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Chapter Happenings

Greeting Fellow Eagles,

It has been longer than I anticipated to complete this newsletter. Since then, there has been the addition of new chapter members. I would like to thank all of you who took advantage of the 2-for-1-Membership Drive. I truly hope that everyone who completed their National and local membership continues to maintain it. Your support of this drive has enhanced the finances of the chapter.

There are a number of upcoming Durham Chapter events, and I hope that you will be able to participate in one or more of these activities.

Debra

Chapter Meeting Dates

April 18, 2007: @ 7:00 PM Chapter Meeting

May 16, 2007: @ 7:00 PM Chapter Meeting

June 20, 2007: @ 7:00 PM Chapter Meeting

Senator Jeanne Hopkins Lucas

On March 9th, the NCCU family along with the Durham community and state of North Carolina lost a caring and supportive member. As a trailblazer, Senator Lucas was the first African American woman elected to the NC State Senate.

She was a member of the NCCU Class of 1957. The outpouring of support to the family Senator Lucas is a testament to her impact on the community that she served.



National Alumni Happenings

Save The Date - the National Alumni Association Annual Meeting is May 5, 2007.

President	Richard Smith
Vice President	Tania Butler-Davis
Secretary	Joan Vann-Johnson
Treasurer	Warren Leggett



The web site for the National Alumni origination is <http://www.nccualumni.org>

On January 12, 2007, the National Alumni Association held its January meeting.

Highlights:

- The NCCU Alumni Homecoming Dance made a profit of \$101.50. Attendance was lower than previous years. Also, host hotel (Marriott) was more expensive than the Sheraton.
- Alumni giving increased 9% from 2005. Two thousand more alumni donors are needed to reach the 13% participation goal.
- The 2006-2007 Mr./Ms. Alumni Contest raised \$34,380. All local chapters did not run a candidate or pay the \$500 assessment. The committee wants to find ways to encourage all local chapters to submit a contestant for the 2007-2008 Mr./Ms. Alumni Contest.
- The results for the 2-for-1-membership drive were good. We did not reach our financial goal; however, the number of new members did increase.
- March 5-11 was National NCCU Alumni week.
- Student enrollment increased by 5.5% for a total of 8,675 students, which is a 14:1 student to faculty ratio. NCCU has 5 finalists and 8 semifinalists National Achievement Scholars and 5 National Merit semifinalists.

Region IV Tidbits

The Region IV meeting was held on March 17th. The Sampson County chapter was the host and they did an outstanding job. Dr. Ted Thomas, DDS ('75) was the keynote speaker during the luncheon.

The meeting chaired by Mona Bowden ('75) was informative and fun. Our regional representatives are working hard to reactivate chapters in our region.

LuAnn Harris provided an update on student admission for 2007/2008 academic year. While applications are up, acceptances are down due to the lack of a fourth math course required by the university system for admission. This is especially an issue for African-American males. Please encourage our youth in middle and high school to complete math requirements for the university graduation track!

This summer will be the first Aspiring Eagles Program where one hundred incoming freshman will reside on campus to complete two courses this summer.

Danny Worthy, Assistant Director of Marketing, indicated that NCCU is the University of Champions. Our athletic programs are doing great! This year Eagle fans can purchase an All Access Pass for all home

football, basketball, volleyball and baseball games. The price is a bargain at \$150. Fans can also rent stadium seats that will be in place for them at each home football game.

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors approved the establishment of the Bachelor and the Master of Science degrees in pharmaceutical science through NCCU's Biomanufacturing Research Institute and Technology Enterprise (BRITE).

Region IV Dates to Remember

May 3	Recruitment coordinator training
June 2	Feast in the East, Greenville
Aug 15-17	Student move-in days, help is needed to assist students
Aug 19	Freshmen pinning ceremony @ 3 PM



Durham Chapter Awards Scholarship

The 2006-2007 Clarence Ellis Scholarship was awarded to Arnicia Sanders from Wilson, NC. She was awarded \$3,000. We were very pleased to have Barbara Ellis and other family members on hand for the presentation.

Pictured (left to right): Debra Taylor (President), Mrs. Sanders, Arnicia Sanders, and Mrs. Ellis.

Sound Machine

The NCCU Marching Sound Machine was among the 10 HBCU marching bands selected from forty to perform at the 2007 Honda Battle of the Bands Invitational Showcase. As before, the band under the direction of Mr. Jorim Reid represented NCCU well.

Over the short period of time Mr. Reid has led the band, he has taken it to new heights. Under his direction, the size has increased along with the recognitions the band has received. We are very grateful for his dedication and vision.



**Spring Choir Concert
April 22, 2007
B. N. Duke Auditorium**

Choir Alumni - Where are you now?



Audrey Wilson, Grover Wilson, and Deborah Breese have started a **database of former choir members and supporters** so we can locate and support each other when needed. We are excited about this project! One of Grover's awesome dreams is to spearhead a mass reunion where we might all sing together again! What a moment this would be!

To do this we need your names, years you sang, and under whose direction you sang as far back as **Samuel Hill in the 1950's**. If you can think of any alumni choir members and supporters, we would appreciate your help. (See the choir alumni form at end of newsletter.) This is not a directory or a list for posting. The data will be maintained by the choir and the music department and will not be used for publishing.

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Help Wanted!

The concession stand fundraiser will be held during the May 5, 2007 Commencement. This was a very successful fundraiser in 2006, and we are hoping for the same this year. To ensure our success, we need your help. We need alumni to assist during Commencement and getting everything organized beforehand (placing orders, picking up supplies, etc.) Contact Debra Taylor if you can assist with the fundraiser.



Golden Eagles

The Durham Chapter is honoring our Golden Eagles on April 22nd (before the Spring Concert). If you are a Golden Eagle and have not received any information about the event, please call Eurydice Williams Smith at 596-0723.

2006-2007 Chapter Executive Team

President	Debra Taylor
Vice President	Chevella Thomas
Recording Secretary	Floyd Ferebee
Corresponding Secretary	Deborah Breese
Treasurer	Lena Dunston
Financial Secretary	Gerri Thompson
Parliamentarian	Dennis Ellis
Members-at-large	Lisa Smallwood Howell, Georgia Jones, Eurydice Williams Smith

Homecoming 2007

Oct 13th
1:00 P.M.

NCCU
vs
North Greenville Univ.



Eagle Associates Mixer

*Alumni from the classes
of 1980 to the present...*

Are you interested in
coordinating the next mixer?

Membership Matters

Through your membership in the NCCU Alumni Association, you join the ranks of thousands who are demonstrating their dedication and commitment to North Carolina Central University. Membership in the NCCUAA creates a direct link between individuals who are dedicated to maintaining the excellence of this institution. NCCUAA membership also provides valuable benefits and services that save members money. Please see our web site for details about the benefits.

Detach the following form and mail your membership dues today!

NCCU Alumni Association, Inc Durham Chapter	Membership Form July 2006- June 2007
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_____ Class Year _____
(Name)

(Address, City, State, Zip)

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-mail _____

Number of Memberships _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Annual Dues
\$25.00 (local)
\$50.00 (national)

Make Checks Payable to: NCCU Alumni Assoc., Inc., Durham Chapter

Mail to: NCCU Alumni Association, Durham Chapter
P.O. Box 19802
Durham, NC 27707

Choir Member Form

Please provide your information and any other choir alumni information you may have.

Last/ Maiden Name	First Name	Address, City & State	Zip Code	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Director/Years in Choir



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Connecting to reach new heights

Mission

The Mission of this organization is to increase the popularity of our common interests regarding North Carolina Central University. We hope to add new alumni association members so that we will be able to grow and expand. We also want to have fun, fellowship and excitement when we are together and working on projects. By developing community networking relationships and friendships, our organization will become even stronger.

Stamp

Name
Address
Address

Chapter 2006-2007

Goals

- ❖ Connect with new students
- ❖ Connect with current and potential alumni
- ❖ Connect with the NCCU senior class
- ❖ Connect with the university
- ❖ Connection with the community

Chapter members are working hard to meet our current chapter goals. We provided food boxes of canned goods and turkeys to five families in the Durham community in November. The chapter sponsored a December social to connect with area alumni. We supported students by sponsoring a Ms. Alumni contestant to raise scholarship funds. Membership has increased because of the 2-for-1 Membership Drive. While we have made some connections, there is more to do. We need your continued support to make the Durham Chapter the dynamic organization it can be.