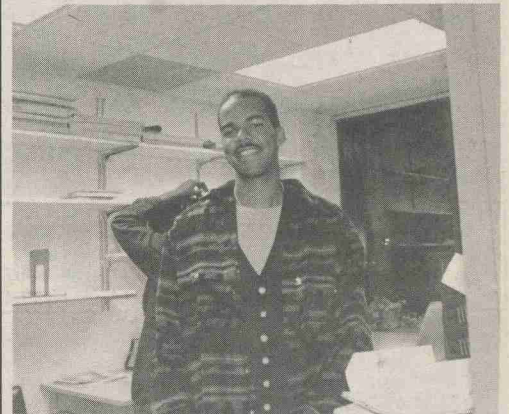
Kings,
Faith,
Love,
Determination,
We had them all.

Greed,
Ignorance,
Lust,
Laziness,
We have them all.

A people without consistency can reverse what took
hundreds of years to build in a fraction of time.

Reflect,
Inspect,
Project.

Olanda Carr, Jr.

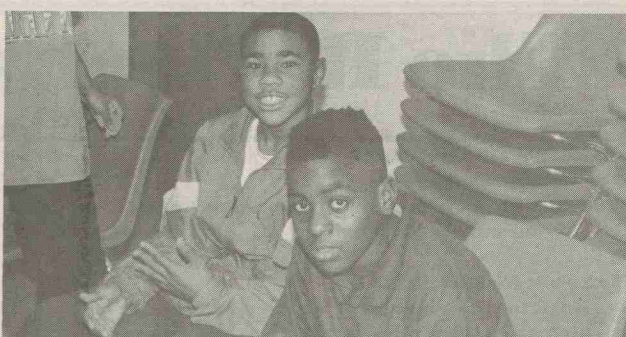


AND I'LL TAKE WITH
ME THE MEMORIES TO
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AFTER THE RAIN. . .

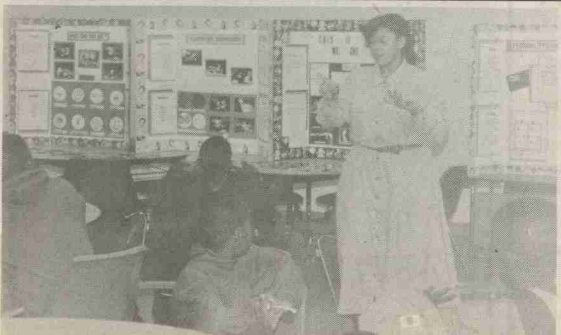
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like to congratulate GRADU-
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Olanda Carr. Our prayers
and blessing sare with you as
you face your new challenges
ahead. From the bottom of
our hearts we all can say this
Nubian will be missed. We
love you!!!*

... IT'S SO HARD TO
SAY GOOD-BYE TO
YESTERDAY.

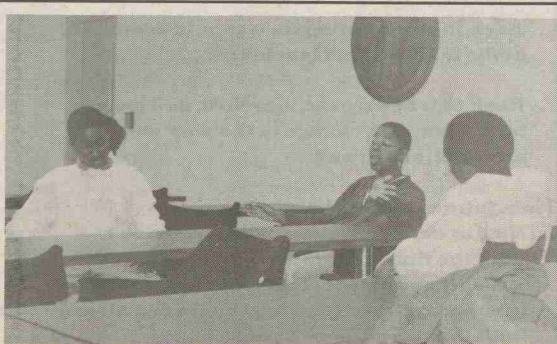
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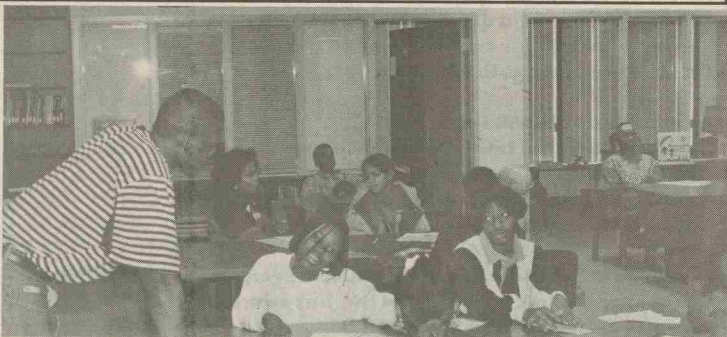
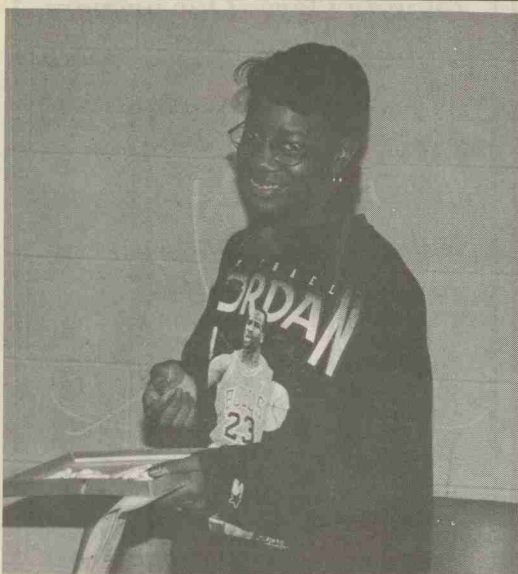
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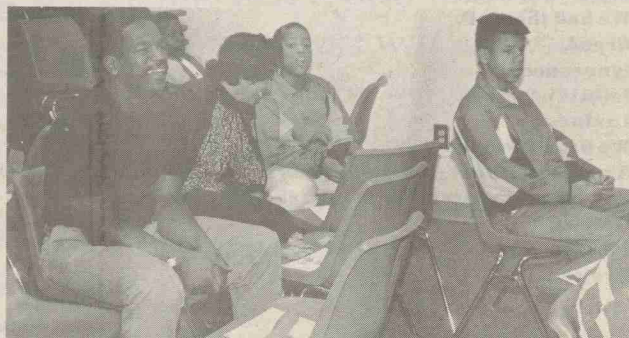
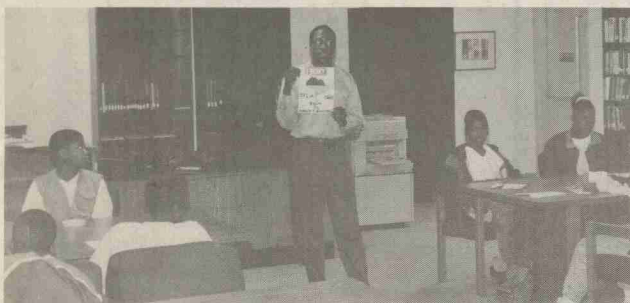


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PROGRAM

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Men and Cancer: More of a Concern Than You Think

by **Tawana Myles**
Health Editor

When we think of cancer, the first issues that comes to mind is breast or lung cancer. Today, women are not the only ones who live in fear of cancer. Men are finally realizing the effects of prostate cancer and how frequently it occurs. In fact, prostate cancer affects one out of eleven men. However, this cancer affects one out of eight Afrikan-American men. Thus the death rate for Afrikan-American men is about twice that of white men.

The prostate gland is located near the bladder and helps produce the fluid that makes semen, and cuddles the bladder. The underlying problem is not that prostate cancer cannot be cured, it is that many men do not get screened early enough for a successful treatment,

especially Afrikan-American men. Consequently, Afrikan-American men are at a higher risk for prostate cancer.

There is a high controversy over whether early screening for prostate cancer helps men live longer. Since prostate cancer is a disease of age, it is being argued that if early detection of cancer is possible, prostate cancer can be eliminated.

The dark side of this controversial issue is that Afrikan-American men are more susceptible to this disease. If the government does not start a campaign, or an awareness program to promote early detection and treatment, those most at risk, Afrikan-American men, will be left uneducated about a disease affecting them most.

HIV/AIDS

by **Tawana Myles**
Health Editor

The North Carolina State University's Center for Health Directions and the Human Resources Department are working with the American Red Cross on a joint training project to seek out possible HIV/AIDS educators.

These individuals will be part of the American Red Cross Training Program in which they will go through a 16-hour weekend course from January 27th to January 29th. Additionally, the American Red Cross will provide a six-hour pre-instructor course that is mandatory for all of the educators.

After experiencing the 16-hour course, individual

instructors will be qualified to make presentations on campus, or in the NCSU community.

Individuals that are interested in this program can register with the American Red Cross for both of the courses at 231-1602 (Health and Safety Services). The individual or the individuals' organization that wants to sponsor him/her needs to pay \$35.00 for the 16-hour course, and an additional \$6.00 for the pre-instructor course. The Center for Health Directions particularly wants students that have two years or more left at NCSU. If you are interested and have any further questions, contact Marianne Turnbull (Coordinator) at 515-9355.

Sickle-Cell Anemia

by **Tawana Myles**
Health Editor

Sickle-cell anemia is a hereditary disease found commonly in Afrikan-Americans. In the inner cities, it is very prominent. This issue is a common concern amongst Afrikan-Americans mainly because there is no cure for the disease.

Every year, 3 out of 20 Afrikan-Americans with sickle-cell anemia die. Sickle-cell anemia will continue to kill off our people if extensive continuous research and valuable education is not practiced.

Sickle-cell anemia is caused by abnormality of the red blood cells in the human body. Normally, these cells are biconcave shape, similar to doughnuts. Because sickle cell patients' hemoglobin molecules are genetically abnormal, their blood cells take on a sickling shape resembling an elongated red blood cell.

These cells cause major problems in the body because they tend to clump in the blood vessels causing little or no oxygen to get to the whole body. This physical impairment leads to severe pains in the abdomen, back, head, extremities, and ultimately an enlargement in the heart and atrophy of the brain cells. Consequently, a tendency of these cells to rupture causes severe ane-

mia in the patient.

Sickle-cell anemia patients go through certain periods in their disease called a sickle-cell crisis. This is a point in the disease where the clumping of the blood cells gets so great, the patient suffers complete loss of oxygen to certain parts of the body, and require hospitalization for weeks. Most sickle-cell patients experience this crisis when they are under a great amount of pressure due to stressful situations.

Sickle-cell anemia was derived from an allele advantageous to the people of Afrika. Because of an outbreak of malaria in certain parts of Afrika, this disease served as a protection against malaria. Today in Afrika, 1-5% have sickle-cell anemia in the eastern parts, while 15-20% are present on the coasts.

Sickle-cell anemia continues to be a problem today in the United States as well. Places such as New York, and Chicago have the highest rates of sickle-cell anemia.

Education about the disease can inform more individuals about how serious it is. Many Afrikan-Americans carry the sickle cell trait and do not even know it. The only way to cope with this disease or possibly find a cure for it is through education for Afrikan-Americans.

Reducing Your Risks of Acquiring a STD

by **Tawana Myles**
Health Editor

Everyone knows by now that engaging in sexual intercourse is more risky than ever these days. Sexually transmitted diseases, known as STDs, put many people at risk. The only sure protection against these STD's is abstinence. But, if you do not practice abstinence, how can you protect yourself from being infected? Practice safe sex. Of course, this solution is not 100% effective, but it reduces your risk of acquiring an STD. Below is a list of ways to reduce your chances of being infected with an STD:

1. Practice Abstinence. Abstinence simply means not engaging in sexual intercourse. This does not rule out kissing, hugging, etc.

2. Communicate! Make sure you and your partner know the facts about safe sex and STD's. Make plans with each other about having protected sex and different forms of protection as well.

3. Have one partner. The more sexual partners you have, the higher your risk of developing an STD is, even with protected sex. Remember, protected sex is not 100% effective, so having more than one partner puts you and your partner more at risk.

4. Do not share needles. Intravenous drug use puts you at a high risk of acquiring an STD.

5. Last but not least, both you and your monogamous partner should know each other's background. Get tested

Providing information about sexually transmitted diseases, the Wolfpack Teletip (515-3737) also gives students 24 hour information on subjects from Alcohol, to coping with stress. Below is a list of codes for the specific information that you may want to know. Be sure to use only a touch tone phone. Remember, the Wolfpack Teletip should not be used as a source for diagnosis. Be sure to visit North Carolina State University's Student Health Service.

- 411 Alcohol Information
- 492 How to Help a Friend with a Drinking Problem
- 496 Drugs: Cocaine, Marijuana, Nicotine, etc...
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* Information provided by North Carolina State University Student Health Service

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Page. If you want
to join the Health
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515-1468 and ask
for Tawana*

A Fish is as free as he wants to be . . .
as long as he doesn't leave his fish bowl.
To be free means to have psychological freedom

Anonymous

Campbell Has New Service Fraternity

by Dawn Eaton
staff writer

There's a new organization on the campus of Campbell University which gives male, minority students the opportunity to give something back to the community.

Kappa Phi Sigma is the first all male, minority service fraternity to form on Campbell's campus in Buies Creek and since its inception in August the group has grown to over eight members.

Among the fraternity's most recent service projects was talking with students in all three of Harnett County's high schools concerning their lives after high school and the opportunities awaiting them on the college level.

Kappa Phi Sigma President Tyler Barr said the students asked a variety of questions about different majors, the high school backgrounds needed to get into college, experiences in college, and how to handle the transition from high school to college. Students also

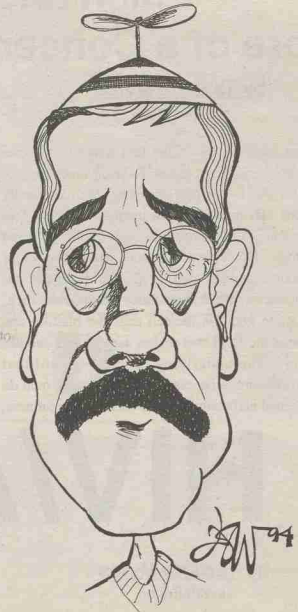
involved in crime, someone positive to look up to and spend time with.

The fraternity sponsored a Halloween Carnival at the YMCA over the Halloween weekend to give youth a safe alternative to the streets. Upcoming events sponsored by the fraternity include a fashion show which will be held on the Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. in Scott Concert Hall on the campus of Campbell University.

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written by Stephanie Creech of the Record Staff

The previous article, which was printed in The Daily Record on November 14, 1994, highlights the positive changes that Kappa Phi Sigma are trying to make in both their college and their surrounding communities. However, the "new breed of distinguished gentlemen," have been recently facing opposition from disgruntled students and administration at Campbell University.

Although the brothers have offered to assist female



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Members of the Fraternity

asked questions, according to Mr. Barr, about the differences between large and small colleges and universities.

He also said sophomores and juniors often asked questions such as how many times they should take the Pre-Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) and Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and what kind of scores on those tests are really needed to get accepted into college.

Drexel Warren, public relations officer for Kappa Phi Sigma, said many students are unsure if they even want to go to college or not and most students involved in Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) indicate they want to go straight into the military.

In addition to answering the students' questions, Kappa Phi Sigma members promote Campbell University as a place students should consider attending.

Mr. Barr said being a member of Kappa Phi Sigma is a positive opportunity for minority males to come together and although the fraternity was formed only a short time ago, the members have bonded and become friends. Being a member of the fraternity helps to keep students motivated, Mr. Barr said.

As far as doing community service projects, Mr. Barr said fraternity members have a lot of "pride in doing something positive" and it keeps students from getting out on the streets and doing anything negative.

"It makes you feel good," Mr. Barr said.

Mr. Barr also said being a Kappa Phi Sigma brother helps promote unity among Campbell's male, minority population and helps enhance religion, professional, cultural, and social skills.

On Friday evenings, Kappa Phi Sigma members volunteer in a Big Brother Program at the YMCA in Fayetteville. For two hours, from 4 to 6 p.m., the fraternity members spend time with youngsters who need a little additional help, guidance in their lives and giving the youth, who might otherwise end up on the street

minority students in forming a public service sorority, the female students wish to convert Kappa Phi Sigma into a co-ed service fraternity. In addition, the administration, who only employs three African-Americans faculty members, is not sure how to advise the predominantly African-American fraternity.

Thus, they have begun to try to control every aspect of the fraternity's operations, including the finances. Moreover, rumors and accusations of vandalisms and break-ins have put the organization under close scrutiny.

Thus, the brothers of Kappa Phi Sigma needs the support of every African-American student for their very existence as a chartered student organization on Campbell University's campus. Please send letters of support to :

The Nubian Message
372 AACC
Box 7318
North Carolina State University
Raleigh, NC 27695

From this moment forward, fortify the link that now exists between NCSU and Campbell University. The brothers of Kappa Phi Sigma have made the first move in establishing links with NCSU, Fayetteville State University, UNC-Chapel Hill, and St. Augustine's College.

They have especially supported NCSU African-American students through their attendance at the Student Mentor Association's Project Rwanda party, Heritage Day, the Homecoming pep rally, and the Alpha Phi Alpha/Kappa Alpha Fashion Show. It's time to return that support by standing behind them in their fight to be chartered as a full fledged organization.

Multi-Culturalism. Diversity. NCSU has no intentions of including minorities, let alone Afrikan-Americans in their plans for this University. This was obvious at the Town Meeting with Provost Stiles. AASAC presented Provost Stiles with concerns and he replied to these concerns with "Good Points." When is the faculty, administration going to realize that this is a new generation and we will no longer ask others for civil rights; let alone human rights. We are a generation in which power concedes demand and a generation in which will rise to the demands of others.

**The enemy will
never tell you
how to defeat
him.**

Getting Serious

by **Khaleel A. Faheemud Deen**
Guest Writer

My grandmother used to say, "boy you can't play all the time, there comes a time to be serious or opportunity will pass you by."

You know what? The older I get the more I realize my grandmother knows what she's talking about. I used to always question what grandma said, because she did not have a college education or even a high school diploma. But you know what she had? It's called "mother-wit."

Not long ago someone called me and shared some "mother-wit" with me. Guess what?! I listened this time and prompted our news reporting staff to help me investigate this dose of "mother-wit" we had been given.

While we socialize, party, go to movies, play sports and engage in all sorts of extra-curricular activities the "powers-that-be" are weaving and manipulating the historic fabric of this institution.

Question, are our (African-American and other minority groups) efforts, contributions, achievements and cultures represented in this future historic fabric?

Maybe yes, maybe no. But, if I were a gamblin' man I would wager if we "played-around" more often than we are getting serious about our history, it'll be another 100 years plus before a facility on this university is named for someone other than one of our majority family members.

Let me be clear here that our "playing around" speaks to our unawareness and over-trust of those who claim to be working on behalf of everyone in this university family, not to any lack in our hard work and dedication to this university.

I hate to say this, but it seems that some individuals around this university seem to have mistaken our warmth and trust for stupidity. And just in case those individuals have not figured it out by now, **YOU WERE DEAD WRONG!**

Case in point, the issues surrounding the naming of the Student Center Annex for Dr. Augustus Melver Witherspoon.

Follow closely here because the details of this case are sort-of.

On September 24, 1986, then Student Body President, Gary V. Mauney presented a proposal to the Committee on Institutional History and Commemoration (CIHC) to recognize a prominent black person selected by the CIHC during our Universities centennial year by dedicating a building chosen by CIHC on campus in that person's name.

A little more than a month later in October, 1986 Jerry L. Bettis, Sr., then Instructor and Coordinator of African-American Student Affairs submitted a proposal specifically naming "this institution's first Afro-American doctoral graduate," Mr. Augustus Witherspoon Melver to be commemorated by naming a facility in his honor.

When our investigative reporter visited the Committee on Institutional History and Commemoration offices to review their records(public information), the documents containing responses to the above mentioned proposals were not apparent.

Steve Crisp, former Technician columnist, stated that he had also sent a letter to Bob Burns, CIHC committee chair, proposing that the Student Center Annex be named for Dr. Witherspoon in 1993. This document was also not apparent in the records.

Seven years after Jerry L. Bettis' proposal, the Association

of Students for African-American Culture(ASAAC) solicited the CIHC seeking a date for its next meeting and the procedural protocol for submitting a proposal to have the African-American Culture Center named after Dr. Witherspoon.

According to Dawn Gordon, 1993-1994 ASAAC president, "I called the chairman of the

CIHC, explained what we were trying to accomplish, and he informed me that the honoree must be deceased to be considered for having a building named in their behalf, unless there are unusual circumstances involved. I explained that Dr. Witherspoon was dying and he means a lot to us and we want to give him his flowers while he's living."

ASAAC never officially submitted their proposal to the CIHC. When asked why, Gordon responded, "we were discouraged by the information given to us by the chairman of the CIHC; we felt it was a hopeless undertaking.

On April 25, 1994 Dr. Witherspoon was honored by his students, family friends, and colleagues. Among the lifetime achievements of the professor, coach, and minister was the office of the Associate Provost for Special Programs and African-American Affairs here at the university.

The evening was filled with remembrance and praise for the man known affectionately as "Gus" and the unselfish services he had given to countless students and the university.

As mentioned earlier by Dawn Gordon, Dr. Witherspoon was dying. He had been diagnosed almost ten years earlier with terminal cancer, however, instead of retiring he continued his life's work of preparing students for their future in our nations history. In July of 1994 Dr. Augustus Melver Witherspoon passed into the "spiritual realm of life."

And as predictable as the crash of a car speeding into a wall, the administration announced the naming of the Student Center Annex for Dr. Witherspoon.

I interviewed Dr. Larry Monteith on December 1, 1994. I asked him how he felt about the naming of the Student Center Annex for Dr. Witherspoon. He responded, "I'm proud of this honor for "Gus", he's the 1st African-American to have a building named for him at NCSU. "Gus" had no natural children, but thousands of surrogate children at NCSU and other universities and colleges inherit his legacy of achievement."

When asked if Dr. Witherspoon's death makes the naming any more or less significant, his response was, "that "Gus" death has created a void in my life as well as in the life of the university as a whole."

I also had an opportunity to interview university Provost, Dr. Phillip J. Stiles. When asked the same question he said, "the significance was in his life, not his death."

I also asked them both about the denial of the ASAAC proposal and petition, which I later discovered was never submitted.

Dr. Stiles denied having any knowledge of the issue and any facts surrounding the issue. Dr. Monteith, however, stated that it was not denied, it was tabled, because of his active university status.

I shared with Dr. Monteith that the overwhelming concern of the African-American student population was our understanding that the denial of Dr. Witherspoon's proposal was because he was still living when he was recommended. I also explained that we knew of at least three buildings on campus named for people who are still living.

Dr. Monteith named Casey Aquatic Center as a fourth and

said, "the issue was never whether "Gus" was alive or not, the issue was his active university employment status.

Well, if we examine the issue we will immediately call to record the evidence we were allowed to view in the office of the CIHC. We are o.k. with section-1 of the November 18, 1994 criteria for naming buildings, rooms, streets, open spaces and all other types of facilities which states:

Except in unusual circumstances or for compelling reasons, names to be considered shall be those of persons who are deceased.

As there is no way for students to determine the committee's definition of unusual circumstances or compelling reasons, we are satisfied with the denial of Dr. Witherspoon's naming. However, based on Dr. Monteith's comments about the issue being Dr. Witherspoon's active university employment status. We are concerned with section-3 of NCSU naming criteria which states:

Individuals for whom facilities are named, as a general rule, should be alumni, faculty members, trustees, or other distinguished persons who have ties with the university.

These records show that section-3 of the policy did not and has not changed from its adoption in 1972 until November 18, 1994, approximately one week before Dr. Witherspoon's naming.

Section-3 of the policy was replaced with section-2 in the November 18, 1994 policy revision which states:

Facilities shall not be named for members of the university faculty, staff, Trustees, members of the Board of Governors, the Governor, or any elected official or state employee concerned with functions or control of the university, so long as the relationship exists.

The revision totally invalidates the earlier section-3 of the policy, however, not early enough to negate Dr. Witherspoon's eligibility for recommendation made by Jerry L. Bettis, Sr. and Steve Crisp.

These findings create a discrepancy in the issue of policy and in the statements made by Chancellor Monteith.

We are not attempting to be controversial here. We are simply students who depend on our higher ups for good orderly direction. However, we need to feel that we can trust those who say they are leading us in the direction of equitable success.

We are not whining over petty issues. We are apart of the history and success of this university. As much as African-Americans have been apart of every war and police action this country has ever engaged in. We have earned the honor of having our history properly documented.

Surely the "Trail Blazer" Augustus M. Witherspoon, as Dr. Monteith has called him, has earned this honor without contempt.

Please don't be angry with us for using our minds and investigating these issues as thoroughly as we were allowed, as you have so often challenged us to do.

The challenge for the administration is to help us understand this issue, right or wrong. We are an understanding and forgiving people. However, we're finding it difficult to trust. I've been told that where there is no trust, there is no love.

This university family is a microcosm of our society. In order for every family to survive there must be love.

Power concedes nothing without demand. It never will. Find out just what people will submit to and you have found out the exact amount of injustice and wrong which will be imposed upon them; and these will continue till they have resisted either with words or blows or with both. The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those who they suppress.

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