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NC Central University Alumni Association Newsletter

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Alums,

So it's May, and last month I challenged each of you to connect with fellow Eagles.

Did you?

Well-I made the challenge so I have to participate. I attended the Region I meeting in NYC, the DC Chapter's Maroon and Grey Gala, the local alum and Chancellor's book signing, and a happy hour with alums from NCCUnetworking.



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It was fun dancing and laughing the night away with all of you!

Thanks to all of your input--bad and good--the newsletter has GROWN...a new banner and new issues. You speak and I listen!

I challenge each of you this month to be a strong NCCU advocate! Wear your NCCU Eagle lapel pin, send NCCU your new address, find a lost classmate, keep in touch with faculty, staff and mentors.

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This alumni e-newsletter is a communication vehicle to help keep you informed, involved and invigorated about NCCU! Please share your ideas, thoughts and suggestions. The alumni communication can only become better if you do your part and get involved.

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In Truth and Service,

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National News

From the President's Desk



On behalf of all the alumni, elected officers, and committee members who work on behalf of our Association, I bring you greetings. I thank you for the opportunity to stand before you and bring updates regarding the State of the Association.

Let me first state that the State of the Association is improved and improving. Over the past year, the Leadership has been busy working to actualize our Theme , "Restoring the Alumni Covenant and Honoring the Pledge". I am Happy to report that much progress has been made, and that much work is yet ahead. In your package, you will find a copy of the State of the Association as it was reported to the Board of Trustees in April and a copy of Chancellor's Nelms's Installation speech. I will highlight some of that information in my remarks, but ask that you review it along with Chancellor Nelms's installation speech so that you will understand appreciate my remarks in their proper context.

First, let me state that our infrastructure and operational processes remain as dominating challenges for us. Today we will address one central piece and have a spirited discussion about updating the By-Laws. We continue to promote process improvement where ever possible.

Regional conferences have been hosted and from all reports, excellent conferences took place. I was duly informed that Region III (held in ATL) had music & a video presentation! I was not present, but I heard that it was well done and well received. I was present at Region I in NYC & IV in Raleigh and they were excellent as well. At Region IV, we hosted the Athletics luncheon. Dr. Dudley Flood served as MC and the Chancellor brought greetings to the body. The event was underwritten by Region IV and selected local Chapters with student athletes from their respective areas. It was truly a very special event and I am sure that the student athletes are still talking about the gathering.

As you know, we have four core program areas, Membership, Fundraising, Student Recruitment and Special Projects. You will hear specifics on each area later on the agenda by the respective Chairperson, but I think a few highlights are in order:

Membership - the 3,000 annual dues membership campaign has gone through its first phase and shows promising potential. Ken will come later to share with you the particulars;
Fundraising & the Spring Raffle - new promotional items are on-hand and the Spring Raffle is underway. You should have received your Raffle tickets. They were sent first class! Calvin will come later with the latest information;

Student Recruitment - we continue to be an essential participant in that activity and support North Carolina Central University (NCCU) at all venues and activities. Kay will update you on what is happening in that area;
Communication - the Alumni e-Newsletter is proven to be a great communication tool and has been well received. Our objective is to get to a printed version as soon as possible. Tomeika is engaged with our Public Relations Department on how best to implement our own and/or joint venture with them in a regular publication; and
Awards & Memorials - great effort has been made to ensure that our alumni are contacted with "event appropriate" recognition. Tanya and her committee have reached on numerous occasions to ensure that our alumni know that we care about their well being and offer words of congratulations, sympathy and/encouragement.

Now, please allow me a few moments to highlight the establishment and/or re-establishment of three key strategic alliances with Chancellor Nelms, The Foundation and Athletics:

1. Chancellor Nelms, who has stepped in immediately as a champion for us, joined the Association, issued a letter to all Alumni encouraging them to join and support the Association and has committed to host a mini-retreat between alumni centric University components and the Association. The retreat is tentatively set for the month of June;

2. The Office of Institutional Advancement & the Foundation, who have re-established a positive working relationship with us and is assisting us in the areas of fundraising and organizational management. Laura Foxx is working closely with our Finance and Fundraising Chairs;

3. Athletics, one that I am especially ecstatic about. Ingrid has stepped forward to launch the first "Athletic Alumni Association Membership Campaign". Under Ingrid's leadership, she is reaching out to the 1,718 Alumni in her database with a \$25-Athletics/\$50-Association sharing arrangement. That is a first and I truly commend Ingrid for having the foresight to champion such an initiative. It is very important, because this initiative establishes a working partnership to our mutual benefit.

Lastly, let me speak to the issue of where we currently stand and what is ahead. Certainly, we will continue to strive to improve in all that we typically do as an organization. The challenge is to adjust our programmatic position to address the current state of affairs. NCCU, the Nation and the Association are in an era of change & challenge to achieve a cultural transformation. If we are to be a valued partner for NCCU, we must ensure that our programs align with NCCU and comply with the criteria of being relevant, responsive and competitive. We can no longer rely on the successes of the past. We must address the present and work at being relevant, responsive and competitive for the future.

I trust that you will continue to work with us and be that change agent that will be required as we navigate the murky waters of change over the coming days, months & years.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to share this information and I would be happy to entertain any questions.

In Truth and Service,

Richard D. Smith ('81)
President 2006-08

From the Vice President's Desk

Greetings fellow Eagles!

It is my pleasure to report to you a summary from the regional meetings/conferences this year. In case I have some new readers to the newsletter, allow me to briefly explain this facet of our Alumni Association structure. There are four Regional Vice Presidents: Region I - Dwayne Houston, '94; Region II - Rufus Washington, '77; Region III - Ainsley Owens, '99; and Region IV - Mona Bowden, '75. The Association is divided into four regions. The largest concentration of Eagles resides in Region IV (from Durham, NC and all points eastward in NC), which was the first regional meeting held on March 15, 2008 in Raleigh, NC. Followed by Region III (from Hillsborough, NC and all points westward in NC; SC, GA, and FL) held on March 29, 2008 in Marietta, GA; Region II (all states west of NC) convened via conference call on April 12, 2008; and Region I (Virginia and northward) met on April 19, 2008, in East Elmhurst, NY. Attendance at regional meetings varies in size. Each chapter is encouraged to represent with at least five delegates, and if other members from chapters wish to attend, then they are welcomed to participate.

Here are highlights from the "State of the Association" presentation:

It is the Alumni Association's vision and mission to be recognized nationally and internationally as a premiere alumni association, promoting the spirit of fellowship among its graduates and past students and strengthening its relationship with the University. We have devised core values and strategic goals for the Association.

The theme of the Association for 2006 -2008 is "Restoring the Alumni Covenant and Honoring the Pledge". In restoring our commitment to fully support the University and Alumni Association, I chose "A Purpose Driven Organization" as a co-theme to define the reason for our existence and to demonstrate our importance to the students, university and broad community.

MEMBERSHIP is the financial foundation for operational and scholarship activities. An appeal letter was recently mailed by the Chancellor to ask alums to pay their National Alumni Dues. Dues are \$50.

As of March 11, 2008:

- Current annual members- 631
- Life Member-1,011
- Partial Life Members- 21 (Alums making installment payments toward life membership)
- Associate Members-8
- Supporters-2
- TOTAL: 1673

It costs approximately \$70,000 - 80,000 to operate the Association, depending upon the programs and activities we wish to support. We are supporting the Athletic Department with a \$10,000 donation in support of the Homecoming game.

In order for us to remain viable operationally and to complete the mission, membership numbers must increase. So, if you have received your invoices to renew membership, please respond. We need your support!

FUNDRAISING provides additional means for staying operational and providing financial support to student activities, scholarships, and the university. We include:

- Spring Raffle
- Mr. and Ms. Alumni Contest
- Homecoming Dance

The Spring Raffle ticket has been mailed. If you wish to support this fundraising effort, please return your \$30 check and ticket stub to be entered into the drawing. The Mr./Ms. Alumni Contest raises money for the Alumni Scholarship. Chapters are requesting raffle tickets for this contest, as well as developing other fundraising efforts to raise money for their candidates. The winners are announced during halftime at the Homecoming game. During Homecoming, the Association plans the Alumni Dance, which is our only fundraising effort. So, we look forward to alumni supporting this effort by purchasing tickets and fellowshipping with your classmates.

STUDENT RECRUITMENT is an area where chapters play an integral part to the recruitment process. Chapters assist the Office of Undergraduate Admissions in recruiting promising students to attend our illustrious university. Admissions staff provided training session at three of the four regional meetings to ensure that chapter representatives were up-to-date on the latest admission requirements.

- Chapters will host or will have hosted enrollment receptions in 2008
- Chapters identify a recruitment coordinator responsible for representing the University at local area college fairs when the Admissions staff is unable to attend

SPECIAL PROJECTS is the core program area where chapters have an opportunity to get involved in the community and promote the university by executing half of our university motto through "Service". Chapters in the Association have exhibited their service through donating food during Thanksgiving, donating toys and clothes during Christmas, donated books to New Orleans Public Libraries project, visiting nursing homes, tutoring children, and partnering with organizations such as the YWCA or support fundraisers that target health concerns such as breast cancer walks/runs, marrow donor drives, and blood donor drives.

As you can, the Association is hard at work to make a difference for the students at NCCU and to people in communities across this country. Regional meetings/conferences occur in March and April. If you have never attended one of these sessions or it has been a long time since your last attendance, we certainly invite you to come join us in 2009!

Mr. and Mrs. Alumni Contest 2008

The Mr./Ms. Alumni Contest for 2008 has officially begun. This year Homecoming is scheduled for November 1, 2008. As we always advise, please be mindful of the deadlines this year. Furthermore, we are hoping that you will enter contestants and order raffle tickets in support of the contest. Tickets are available for order in the Office of Alumni Relations (530-6363). You are encouraged to get started with your efforts early and to proceed as competitively and vigorously as possible. Please be reminded that all Chapters are assessed \$500 each year in support of our scholarship program whether or not they submit a candidate.

With your help, we can increase the number of National Alumni scholars on campus. Let the excitement spread to each of our Chapters. You and your Chapter may participate by:

1. Ordering and selling raffle tickets
2. Creating your own Chapter fundraiser or
3. By paying your \$500 assessment

Please e-mail news@nccualumni.org to obtain a package of materials to assist you in entering the Mr./Ms. Alumni Contest and ordering tickets.

This year our goal is to raise \$60,000 with proceeds to benefit the NCCU Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. Let's make the 2008 Mr./Ms. Alumni Contest an event to remember by exceeding our fundraising goal. Please contact Ainsley Owens at 336.558.6576 or by e-mail ainsleyowens@yahoo.com or contact the NCCU Office of Alumni Relations at 919.530-6363. Thank-you, in advance, for your support and participation.

Spring Raffle 2008

Have you received your raffle ticket yet? Mail your ticket in TODAY! It is your chance to win a prize and contribute towards the NCCU Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

Maryland Eagle Tags

"Eagle Tags" are now available in Maryland. Show your 'Eagle Pride' by displaying your tags on your vehicle. Call Samuel Parham, 410.367.3966 for an application. A one-time fee of \$25.00 will be charged by the Motor Vehicle Administration. APPLY TODAY!

University News

...Stay Connected to the NCCU Family ...

Move over Myspace and try again Facebook because NCCU has an exclusive site for alums, students and friends to stay connected. It is called NCCU Networking and you can join by going to <http://nccunetworking.ning.com/>. It is your virtual opportunity to locate past classmates, or catch up with former roommates and friends. Sign-up today! Eagle membership has reached over 500! Spread the word!

NCCU All-Access Card, Football Season Tickets

...All-Access Card Only \$150.00...

North Carolina Central University Ticket Office is now taking orders for the 2008 All-Access Card and Eagles Football Season Tickets. Place your order by contacting the the Ticket Office at (919) 530-5170.

The All-Access Card is the ultimate deal for the NCCU sports enthusiast. The All-Access Card includes a football season ticket, a basketball season ticket, preferred seating for baseball and volleyball contests, and a 10 percent discount for NCCU special events (banquets, golf tournaments, etc.)... all for only \$150.

Football season tickets are only \$80.00 when ordered by June 30th. To order, call the NCCU Ticket Office at (919) 530-5170.

NCCU Is Expanding

...Huge Changes Are Afoot at NCCU...

Trustees at N.C. Central University voted on a campus plan that would include more than two dozen new buildings and require the purchase of more than 100 properties close to campus.

The proposed master plan has been a matter of extensive community discussion over the past few months. Some residents worry that the plan will forever change their neighborhoods for the worse. Others see opportunity in the university's desire to buy a great deal of private property.

The plan would come in four phases, though the first three are defined more concretely. Prepared by the Lord Aeck & Sargent architecture firm, the plan would break the campus into nine precincts, grouping related facilities and services. For example, it would create three dedicated housing zones, a research corridor and an administrative center. It also would include a new football stadium as part of a relocated athletic complex. To do all this, the university needs to move deep into the heart of the neighborhoods to its north and south. In the first phase -- which the plan suggests implementing by 2010 -- NCCU would have to acquire 36 properties, most of them just north of campus in clusters between Lawson and Dupree streets. That property acquisition is already under way. By Phase 3, NCCU will have purchased 136 properties.

Opponents worry about residents, many of them elderly, who may be displaced over time. And they say NCCU has not adequately considered a satellite campus nearby rather than expanding the footprint of the current campus. "We're concerned they would take the most disruptive view," said Larry Hester, a member of the group Unity in the Community for Progress and owner of two shopping plazas near campus.

Hester added that, "There's a lot of elderly people in the area, and there's an awful lot of history that will be lost. I think people have the right to grow old in the place they wish to." Chancellor Charlie Nelms declined last week to discuss these issues, saying he and other NCCU officials have addressed concerns at length at forums and neighborhood meetings. They say many residents support the plan.

In a memo presented to trustees, the university said establishing a satellite campus would require too much commuting and impose a "logistical burden." The master plan calls for more housing and parking on campus in an effort to soothe traffic and parking woes that have plagued the neighborhood for years. Derrick Flowers, who lives with his grandfather in a small house on Cecil Street that backs up to campus, has for years dealt with the traffic and other day-to-day detritus that comes with living so close to a college campus. He picks up litter left by students cutting across his lawn and suffers through the booming bass from music blaring from passing cars. "It really shakes the house when some of these cars come through," he said. His family has lived in the small brick home since 1958, and Flowers said he is torn; he supports and appreciates the university, its accomplishments and its need to grow. "You try to be loyal to the school and cooperate with their growing pains," he said. "But you have a different viewpoint when you live in such close proximity."

Several key projects are driving the expansion. The nursing program is growing fast and has received planning money to evolve into a full-service professional school. To do that, NCCU must soon have a new nursing building. A growing football program and other expanding professional programs also are in the mix, officials have said.

If the plan is approved, the university will start contacting the owners of property it wants to purchase. The State Property Office is responsible for negotiating purchases. Though the area around campus is a historic district, NCCU officials have said the university has checked each property it wants to purchase, and none is designated for protection by the state's historic preservation office.

NCCU Starts the Graduation Wave

...927 degrees and lots of happy dancing...

THE CEREMONY: May 3, 2008 at 8 a.m. Saturday, O'Kelly-Riddick Stadium

NUMBER OF DEGREES AWARDED: 927 total; 589 bachelor's degrees, 338 professional and master's degrees

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER: Vernon Jones, a U.S. Senate candidate in Georgia and chief executive officer of DeKalb County, Ga. -- the first African-American to hold the job and youngest person to be elected to the post. A native of Laurel Hill, N.C., Jones received a bachelor's degree in business administration from NCCU.

WHAT HE SAID: After reminiscing about arriving at NCCU in the late 1970s as a small-town teenager with a big Afro and polyester-blend pants, Jones talked about how much had changed in the 25 years since his graduation. BlackBerries, cell phones, call-waiting, e-mail, answering machines, voice mail, iPods, PlayStation, the Internet, Web sites and bloggers were not part of his world. His high school graduation speaker in 1979 had predicted gas would rise "to a whopping \$1 a gallon."

"No black man or woman was a viable candidate for the presidency," Jones said. In a speech that elicited many laughs, Jones encouraged the students -- particularly the C students for whom he had a special affinity -- to free their minds, to think big, to become entrepreneurs, to provide jobs.

"You, too, can become the commencement speaker," Jones said. "Or to borrow a page from George Bush, you, too, can become president of the United States."

NOTE THAT VERNON: When introducing the keynote speaker, Chancellor Charlie Nelms made a slip of the tongue and referred to Jones as NCCU alum Vernon Jordan, the lawyer and Washington powerbroker who served as a close adviser to former President Clinton. Jones, 25 years younger than the other Vernon, took the podium with a sense of humor. "When they start to call Vernon Jordan Vernon Jones, I will have arrived," he said.

HARD NOT TO CRY: Many of the new graduates fought back tears of joy as they crossed the stage with their degrees. Santron Freeman, 21, did not even try to keep his emotions in check. His mother, Cassandra Freeman, died March 9 before realizing her dream of receiving a college degree. But the 43-year-old single mother of four had completed enough credits for NCCU to award her a bachelor's degree posthumously with honors. While holding a photo of his mom tightly against his chest, Santron Freeman accepted her degree with a proud smile and eyes brimming with tears.

CROWD STANDOUTS: Ruby Prescott, a single mother of two, received a bachelor of arts in music after a 15-year educational journey. After graduating from Carolina Friends School in 1987, Prescott attended college in Ohio briefly. The violinist eventually returned to Durham and juggled family, music and school. "When a student graduates, there is no printed mention on the diploma regarding the length of time it has taken to complete all degree requirements," Timothy Holley, one of her instructors, said. "One gives a sigh of relief and also gets an internal nudge of encouragement."

Keith D. Edgerton, 37, went the nontraditional route, too, but the visually impaired student was ushered across the stage Saturday morning as the valedictorian of the 2008 class with a bachelor of science in accounting and computer information systems. Edgerton, a Lake Lure native who has been legally blind since birth, said he could not have made it without the help of his wife, Sue, who typed his notes and read books that were not in an accessible format. Others at NCCU stepped in to help, too.

Emily Nwakupuda, who discovered her love for science in a summer enrichment program at Durham's Hillside High School, won applause from her professors as she crossed the stage. Not only did she have top-notch grades, she plans to give back by teaching chemistry for 27 months in the Peace Corps. **A FAMOUS GRAD:** Crystal Gail Mangum, the woman at the root of the Duke lacrosse case and the phony gang-rape allegations dismissed by the state attorney general, was among the graduates Saturday. Mangum, in a cap and gown, flashed a smile to a friend after posing for an official graduation photo with her degree.

DANCE-OFF: Salesha Mason, a Maryland native who received a criminal justice degree with honors, was one of the first to break out in celebratory dance. Gary Matlock came after Mason, though, and stepped up the competition. With Corey Dinkins and others joining in, Matlock was high in the air, chest to the ground and then back on his feet, jumping for joy. Just when it seemed as if the men might have the edge, a sister from Delta Sigma Theta sorority kicked up her heels -- and they were spiked heels. Several others from the sorority joined in, and all bets were off as to whose celebration would be most memorable.

Faculty Member Spotlight

Ingrid Wicker-McCree, Director of Athletics

Ingrid Wicker-McCree was appointed as the Director of Athletics at North Carolina Central University on April 23, 2008, after holding the interim position for five months.

She officially began her new leadership role on May 1, 2008.

"We are very pleased to announce this appointment," said Chancellor Charlie Nelms during the announcement. "Ingrid's demonstrated record of leadership and achievement is a real asset to our team. Not only does she have a history of being a winning coach, but she has provided excellent leadership during this transitional period."

Wicker-McCree, who joined the rank of only a handful of women athletic directors in the UNC system, previously served as NCCU's associate athletics director for internal affairs. She has served in a variety of leadership positions in both conference and national level organizations, most notably as president of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Executive Board from 2004-06, becoming only the second woman to ever hold that position in the league's history. In addition, she served as a member of the NCAA's Division II Legislation Committee from 2003-07.

In recognition of her work, Wicker-McCree received the CIAA Leadership Award for Service as president of the Executive Board and was named the CIAA Senior Woman Administrator of the Year in the spring of 2006.

Now entering her 15th year at NCCU, Wicker-McCree has been one of the driving forces behind NCCU's reclassification to NCAA Division I. Since 1998, she has overseen the internal operations of the Athletics Department, including all compliance and eligibility programs. "I am truly honored by this appointment," said Wicker-McCree. "Maintaining NCCU's rich history of academic success and athletic excellence as we transition to NCAA Division I will be a core focus for our department."

Wicker-McCree began her career at NCCU as the head coach for women's volleyball and softball. She became the first coach in NCCU history to win conference championships in multiple sports, capturing the school's first-ever CIAA titles in softball (1998) and volleyball (1999, 2004, 2005). A three-time CIAA Volleyball Coach of the Year (1999, 2002, 2005) and former member of the NCAA Division II National Volleyball Committee, Wicker-McCree earned 239 match victories in 12 seasons as head volleyball coach at NCCU. She was also inducted into the NCCU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004 as head coach of the 1998 softball team.

A native of Durham and graduate of C.E. Jordan High School, Wicker-McCree played on two North Carolina high school state volleyball championship teams, while also lettering in basketball and track and field. She continued her volleyball playing career as a student-athlete at George Washington University.

Wicker-McCree earned her undergraduate degree in criminal justice from George Washington University in 1989, and a master's degree in recreation resources administration from North Carolina State University in December 1991. She is currently completing doctoral studies in higher education administration at North Carolina State University.

She began her coaching career as a graduate assistant coach for the women's volleyball program at N.C. State (1989-90). She then spent two seasons (1992-93) as head volleyball coach and student-athlete academic counselor at North Carolina A&T State University before returning to her hometown to begin her NCCU tenure in August 1994.

Wicker-McCree has been involved as a player and coach in the USA Volleyball Carolina Region. She also served as director of three USAV Junior Olympic Teams (ages 18, 16, 14 and under) and director of the Y.M.C.A. Middle School Girls' Volleyball Camp (ages 10-14).

Wicker-McCree and her husband, Geno McCree, a three-sport collegiate student-athlete and 1991 graduate of Elon University, are the proud parents of Alexia (10), Quinton (7) and Sydney (4).



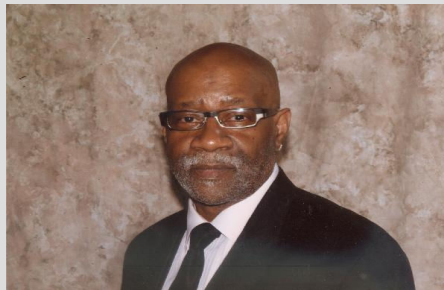
Chapter of the Month

District of Columbia Chapter -2008 Chapter of the Year

The District of Columbia Chapter meets usually the third Saturday at the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA located at 901 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001. Meetings are held at 10:00 am.

This year, the Chapter made one Scholarship Award in the amount of \$3000 to Ms. Yasmin Eleady-Cole. Ms. Cole is a freshman and is a resident of Hyattsville, Maryland.

The Chapter starts the year off with the Black Tie Scholarship Gala held the last Saturday of April at LaFontaine Bleu Ballroom in Lanham, Maryland. We had over 450 alumni and friends in attendance at the Gala. From that event, the Chapter raised over \$10,000 in scholarship funds.



The Chapter also became involved in a program sponsored by SunTrust Bank, "Our Checking, Your Cause Program." Our participation in that Program has generated additional operating funds for the Chapter. Persons who opened a checking account with SunTrust could designate the DC Alumni Chapter as their charity of choice, and we received \$75 from each account opened. An additional \$25 went to the National Alumni Association.

The Chapter during the Fall months assisted the Office of Admissions with several College Recruitment Fairs that were held in the Metro DC area. Two of the local College Fairs were covered entirely by chapter members.

The Chapter also participated in the "Rebuild New Orleans Public Library" program sponsored by the New Orleans Public Library Foundation. The local chapter collected books that were then sent to New Orleans. The Chapter received a Thank You letter from the Foundation.

The Chapter also made a \$500 contribution the Music Department at North Carolina Central University in support of the University Choir for the purchase of new robes.

The Chapter also made a \$250 contribution to the Metro Club. The Metro Club is a student organization at NCCU comprised of students from the Metro DC area. The contribution was seed money to help the organization get started with some planned activities.

The Chapter also established a Committee to work with the National & International Fellowships Office at NCCU. The program's primary goal is to provide an opportunity for upper-level students from NCCU to work and study in Washington, DC.

On April 5, 2008 the Chapter along with the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA sponsored a Marrow Donor Drive. This is an on-going project for the Chapter. It is our goal to register at least 100 persons as Marrow Donors.

On April 25, 2008, the Chapter hosted a Book Signing for Chancellor Charlie Nelms and five (5) other local authors.

The chapter has a website, www.nccudc.org, updated weekly with local and national alumni information. We also cover local and national news that may be of interest to area alumni. Our website has had a very positive impact on the chapter and its activities. It allows us to keep alumni informed and provide a depository for all of the chapter activities.

List of officers:

Calvin Kearney, President

James Dixon, Vice President

Seteria Forbes, Recording Secretary

Angelo Peebles, Treasurer

Ernestine Lyon, Former President

Is your chapter doing great things for the University and the local community? If so, the alumni community should know. Please email news@nccualumni.org for more information about how to feature your chapter.

Calendar of Events

Chapter Events

- 2008 HBCU Softball Tournament: Players are needed for the NCCU softball team. If you are interested in playing, contact Mona Bowen at mona.bowden@talecris.com
Date: Saturday, May 31 (rain date, Saturday June 28)
Location: Valley Spring City Park in Durham, NC
Time: 9am-5pm

Alumni Association Event

- Annual Meeting: July 19, 2008
- Bus Trip: September 13, 2008, NCCU vs. Morgan State Game in Baltimore, MD
- Party and Tailgate: October 4, 2008, Aggie/Eagle Classic
- Homecoming Dance: During Homecoming Weekend, November 1, 2008

University Events

- Homecoming 2008-November 1, 2008- 919.941.5050--Reserve your room NOW at the Sheraton Imperial!

Alumni Poll

Speak your mind.

From the pre-dawn party, pre-game and post-game tailgates, visiting the plots after the game, alumni dance, half-time show, and catching up with old friends...what is your Homecoming Ritual?

Sound off by sending comments to news@nccualumni.org. Comments will appear in the May newsletter.

March Responses

Choose: True or False

NCCU is the place to be if you want to succeed. If you want to be part of a proud tradition, and if you want to be part of a legacy!

Why?

NO RESPONSES.

Obituaries

The Passing of a Legacy

Paul S. Wallace, Jr., was born in Wilmington, North Carolina and graduated from Williston High School in 1958. He continued his education at NCCU graduating with a BS Degree in 1962 and a JD Degree in 1966. Following graduation, Paul became employed in Washington, D.C. at Neighborhood Legal Services, U.S. Copyright Office, and later with Congressional Research Services, American Law Division of the Library of Congress where he was a Specialist in American Public Law at the time of his passing. He was employed as one of the first African Americans in 1970 at Congressional Research Services and paved the way for others to follow and has served as mentor to many.

Bar memberships include District of Columbia, U.S. District Court of Appeals, Supreme Court of the United States of America, District Court of Nebraska, and Supreme Court of Nebraska.

Paul was an avid supporter of NCCU, including the School of Law. He was a lifetime member of the Alumni Association, The Shepard Society, and a member of the DC Alumni Association.

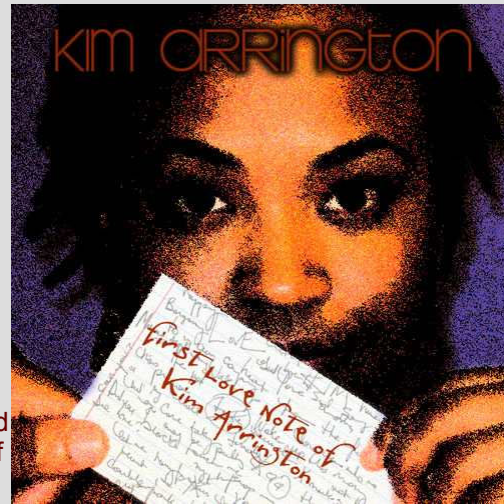
Some leadership involvement consisted of Chairman of the Diaconate Board, and at the time of his passing he was Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Peoples UCC Church. Paul was in The Federal Bar Association and was the only African American to serve as President of The Capitol Hill Chapter. He was Circuit Vice- President for the DC Circuit of the Federal Bar Association and also chaired various committees. He served for many years as Treasurer of the Federal Bar Foundation where he was sworn in as a Charter Life Fellow in 2002. The Fellows Program honors those who have made exceptional contributions to the Federal Bar Association and is a professional honor. Paul was also a member of the Board of Directors and received many awards for his work. He was active with Omega Psi Phi and was a 33rd Degree Mason.

Cutty, as he was known to friends and classmates is survived by his wife, Priscilla Harris Wallace, '63 and his daughter Shaunia W. Carlyle, Esq. Other relatives include his mother, Mrs. Mary L. Wallace and brother, Cornelius Wallace of Wilmington, North Carolina, a sister, Gwendolyn W. Terrell of Fort Washington, Maryland, and a sister-in-law, M. Lorraine Harris '71 of Miami, Florida. Paul expired January 3, 2008.

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